

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores bringing happiness to others and helping God's Kingdom grow.

God's Word



Read **Micah 6:8** to see how God wants us to live so that we can be with him in Heaven.

Catholics Believe

- Justice, love, and peace are signs of God's Kingdom.
- Catholics work here and now with God to help his Kingdom continue to grow.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2816–2821 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Pedro Calungsod, a teenage Filipino catechist who was martyred for the faith.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God's Kingdom Children at this age are familiar with stories, such as fairy tales, that involve kings and kingdoms, and they might think of Jesus' references to the Father's Kingdom in these terms. You can help your child understand that Christians cooperate with God to help God's Kingdom grow "on earth as it is in Heaven." We will live forever with God in his Kingdom in Heaven, but we also actively work to help God's Kingdom grow by showing love to one another.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Without using words, how do we show our children that we love them?

Actions speak louder than words. Making a favorite meal, catching a ball, or wiping away tears as you put on a bandage are all signs of your love. We make God's life and love present with our words, attitudes, and actions—we manifest God's Kingdom. "The proclamation of the Kingdom of God was fundamental to Jesus' preaching. The Kingdom of God is his presence among human beings calling them to a new way of life as individuals and as a community. . .

It is the Good News that results in love, justice and mercy for the whole world" (*USCCA, p. 79*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child what small things he or she can do to help God's Kingdom grow.
- Talk about people who bring peace or share God's love in their daily lives.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Pedro, pray for us that we may live justice, love, and peace in our family today. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.