

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter describes the Magisterium as the teaching office of the Church, explains apostolic succession, and defines dogma as teachings revealed by Christ and taught by the Church.

Scripture



Read **Matthew 28:18–20** to find out what Jesus asked the disciples to do.

Catholics Believe

- The Apostles proclaimed Christ's Good News and spread the Reign of God as Jesus commanded.
- Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Pope and the bishops continue the Apostles' mission to teach.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #84–86, 88, 424, 551–553, 857–863 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Pope Saint John Paul II. As Pope, he traveled to 129 different countries.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Teaching Church Children at this age understand that they don't yet know everything. They are still looking to an authority to tell them about the aspects of life with which they have limited experience. They will look especially to parents and other significant adults in their lives, and the esteem with which children hold the teaching of the Church will depend on what they hear from these adults.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Think of the best teacher you ever had. How did they help you to learn?

A good teacher helps us to learn and, maybe even more importantly, helps us to understand how much more there is to learn. Through Baptism we are called to a lifelong journey of faith formation. The Church is our teacher and helps us to know and love Jesus more intimately. As Catholics, we know that "living out one's Baptism is a lifelong responsibility. Growing in holiness and discipleship involves a willingness to continue to learn throughout one's whole life about the faith and how to live it" (*USCCA, p. 196*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain how the Pope is the successor of Peter.
- Share with each other one person who has taught you about your faith.

LET'S PRAY >>>



God our Father, thank you for Pope Saint John Paul II. Help us always show God's love to the world as he did. Amen.



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