

Living the Covenant

Preparation for the Session

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the Family + Faith page.
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In this chapter you will help your child to:

- Recognize that God satisfied the needs of the Israelites by giving them manna, water, and the Ten Commandments
- Describe the Ten Commandments as laws meant to strengthen the relationship between God and his people
- Describe Jesus' New Commandment in relationship to the Ten Commandments
- Identify our place in God's Kingdom as we walk by faith in God through Jesus

Read the **Consider This** feature. What thoughts or reactions do you have to the opening question?

Parents, Consider This: *The Ten Commandments articulate the most important tenets of the natural moral law. By obeying God's laws, the Chosen People acknowledged that they believed in God and wanted to live in harmony with their Creator. Jesus initiated a New Law. The New Law centered on love. It is called the Greatest Commandment. Jesus asks you to love God with all you are and to love your neighbor as yourself. Think of each person in your family. Which part of the Great Commandment is easier for each person to follow? Support your family in their individual spiritual journey.*

Read these other sections on the Family + Faith Page.

- *Your Child Learned.* This highlights some of the content of Sacred Scripture and Tradition in the lesson.
- *Children At This Age.* This will help you to understand how your child processes and learns at this developmental level.



Let's Sing: These songs connect the session topics and can be downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

- Love Has Come
- Moses, Set Them Free

INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

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After gathering the supplies that you will need, find a quiet place to be with your child. This is a sacred time—a time when you will be present to each other and to the Lord. You may want to light a candle as you begin.



Let Us Pray Invite your child to make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the Psalm verse from the book. Help your child to respond.

Say: God's Commandments remain essential to living a good and holy life. Jesus knew this. Jesus made this very clear.



Guide your child through the Preparing for God’s Word Ritual you learned in the Introduction Session or play Track 1 of the *Songs of Scripture* CD.

- Proclaim God’s Word in the Parchment Paper box on the page.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?

Invite your child to respond and also share what you heard.

Now, look at the *What Do You Wonder?* box.

Say: The Commandments teach us how to love God and our neighbor. The Commandments summon us to faithfulness. They are rules for living that we should know by heart and take to heart.

Invite your child to respond to the questions. Prompt what else they might wonder about following the Commandments.

DISCOVER: Learning God’s Truth

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God’s Faithful Presence
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Summarize the first paragraph.



Have your child read silently the Scripture story.

Summarize the last paragraph for your child.

Have your child review the page for three things that God gave the Israelites in addition to the Ten Commandments. (quail, manna, water)

Ask: Do you think God showed faithfulness? Were his People grateful? (Yes, God was faithful. The Israelites complained and didn’t show gratefulness.)

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God’s Laws
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Read aloud the final paragraph of this section.

Have your child silently read the “God’s Laws” section to find out more about the Ten Commandments.

Review the words **Decalogue** and **natural moral law** and their definitions in the Catholic Faith Word box.

Activity

Have your child read the directions and think about the Share Your Faith activity. Discuss what he or she believes is most challenging for people their age.

Turn to Page 110,
Jesus' New Law
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Have your child read aloud the first two paragraphs.

Read the definitions of the words **Kingdom of God** and **New Commandment** in the Catholic Faith Words box.

Have your child silently read the text under “The Teaching of Jesus.” Have them highlight or underline the Great Commandment and the New Commandment (or New Law) as they are reading.

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The Teaching of Jesus
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Have your child continue to read the rest of the text of this section.

Activity

Read the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity. Have your child complete the activity.

Parents, Consider This: *The Decalogue is a sign of the covenant, the special promise of the relationship between God and humans. Discuss, as a family, why keeping promises is important in their friendship with God, as well as in their human friendships. Together, consider ways to improve faithfulness to the good promises they make. Model faithfulness by keeping the promises that you make to your children.*

LIVE: Living Our Faith

Turn to Page 112,
Our Catholic Life
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Read aloud the introductory paragraph.

Have your child highlight or underline the ways we can respond to God's friendship.

★ **Have** your child do the gold-star activity and discuss the answers. Review the chart together.

Turn to Page 113,
People of Faith
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Read the paragraph about Saint Hilda of Whitby.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- Talk about some of the ways the Commandments have guided you in your life decisions.

Activity

Have your child complete the Live Your Faith activity.

Parents, Consider This: *Within every person is a desire to seek and to know God. From the beginning of creation, God also gave humans an “original moral sense.” This moral sense of reasoning between good and evil is called the natural moral law. The natural law is present in our hearts and it is a sign of the human dignity we all possess. Humans are born with a natural ability to sense what is moral and just. Encourage your child to learn the moral teachings of our faith and to trust in what he or she learns about right and wrong.*

Turn to Page 115,
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conclude with the Let’s Pray
prayer on this page.
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Parents, Consider This: *It is important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray the Glory Be (see Page 320), during your night prayer this week.*



To access and send an eAssessment to your child, go to the Student and Family section of aliveinchrist.osv.com.