

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains how Saints are people who loved God very much, did his work on Earth, and are with him in Heaven.

God's Word



Read **Matthew 5:44–45** to learn how God wants us to love those who mistreat us.

Catholics Believe

- Saints are heroes of the Church who can show us how to live.
- People in the Church are called to live holy lives, as Mary and all the Saints did.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #956–958 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers, called the Dominicans, whose special gifts help them spread the Gospel.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Holy People Every child has heroes. Some “heroes” are better examples than others. “Heroes” can also differ in their longevity. The Saints, on the other hand, are great examples, and they have staying power. Children can relate to Saints because they are real people who lived the Catholic life in their own time and situation. In order to fully take advantage of the great examples Saints can be, it’s important that kids have an opportunity to learn not only of their extraordinary virtue, but also the ways in which the Saints’ daily lives were ordinary. This helps us to relate and connect with the Saints as real human beings.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How does your child feel when he or she is chosen to do something special?

When a teacher or coach gives your child an opportunity to let his/her gifts or talents shine, it is a real moment of joy. How different our lives would be if we were more conscious that God has called each of us to use the gifts and talents he has given us to transform the world. “God calls all the members of the Church to fidelity to the union with him begun at Baptism and continued in the other Sacraments” (*USCCA, p. 146*). We are indeed chosen and it should give us joy.

LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about your favorite Saints. Who were they and what did they do?
- Ask your child to think of some ways he or she can live a holy life.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Dominic, pray for us that we may be good listeners when people tell us about God. Amen.



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