

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

*This chapter explains Original Sin and the need for a Savior. It covers Jesus' Death and Resurrection and explains Jesus' sacrifice as a gift of love.*

### God's Word



Read **Matthew 28:5–6** to find out what the angel said to those looking for Jesus.

### Catholics Believe

- Even though humans sinned, God continued to love us and sent his Son to save us.
- Jesus died and rose to new life, bringing us back to his Father.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #639–642 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Josephine Bakhita, a former slave from Africa who became a religious sister in Italy.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand Jesus as Savior** Children at this age will have difficulty understanding the idea that Jesus gave his life as a sacrifice for us. However, they can understand that Jesus loved us so much that he wanted to show us how to live even though it meant he would die. Children at this age are just beginning to grasp the permanence of death, making them particularly open to the Gospel message, which says that death could not hold Jesus, and he is risen.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

*Have you ever thought about how the way you live your daily life is connected to Jesus' sacrifice?*

It can be hard to grasp the importance of what Christ did for us, even for adults. It may seem impossible to live your life in a way that lives up to Jesus' sacrifice. Through our lives, our sufferings, our prayer and work, we are united with Christ. The important sacrifices that we make for each other and for God in our individual lives remind us of the importance of his sacrifice. "In a self-centered culture where people are taught to extend themselves only for something in return, the sacrifices each of us make, following the example of Jesus, who freely sacrificed his life in love for all, point to the reality and power of God's love for us" (*USCCA, p. 221*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about the ways we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection.
- Ask your child what he or she thinks about Jesus' sacrifice for us.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us to share your love with everyone we meet, like Saint Josephine did. Amen.



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