

FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter focuses on God's love for all families and the things the Holy Family did or could have done together.

God's Word



Read **Mark 10:13–16** to see how Jesus wants us to care for children and families.

Catholics Believe

- Jesus is both true God and true man.
- Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the Holy Family.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #531–534 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John. These relatives of Jesus trusted God to direct their lives.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Holy Family When children at this level hear that Jesus was once a child their age, it's natural for them to picture him in a family very much like their own. Just like they need someone to take care of them as they grow, so did Jesus. And it's important for them to realize that even Jesus had to listen to his mom and dad and follow their rules. Make these important connections to show your child that Jesus was like them in all things except he did not sin.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Who was the person who had the most influence in your life?

It is important to recognize the power of models in our lives. They help us to imagine what is possible. The Holy Family is the best model for us and our family life. "The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity" (CCC, 1666).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Have your child name the members of the Holy Family.
- Share a story about how you've honored Mary and/or Joseph.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John, pray for us that God will bless our family with happiness. Amen.



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