

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom and his desire for the Church to welcome and care for all people in his name.

God's Word



Read **Luke 18:15–17** to learn what Jesus says about children in God's Kingdom.

Catholics Believe

- The Kingdom of God is the world of love, peace, and justice that is in Heaven and is still being built on Earth.
- Everyone is welcome in God's Kingdom and in the Catholic Church.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #543, 544 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Brigid of Kildare. One of the patrons of Ireland, she is known for her kindness and mercy.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Caring for Others Our secular society sometimes speaks of the “greater good”—which can mean sacrificing the few for the sake of the many, or violating a smaller principle for the sake of a larger one. Children today are often exposed to this concept. However, our Catholic faith upholds the importance of the common good, the good of everyone, with particular attention to the poor, marginalized, and disadvantaged. Your child will need guidance from you to fully understand this concept and what it means for his or her daily life. A good place to start is in the family, where everyone should be concerned about the good of all.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How does your family welcome others into your home?

Hospitality is such an important value in the life of a family. When we welcome others into our families, we show love by including and accepting them. In this way the family is an example of the Church. “Church exists by the will of God the Father and his plan to gather all people under the Lordship of his Son. As Head of the Church, Jesus Christ continues to fill her with his life and saving grace, pouring into her the Holy Spirit with his gifts of unity, peace, and love” (*USCCA, p. 115*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child what he or she learned about the Kingdom of God (the world of love, peace, and justice in Heaven and still being built on Earth).
- Together, name some ways to promote peace, fairness, and love in your family.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Brigid, pray for us that we may be welcoming and kind to everyone we know. Amen.



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