

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter introduces our need for Jesus, our Savior, who shows us the way to his Father.

God's Word



Read **Luke 15:7** to see how God rejoices when people turn to him.

Catholics Believe

- God sent his beloved Son, Jesus, to bring all people back into his friendship.
- Jesus is the Savior and the Good Shepherd.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #457–458 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Cristóbal Magallanes Jara, a Mexican priest who was martyred on false charges of encouraging a revolt.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God's Plan Just as there is a purpose for everything God made, there is a plan for each of our lives. God gives each of us free will because actions cannot truly be good or loving if they are not done freely. As your child learns about God's plan for his or her life, he or she will also understand that there are times when we stray from God's plan. It's important for children to know that God will help them become what he made them to be and that God always provides us a way back to himself.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

When have you ever regretted something you've said or done?

At times, we all do things that are insensitive or downright hurtful. We sin and need to be redeemed. "In our churches, we behold Jesus nailed to the Cross, an image that reminds us of his painful sacrifice to bring about the forgiveness of all our sins and guilt. . . . Each time we see the crucifix, we can reflect on the infinite mercy of God, who saves us through the reconciling act of Jesus" (*USCCA, p. 243*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child what he or she thinks it means to be responsible for your choices.
- Talk about how to react when someone thinks you have done something you didn't.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Cristóbal, ask Jesus to watch over our family as a shepherd watches over his sheep. Amen.



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