

FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter identifies the Last Judgment as God's final triumph over evil, when Christ will come again and bring the Kingdom of God to its fullness.

God's Word



Read **1 John 5:11–12** to learn about the promise of eternal life that God shared with John.

Catholics Believe

- People who die in God's friendship will live forever in his presence.
- At the end of the world, Christ will judge all people on the way they lived their lives.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1023–1029, 1039 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, and patron of happy and peaceful death.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Life after Death One of the most common and intense fears of children this age (although it is usually unspoken) is that someone close to them, especially a parent, will die. Having an opportunity to talk about death and to learn about what we as Catholics believe about our hope for the future can be comforting for children this age. It also allows them to express their individual thoughts, questions, and fears.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you think your child is a work in progress?

As human beings we grow emotionally, physically, and intellectually. We are also called to grow spiritually. We are moving ever toward the fullness of life God offers us in Heaven. "The Christian family forms an environment within which faith is professed and witnessed. When family members pray together, engage in lifelong learning, forgive one another, serve each other, welcome others, affirm and celebrate life, and bring justice and mercy to the community, they help each other live the faith and grow in faith" (*USCCA, p. 376*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about a time when you have needed comfort and the things others did to comfort you.
- Ask your child to name some reasons why Catholics look forward to the Second Coming of Christ.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Joseph, protect us as we live and watch over us at the end of our lives. Amen.



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