

# FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

*This chapter examines the importance of the Sacrament of Matrimony, the role of family in God's plan, and how the Cardinal Virtues help us to act appropriately and be disciplined.*

### Scripture



Read **Colossians 3:20** to find out what God's Word says about our parents.

### Catholics Believe

- God created humans to live in strong, loving families.
- The Fourth, Sixth, and Ninth Commandments provide basic laws of family love and respect.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2197–2200, 2204–2206, 2380–2381, 2521–2524 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Blessed Louis Martin and Marie-Azélie Martin, the parents of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand Family Love** Children at this age usually have a very strong love for their parents. If they live with both parents, they can often pick up on the quality of their mom and dad's relationship with one another. One area in which they often struggle is in their relationship with siblings. Developmental differences, as well as limited space and attention, can cause rivalries between brothers and sisters. When children understand that the family is like a school where we learn to love each other, they can rise to meet these challenges with God's help.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

*How has your understanding of what it means to honor your parents changed?*

As our parents age, we have an opportunity to show what they taught us about love. As Catholics, we know that "while adult children may sometimes experience a strain between raising their own children and caring for their parents, they must do what they can to help their parents. . . . While it is right for society to help care for the elderly, the family remains the rightful source of support" (*USCCA*, pp. 377–378).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name one thing about the Fourth, Sixth, or Ninth Commandments.
- Talk about ways your family honors one another.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, please help our family to be happy together, to love each other, and to pray for each other. Amen.



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