

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter examines the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, defines Heaven as the state of eternal happiness with God, and recognizes that acting as members of God's Kingdom on Earth prepares us for the fullness of God's Kingdom in Heaven.

Scripture



Read **1 John 5:1–3, 11–12** to find out more about the connection between the Son of God and eternal life.

Catholics Believe

- To spend eternity with God, we first must grow in friendship with him and accept his grace.
- The Last Judgment will mark God's final triumph over evil when Christ returns in glory and judges all the living and the dead.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #681–682 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Martin de Porres, who spent his life working for the Kingdom.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Death and Resurrection Your child probably has a clear sense of death as an irreversible state and knows that everyone will eventually die. Fear of their parents' death is one of the most common fears of children this age, though they rarely voice it. Some children have had experience with the deaths of grandparents and great aunts and uncles. It is helpful for them to know that death is not the end, and that by faith we know that we will be reunited with those we love and can look forward to an eternity with God.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How many times have you thought, "Why isn't someone holding him accountable?"

An important lesson that you will teach your children is the need for consequences. We are accountable for what we choose and the consequences that follow our words and actions. The need for accountability stretches past this lifetime into the next world. God our perfect parent will allow us the consequences of a lifetime of choices. As Catholics, we understand that "immediately after death, each person comes before God and is judged individually (the particular judgment) and enters into heaven, Purgatory, or hell" (*USCCA, p. 156*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you about the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Share how these gifts help you to follow Jesus.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Martin, help us do simple things with love, so that we may always be prepared to meet God at the end of time. Amen.



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