

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter recognizes Jesus as the fullness of God's Revelation and explores ways in which humans reflect the image of God.

Scripture



Read **Genesis 1:26–27** to find out about God creating people in his image.

Catholics Believe

- The Incarnation is the mystery that the Son of God became man in order to save all people.
- God created all people in his image and likeness, with the ability to love, free will (freedom to choose), and a soul that will live on after death.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #461–464, 470, 483 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Blessed María Vicenta Rosal Vásquez, the first person from Guatemala to be beatified. As a nun, her name was María de la Encarnación del Corazón de Jesús (Mary of the Incarnation of the Heart of Jesus).

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Jesus and Themselves as Images of God

As they begin to grow to look more like young men and women and less like small children, children at this age have likely heard people comment on how much they look like their mother or father, or perhaps someone else in the family. While it's still an abstract concept for them, children at this level are ready to be challenged to think more figuratively about how they are also made in the image of God. Jesus serves as a perfect model of God's image in human form, because he is God himself.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you ever wonder why God chose to become human?

Unlike those in other religious traditions, Christians believe that God knew that human beings needed to experience the fullness of his love in order that we might believe in him. God's love for us is made visible in Jesus—God fully human in the Incarnation. As Catholics, we remember that “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (**John 3:16**).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain how Jesus is both human and Divine.
- Share how family members reflect the image of God.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Blessed María, pray for us that we may be an image of Jesus to the whole world in all we do and say. Amen.



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