

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains how God calls ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things, and describes the Exodus as the Israelites' journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom.

Scripture



Read **Psalm 118:1–5, 14** as a prayer of remembrance, thanks, and praise.

Catholics Believe

- God rescued the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and sent his Son to save all people from the power of sin and everlasting death.
- The Passover and the Eucharist celebrate God's saving actions.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1150–1151, 1339–1340 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, a Jewish convert who was executed at Auschwitz.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God's Saving Action It's hard sometimes even for adults to understand how Jesus' sacrifice was necessary and sufficient for the salvation of humans. Because of his or her emerging independence, your child might be vulnerable to a works-based view of salvation (i.e., I am saved if I do enough good things). Children this age are thinking about identity, and might base their efforts to live the Christian life on whether or not they feel they can do it. Your child needs to know that the grace given to us through God's saving action in Christ empowers us to do God's will.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Think of some words we use that have multiple meanings, such as break, shape, and fire.

Faith is another word that has multiple meanings. As Catholics, we know that "God makes himself known to us through Revelation in order both to give us something and to draw a response from us. Both this gift of God and our response to his Revelation are called *faith*. By faith, we are able to give our minds and hearts to God, to trust in his will, and to follow the direction he gives us" (*USCCA*, p. 37).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you about the relationship between the Last Supper and the Mass.
- Talk about special meals your family shares on Church feast days or special occasions. How do you thank God during those times?

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Teresa Benedicta, pray for us that we may never forget the promises God has made to us. Amen.



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