

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that the Ten Commandments teach us how to respond to God, who first loved us, and how to love others.

Scripture



Read **Exodus 3:2b, 4–5** to find out how God communicated to Moses through the burning bush.

Catholics Believe

- God gave you the Ten Commandments to help you be faithful to him and his covenant.
- The Commandments tell you ways to love God and others.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2055, 2060–2061 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Raymond of Peñafort. Saint Raymond was known for compiling all the Church's canon laws into one book.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Ten Commandments Your child is probably a practical, concrete thinker, but children this age are also beginning to understand that morality involves more than what people see on the outside. Commandments of the heart such as “You shall not covet” are beginning to make sense as your child internalizes an understanding of living a Christian life. In this process, conscience formation and character building are moving toward the next stage of development.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

What does setting limits for your child teach him or her about love?

Out of love, we set limits for our children to keep them safe and healthy as well as teach them how to treat others with respect. As Catholics, we understand that “before God gave the Commandments at Sinai, he entered into a covenant of love with the community of Israel (cf. Exodus 19:3–6). Once the covenant was established, God gave the people the Ten Commandments in order to teach them the way to live the covenant of love” (*USCCA, p. 325*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you about Joseph and his brothers.
- Talk together about what positive things we can do when we are feeling jealous.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us to always keep your Commandments. Amen.



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