

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores God the Father's love and the importance of prayer to deepen our relationship with him.

### God's Word



Read **Luke 12:29–31** and see why God doesn't want us to worry.

### Catholics Believe

- God is our Father who created us and cares for us.
- We can trust in God because he loves us.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #322, 2780–2782 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Blessed Julian of Norwich who said that all "shall be well" for those who trust in God.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand God the Father** God reveals himself as a loving father. Second-graders who have good fathers at home will be able to relate to this and connect it with an understanding of God's love for us. Alternatively, if a child has no father in the home, or if they have had negative experiences with a father figure, they might have difficulty integrating the concept of God as a father. Knowing how God intends for parents to care for their children can help with this understanding, and knowing God as a perfect Father can become a particular source of comfort and hope to these children.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

How important is trust in a relationship?

Without trust there is not even the possibility of relationship. Throughout the Old Testament there is a growing understanding of the special relationship between God and the Israelites as they learn to trust ever more deeply in the providential care of God. "Jesus' revelation of God as his Father flows from a profound awareness not only of that same providential care but also of an indescribable intimacy" (cf., e.g., Jn14) (USCCA, pp. 484–485).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name people your family trusts. Discuss why.
- Share a time when you knew God was really there for you. Talk about how depending on and trusting in God made a difference for you or the family.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



"All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well." (Prayer of Blessed Julian of Norwich)



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