

FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores Mary as a model for family living and how families show love and respect and the role of the family as the domestic Church.

God's Word



Read **Luke 8:19–21** and talk about how each of you hears God's Word and try to live by it.

Catholics Believe

- Mary is a special member of God's family and the greatest Saint.
- The family home is called the "domestic Church."

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1657, 1666 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Blessed Luigi Beltrame Quattrocchi and Blessed Maria Corsini, the first married couple to be beatified together.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Family as Domestic Church

A family's professed beliefs, and especially their example, are very important and powerful forces that shape the faith of children. It's important that the two match as much as reasonably possible, because your child is now at the age when he or she can notice discrepancies between words and actions.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How do electronic devices keep your family from being present to each other?

When we are checking emails, texting, talking on the phone, and playing games on our tablet with no boundaries, sacred family time starts to disappear. Being in the same room is not enough. Being present to one another is the first obligation and privilege of family life. "When family members pray together, engage in lifelong learning, forgive one another, [and] serve each other... they help each other live the faith and grow in faith" (*USCCA*, p. 376).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name someone in his or her life, other than a parent, who helps him/her live a holy life?
- Talk about the different ways you can treat the members of your family with love and respect.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Heavenly Father, like Blessed Luigi and Blessed Maria, help us serve you and one another through a holy family life. Amen.



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