

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter teaches that, despite Original Sin and the ongoing struggle of humans tempted to sin, God establishes and remains faithful to his covenant, promising to always love and be there for us.

Scripture



Read **1 Thessalonians 5:23–24** to find out about God's faithfulness.

Catholics Believe

- God fully revealed his faithfulness to humans by sending his only Son, Jesus, to conquer sin and bring everlasting life.
- Humans have the ability to live in friendship with God.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #396–411, 1468, 1730 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Blessed Peter To Rot, a mission leader and native of New Guinea, who was martyred by Japanese invaders in 1945.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God's Promises and Faithfulness

Keeping one's word is likely very important to your child. Children this age have often developed close friendships based on trust and loyalty. Their emerging understanding of the literary device of foreshadowing helps them to see the ways in which God reveals himself and his plan over time, and how God is faithful to his covenants.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

As a parent, we love our children more than we imagined possible. How do we end each day loving them even more?

An early childhood teacher once said, "With the birth of our first child we learn the depth of our love. When our second is born we learn the breadth of our love." Children come to understand the unconditional love of God by experiencing the unconditional love of a parent. As Catholics, we know that "through the stories of creation in Chapters 1 and 2 of Genesis, God reveals himself as the Creator of all that exists, showing particularly a tender love for the high point of his creation, man and woman" (*USCCA, p. 56*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain what God's covenant is.
- Talk about some ways in which your family or close friends have demonstrated faithfulness.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us to follow Blessed Peter's example of leadership and love by living as your faithful servants. Amen.



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