

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

*This chapter explains that God created all people in his image and therefore each of us has human dignity and deserves respect.*

### Scripture



Read **Colossians 1:10, 12–15** to find out how God created us to live.

### Catholics Believe

- Every person is worthy of respect because he or she is created in God's image.
- Each person has a soul that will live forever.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #355–357, 362–366 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Germaine Cousin, who was born with some severe disabilities.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

### How They Understand Being Created in God's Image

Your child is probably now past those early childhood years in which he or she thought anything was possible. Some children this age are becoming painfully aware of their limitations and need to remember that they are valuable human beings by virtue of their creation in God's image. Knowing this, they can also begin to explore the idea that they were created for a purpose, and that God has a design for their lives.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

*Is it easier to show respect to a stranger or to someone in your own family?*

It may be more difficult to show respect to people with whom we live because we see their flaws up close. All people deserve our respect because they are made in the image of God. As Catholics, we know that “to be made in the image of God includes specific qualities. Each of us is capable of self-knowledge and of entering into communion with other persons through self-giving. These qualities—and the shared heritage of our first parents—also form a basis for a bond of unity among all human beings” (*USCCA, p. 67*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain why all people have dignity.
- Share a personal story about a time when you were not treated with dignity and how you felt.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



O God, may we always be respectful of all people, knowing we are all your children. Amen.



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