

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains vocation as God's plan for our lives and the purpose for which he made us; answering God's call and following his plan for us helps us grow in holiness.

Scripture



Read **1 Samuel 10:20–22** to find out how one person responded to God's call.

Catholics Believe

- God calls every person to a vocation.
- Through your vocation, you can help God increase his Reign.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #941, 2046 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, who was a cofounder of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Blessed Frédéric is an example for us of someone who answered and lived God's call for his life.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Their Call from God As children hear that God has a plan for their lives, they are capable of realizing that this plan is different from the one he has for anyone else. They have the free will to choose to follow—or not to follow—God's plan. With help and support from adults like you, your child can begin to better identify the talents and interests that can point to God's plan and also to see the opportunities to further explore God's path for his or her future.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you think of your marriage as part of God's plan for you to grow in holiness?

God invites us to grow in holiness through our vocations. The vocation of marriage helps us become one with God by loving our spouse. As Catholics, we know that "God created man and woman out of love and commanded them to imitate his love in their relations with each other. . . . [Both] are equal in human dignity, and in marriage both are united in an unbreakable bond" (*USCCA, p. 279*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain vocation.
- Affirm your child's gifts and talents, naming some ways he or she could use them to bring happiness to others and serve God.

LET'S PRAY >>>



God, help us answer your call as Blessed Frédéric did, so that we may do your will for our lives. Amen.



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