

# Honoring God

## Preparation for the Session

Turn to Page 149, the Family + Faith page.

In this chapter you will cover the following objectives:

- Recognize that the First Commandment teaches us to worship and honor only God, and not to place things or other people before him
- Recognize that the Second Commandment calls us to always use the name of God with reverence
- Define *blasphemy* as the sin of showing disrespect for the name of God, Jesus Christ, Mary, or the Saints
- Appreciate that we observe the Third Commandment through participation in the Sunday Eucharist and rest

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**Read** the **Consider This** feature. What thoughts or reactions do you have to the opening question?

**Parents, Consider This:** *The first three Commandments lay out a surprisingly simple plan for avoiding false gods that can lead us astray in life. But this is not always easy, as it calls us to keep our priorities in order: God comes first. Look at your family calendar. Consider how your family spends time and money. That can be a helpful way to know where your heart is. When we put God first, everything else falls into place.*

**Read** these other sections on the Family + Faith Page.

- *Your Child Learned.* This highlights some of the content of Sacred Scripture and Tradition in the lesson.
- *Children At This Age.* This will help you to understand how your child processes and learns at this developmental level.



**Let's Sing:** These songs connect the session topics and can be downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

- Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
- Father, We Adore You

## INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

After gathering the supplies that you will need, find a quiet place to be with your child. This is a sacred time—a time when you will be present to each other and to the Lord. You may want to light a candle as you begin.



**Let Us Pray** Invite your child to make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the Psalm verse from the book. Help your child to respond.

**Explain** that we give honor and praise to God.

**Say:** How do we honor God? (Put first things first. Put God first. Do your best to know love, respect, and serve him first of all.)



**Guide** your child through the Preparing for God's Word Ritual you learned in the Introduction Session or play Track 1 of the *Songs of Scripture* CD.

- Proclaim God's Word in the Parchment Paper box on the page.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?

**Invite** your child to respond and also share what you heard.

Now, look at the *What Do You Wonder?* box.

**Say:** We respect and give glory to God with both our words and our actions. When we respect and honor him in our lives, everything else will be in good order.

**Invite** your child to respond to the questions. Prompt what else they might wonder about honoring God and putting him first in our lives.

## DISCOVER: Learning God's Truth

**Turn to Page 142,**  
Putting God First

**Read** aloud the opening question and paragraph.

**Remind** your child that people must honor and respect God because he created everyone and everything.



**Proclaim** the Scripture.

**Ask:** Why did it not show respect to God to worship the golden calf? (The golden calf was a graven image or idol, forbidden by the First Commandment. The Hebrew people made this idol, emphasizing their doubt about God's faithfulness. The gold idol symbolized the people's greed.)

**Turn to Page 143,**  
The First Commandment

**Have** your child silently read this section and underline the First Commandment.

**Ask:** What does the First Commandment remind people to do? (keep God first in all things) What are some things that people place ahead of God? (Explain that these things are not necessarily bad, unless they take attention away from God.)

**Point** out the highlighted words **worship** and **idolatry** and review their definitions in the Catholic Faith Words box.

## Activity

**Have** your child complete the Share Your Faith activity.

**Parents, Consider This:** *Worshipping the golden calf was sinful, unlike praying before the image of Saints. The Church honors Saints for their holiness, but worships only God. Prayers are directed to God through the Saints. Statues remind people of Jesus, Mary, and the Saints. The golden calf was thought to be God. Catholics are often asked questions about our relationship with Saints. Be sure your child understands the distinction and can explain it if someone would ask about this.*

**Turn to Page 144,**  
Respecting God

**Read** aloud the first paragraph.

**Tell** your child that to take a name “in vain” means to use it with disrespect.

**Have** your child silently read the next paragraph and learn how he or she is to use God’s name.

**Review** the word **blasphemy** in the Catholic Faith Words box.

**Read** aloud the last paragraph.



**Do** the gold-star activity.

**Turn to Page 145,**  
Keeping the Lord’s Day

**Read** aloud the first paragraph.

**Remind** your child that after God created the world, he rested.

**Have** your child silently read the next paragraph to learn why Sunday is a special day.

**Point** out the highlighted word **Resurrection** and review its definition in the Catholic Faith Words box.

**Review** the chart, “The Lord’s Day” to find out how we observe this day.

## Activity

**Have** your child complete the Connect Your Faith activity.

**Parents, Consider This:** *In his 1981 encyclical, “On Human Work,” Blessed Pope John Paul II noted that workers have certain rights. They include the right to balance labor and rest, the right to have a weekly day to rest and fulfill religious obligations and spend time with family, and the right to a vacation. Take some time as a family to consider how you honor these human rights in your own family life.*

## LIVE: Living Our Faith

**Turn to Page 146,**  
Our Catholic Life

**Read** aloud the first paragraph.



**Do** the gold-star activity.

**Turn to Page 147,**  
People of Faith

**Read** the paragraph about Saint Mary Ann of Quito.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- Talk about how you can show respect for the name of God.

**Turn to Page 149,**  
Family + Faith Page and  
conclude with the Let's Pray  
prayer on this page.

**Parents, Consider This:** *It's important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray the Hail Mary (see Page 321), during your night prayer this week.*



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