

Morality, Our Lived Faith

Unit Opener: Pages 170–171

- ▶ Ask your child: **What are some rules in our home?** (Possible answers: helping with chores, walking the dog, being polite and respectful) **What are some rules you have at school?** (Possible answers: raising my hand to talk, being polite, listening to others) **What would the world be like without any rules?** (Possible answers: chaotic, dangerous, wild)
- ▶ Read aloud the title on page 171. Say: **Saint Ignatius of Loyola was an important saint who lived by God's rules. God's rules help us live happy, peaceful lives.**
- ▶ Have your child look at the picture on page 170 as you read aloud the first three paragraphs on page 171. Then ask: **Was Ignatius born a saint?** (No.) **What happened to Ignatius?** (He was hurt in battle.) **What did Ignatius do as he healed?** (He read about Jesus and the saints.) **How did Ignatius change?** (He prayed and thought about God.) **What did Ignatius decide?** (to live like Jesus)
- ▶ Read aloud the last paragraph. Ask: **Whom did Ignatius put first in his life?** (God) Say: **Let's try to follow Ignatius's example and put God first in our lives.**
- ▶ Read aloud the Be Inspired feature. Ask your child what he or she might do today to follow God more closely.
- ▶ With your child, add Ignatius's feast day, July 31, to your calendar. Plan events together to honor the teachings of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

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- ▶ Have your child think about loving actions he or she can do for others. List your child's ideas on a sheet of paper. Say: ***These are all good choices. When we make good choices, we are following God. We are sharing God's love.***
- ▶ Read aloud the title and two paragraphs. Tell your child that Ignatius wanted all people to feel God's love for them. Say: ***Ignatius saw God in everything. He believed that we feel God around us by paying attention to the little things in our lives each day.*** Explain that we follow Ignatius's example by taking time to be thankful for God's gifts.
- ▶ Read aloud the activity title and directions. Have your child close his or her eyes. Tell your child to spend a few moments thinking about ways he or she has felt God's love today. Then help your child complete the activity. Pray together: ***Dear God, help us always have a thankful heart.***
- ▶ Read aloud the psalm in the Reading God's Word feature. Then say: ***God's love helps us make good choices.*** Explain that your child can examine his or her actions every day to determine whether your child did God's will by making good choices.