

## We Share God's Life

### Engage: Page 181

- ▶ Say: *When we follow Jesus and listen to his words, we make good choices and share in God's life.*
- ▶ Look at events to come in the next week and talk about good choices that your child can choose to make.
- ▶ Invite your child to quiet himself or herself and prepare to hear Sacred Scripture.
- ▶ Read aloud Colossians 3:12–17. Then say: ***The Word of the Lord.*** Invite your child to respond *Thanks be to God.*
- ▶ Ask a series of quick either/or questions, such as *Books or movies? Chocolate or vanilla? Ice cream or frozen yogurt?* Say: ***We have many choices in life. Jesus wants us to make good choices that will bring us closer to God our Father.*** Read aloud the paragraphs on page 181. Ask: ***Why does Jesus want us to choose peace and love?*** (That is how Jesus responds to us. Living like Jesus brings us closer to him.)
- ▶ Say: ***Let's ask Jesus to help us choose love.*** Pray aloud the prayer. Conclude by praying together *Amen.*

### Explore: Pages 182–183

- ▶ If possible, display photos of some of the trusted adults in your child's life. Ask: ***How can these people help you make good choices?***
- ▶ Have your child read aloud Guided by God's Gifts. Have your child look up the term *moral choice* in the Glossary. Read aloud and discuss the definition. Say: ***A good moral choice is choosing to do the right thing because it's what God wants us to do.*** Ask: ***Who helps us make moral choices?*** (parents, grandparents, teachers, priests)
- ▶ Guide your child to look up the word *conscience* in the Glossary. Read aloud and discuss the definition. Then read aloud Steps for Making Good Choices on page 183. Present a common situation that your child might face and lead him or her through each step. Say: ***The next time you are faced with making a moral choice, ask the Holy Spirit for help as you answer these three questions.***
- ▶ Read aloud the Ready for the Sacraments feature. Say: ***The Church is joined as one body through the Eucharist. We are all members of the Body of Christ.***

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### Art Exploration: Page 184

- ▶ Find in a book or online a picture of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from God. Ask: *What do you see in this picture?* Encourage your child to describe the picture in detail, including the Bible story that is shown in the artwork. Say: *We show love for God and others when we follow the commandments.*
- ▶ Have your child turn to page 184. Read aloud the introduction and discuss the question.
- ▶ Read aloud page 184. Ask: *Why does God give everyone a choice to follow or not to follow his laws?* (God gives us the gift of freedom to make choices.) Say: *This ability to make our own choices is called free will.* Read aloud Choose God. Have your child complete the activity and discuss the responses.
- ▶ Read aloud the Reading God's Word feature. Say: *Being like Jesus, we are choosing life with God.*
- ▶ Have your child make a friendship bracelet. Help him or her to string a yellow, blue, green, and red bead on yarn and knot the ends. Say: *Yellow represents Jesus as "the way." Blue is for "the truth." Green is for "the life." Red is for the love of Jesus.* Invite your child to share the bracelet with someone.

### Reflect: Pages 185–186

- ▶ Together look at page 185. Say: *The Holy Spirit is always with us, giving us strength and guidance.* Slowly read aloud the title and the paragraph. Then pray aloud the reflection slowly and reverently, pausing where appropriate. Conclude by praying together the Sign of the Cross.
- ▶ Read aloud Choose to Be Like Jesus on page 186. Say: *Jesus always prayed before making decisions.* Have your child complete the activity. Discuss his or her responses.

### Respond: Pages 187–188

- ▶ Ask your child to read aloud the Faith Summary. Review the Words I Learned in this session. Read aloud Ways of Being Like Jesus. Ask your child to suggest specific ways to ask the Holy Spirit to help him or her make good choices today. Invite your child to complete the activity.
- ▶ Pray aloud the prayer as your child follows along. Then pray the Sign of the Cross together.
- ▶ Read aloud With My Family on page 188. Together as a family, complete the page and do the activity. Pray the family prayer. Say: *Ask God and someone you trust to help and guide you to make good choices.*