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Morality, Our Lived Faith

Begin

- ▶ Read aloud the unit title on page 170. Say: *In our fifth unit, we will learn how God and Jesus are with us in every choice we make.*
- ▶ Ask: *Who loves you even when you do something wrong and prays that you will always love God?* (Your child may answer "Mary" or you or his or her mother.) Say: *Let's learn about a saint who, like Mary, is best known as a mother.*

Introduce the Saint: Pages 170–171

- ▶ Ask your child to turn to page 171. Invite your child to read aloud. Then say: *Tell me about Saint Monica.* (She was a Christian in North Africa who prayed and prayed for her son Augustine to be baptized. After many years, he finally was, and Monica's prayers were answered. Monica's son became Saint Augustine.) Say: *Monica never stopped praying for Augustine. When he was baptized, she felt that everything she could wish for was fulfilled.*
- ▶ Invite your child to read aloud the Be Inspired feature. Ask your child what he or she thinks Saint Monica meant. (She meant that however far from possible something may seem to us, God knows that what he desires for us can happen in the next instant.)
- ▶ With your child, add Monica's feast day, August 27, to your calendar. Plan an event together to celebrate the patience of Saint Monica.

Unit Opener: Page 172

- ▶ Say: *We want good things for the people we love. What good things do you want for your loved ones?* (happiness, peace, and good lives) Say: *We can pray for our loved ones' well-being.*
- ▶ Invite your child to describe what it feels like when we see how patient someone has been with us. Ask your child to read Faith and Patience. Ask: *How do you think Saint Monica was able to live with her sadness about her son?* (through hope, which, as your child will learn in the next session, is one of the virtues)
- ▶ Ask your child to read aloud We Pray for Loved Ones and complete the activity. When your child has finished his or her drawings, ask: *How does it feel to know that someone loved us even when we were uncooperative?* Invite your child to take a few minutes to ask God to help loved ones, imagining each person as the child prays for him or her.
- ▶ Together read the Reading God's Word feature. Say: *Let's pray to God the Father that we may receive Christ in our hearts.*