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Morality, Our Lived Faith

Unit Opener: Pages 170–172

- ▶ Say: *God has blessed us with unique gifts. What unique gifts do you have?* Share your own gifts, such as musical ability or strong work ethic, with your child to start the discussion. Invite your child to turn to page 170. Read aloud the unit title. Say: *In this unit, we will learn how we can use our own gifts to be like Jesus in today's world and how our faith helps us make good, moral choices in all that we do.*
- ▶ Ask your child to focus on the image of Saint Benedict of Palermo. Have him or her read the text. Say: *We've read about many ordinary people who became saints. Saint Benedict began his life as a slave. After he gained his freedom, he chose to live a simple, holy life. Saint Benedict's life shows others how to love and honor God.*
- ▶ Have your child read aloud the paragraphs on page 171. Ask: *Who convinced Benedict to follow Jesus?* (Father Jerome Lanza) *How did Benedict feel about the conditions at the monastery?* (He felt that the hard life there was too comfortable.) *What did Saint Benedict sacrifice to show his devotion to God?* (his possessions, his money, his comfort) *What things would you sacrifice to show your love for God?* Say: *Making sacrifices to show our love for God is a virtue.*
- ▶ Read aloud the Be Inspired feature. Discuss ways your child can show Jesus' love to others.
- ▶ With your child, add Benedict's feast day, April 4, to your calendar. Plan an event together to celebrate the sacrifices of Saint Benedict of Palermo.
- ▶ Read aloud the title on page 172. Invite your child to look up the word *virtue* in the Glossary and read aloud the definition. Say: *Saint Benedict was a virtuous person. His strong faith showed others what it means to love and serve God.* Ask him or her to read aloud the paragraph.

- ▶ Read aloud the introduction and directions for Sacrifice and God's Love. Say: ***Sometimes we make sacrifices to help others and to demonstrate our faith in God. Making sacrifices draws us closer to God and others.*** Have your child complete the activity. Discuss why he or she thinks these sacrifices help show God's love.
- ▶ Direct your child to the Reading God's Word feature. Say: ***Praying this psalm can help us put our hope and trust in God.*** Pray the psalm aloud together.