



God Calls Us to Make Good Choices

Engage: Page 123

- ▶ **Ask:** *What are some rules in our home? Why do we have rules? (Rules keep us safe. Rules help us live together in peace and harmony.)*
- ▶ Read aloud the session title and the poem title. Invite your child to follow along as you read aloud the poem. **Say:** *God also has rules for us to follow. Following God's rules helps us make good choices. God's rules remind us to be helpful, kind, and truthful.*
- ▶ Repeat each of your family rules and together **say:** *That's a rule for us!* Then pray aloud the prayer. Conclude by praying *Amen*.

Explore: Pages 124–125

- ▶ Present choices such as the following, and ask your child to raise his or her hand when a good choice is heard. **Say:** *Help Dad rake leaves, share a treat with my sister, take a book without permission, be unkind to a friend, listen to my teacher.*
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 124. Have your child point to the word *choice*. Help him or her find it in the Glossary. Discuss the definition. Explain that a bad choice made on purpose is called a sin. **Say:** *A sin is a bad choice that can hurt God, someone else, or yourself.* Read aloud the directions and have your child complete the activity.
- ▶ Read aloud the Reading God's Word feature. **Say:** *Treat other people the way you want to be treated. That's a rule for us!*
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 125. Remind your child that everyone makes bad choices once in a while. **Say:** *God always loves us, even when we sin.* Read aloud the directions and have your child complete the activity.
- ▶ Read aloud the A Friend of God feature. **Say:** *Saint Francis of Assisi devoted his life to following God's rules, telling people about Jesus, being kind to others, and living simply.*



Art Exploration: Explore Art Print 21 Blackline Master

- ▶ Find in a magazine, in a book, or online a picture of families or friends helping each other.
- ▶ **Ask:** *What do you see in this picture?* Encourage your child to describe the picture in detail, including how the people are helping each other.
- ▶ **Say:** *When we help one another, we are making a good choice.*
- ▶ Display the Art Print Blackline Master for Session 21. Read aloud the introduction and discuss the question.
- ▶ Read aloud the section Making Good Choices. **Say:** *Jesus asks that we treat others as we want to be treated. We call this the Golden Rule.*
- ▶ Read aloud the section The Right Thing. **Say:** *A good way to practice making a good choice is to picture yourself making good choices in the future.* Help your child complete the activity. Invite your child to live out his or her idea this week.
- ▶ Together make a Golden Rule Collage. From newspapers and magazines, cut out pictures of people helping each other and living out the Golden Rule. Take turns gluing the images to poster board. Fill in open spaces with words and symbols that convey love. Point to the pictures on the finished collage and **ask:** *How are these people following the Golden Rule?* (They are treating others how they want to be treated.)

Reflect: Pages 126–127

- ▶ Together look at page 126. **Say:** *These children are helping take care of their dog. We ask God to help us make good choices, especially when the good choice is not the easy choice.*
- ▶ Read aloud the title and the introductory sentence on page 126. Then have your child prepare for prayer. Pray aloud the prayer, pausing after each line. Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross together.
- ▶ **Say:** *God gave us 10 rules called commandments. The Ten Commandments help us make good choices and live happy lives.* Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 127. Help your child find the Ten Commandments on page 192. Read aloud and discuss the Ten Commandments. Then have your child complete the activity on page 127.

Respond: Page 128

- ▶ Read aloud the Faith Summary. Have your child trace the word *choice*. **Say:** *We have talked about making good choices and not making bad choices. Good choices show our love for God.*
- ▶ Invite your child to pray silently while you pray aloud. **Say:** *Dear Father, help us show our love for you and others through the good choices we make.* Together pray the Sign of the Cross.
- ▶ Read aloud the words from the story in With My Family and have your child say the picture words. Use the Picture Glossary on pages 206–207 if needed. Invite your child to answer the question at the end of the story.