

We Give Love to Others

FOCUS: In this chapter, you will be helping your child to understand that we show love when we are kind, respectful, honest, and truthful.

When we sincerely follow every impulse of the Holy Spirit, our love embraces all of God's children. Embracing pure love helps us to cherish the good in another person. It enables us to regard that person as Christ and to treat him or her with utmost respect. It inspires commitment to that person.

Courtesy, the habit of treating others with deference and respect, flows from and nurtures an appreciation for the dignity of each person. The daily life of a Christian is dedicated to showing this respect for others. United with Christ, we gather for our eucharistic celebration and recall God's goodness; we admit our failure to love God in our brothers and sisters, and ask for mercy. The Eucharist helps us recognize God's presence in each member of the Christian community who joins us in worshipping the Father.

Scripture in This Chapter

Matthew 25:44–45 Jesus' Presence in Others

1 John 4:16 Union in Love

1 John 3:18 In Deed and Truth

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In this chapter, help your child to

- ✦ name ways to treat things with respect and people with kindness.
- ✦ name different ways to show respect.
- ✦ explain ways to show love for others.
- ✦ understand that he or she brings God's love to others when he or she is truthful.

Key Terms for Your Information

- ✦ courteous—respectful and polite
- ✦ honest—respecting what belongs to others; fair
- ✦ precious—very special and good
- ✦ truthful—telling what is real