

# ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 2

Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist

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**Our Sunday Visitor**

# Jesus Christ



## Our Catholic Tradition

- God gave Moses the Ten Commandments to help us know how to live in love. (CCC, 2077)
- Jesus gave us a New Commandment to love as he loves us. (CCC, 1970)
- Our conscience is a gift from God that helps us make choices about right and wrong. (CCC, 1777-1778)
- Jesus teaches us that God our Father always offers forgiveness and shows us mercy. (CCC, 545)

Why do we depend on Jesus' promise for mercy and forgiveness?



# God's Commandments

## Let Us Pray

**Leader:** Dear God, help us to know and follow your truth.

“Open my eyes to see clearly  
the wonders of your law...  
do not hide your commandments from  
me.” **Psalm 119:18-19**

**All:** Thank you, God, for showing us how to  
follow you. Amen.

## God's Word

“The LORD said to Moses: Come up to me on the  
mountain and, while you are there, I will give you  
the stone tablets on which I have written the  
commandments intended for their instruction.”

**Exodus 24:12**

## What Do You Wonder?

- Who gives you the rules to live by every day?
- Why do people need rules?

# The Ten Commandments

## What can help me to make good choices?

God gave Moses and his Chosen People some laws to help them. These laws are called the **Ten Commandments**. God wants you to follow these laws, too. They help you make good choices about your friendship with God and others.



Check two things you need help understanding.

### The Ten Commandments

### How You Can Live Them

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| 1 I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Make God the most important thing in your life.                          |
| 2 You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use God's name in a reverent way.  |
| 3 Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attend Mass and rest on Sunday.  |
| 4 Honor your father and your mother.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Love and obey your parents and guardians.                                |
| 5 You shall not kill.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Be kind to people and animals.   |
| 6 You shall not commit adultery.                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Be respectful in the things you do with your body.                       |
| 7 You shall not steal.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't take other people's things.  |
| 8 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tell the truth.  |
| 9 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Keep your thoughts and words clean.                                      |
| 10 You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Be happy with the things you have; don't be jealous of what others have. |

# Jesus' Commands

Jesus learned and followed the Ten Commandments. When he grew up, Jesus taught a Commandment called the **Great Commandment**. It includes all the other Commandments and sums up God's laws.

## God's Word

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." **Luke 10:27**

God's Commandments teach us how to live and show love. Learning about his Commandments helps us grow closer to him. It also helps us prepare for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

➔ **How do you show love for God?**



## Share Your Faith

**Think** Pick one Commandment and write some ways you can follow it.

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**Share** Talk about it in a small group.

## Catholic Faith Words

### Ten Commandments

God's laws that tell people how to love him and others

### Great Commandment

the law to love God above all else and to love others the way you love yourself.

# The New Commandment

## What does Jesus ask us to do?

Jesus told many stories, or parables, to teach his followers that loving God means loving our neighbor. Here is a **parable** he told.

### Catholic Faith Words

**parable** a short story Jesus told about everyday life to teach something about God

**New Commandment** Jesus' command for his disciples to love one another as he has loved us

## God's Word

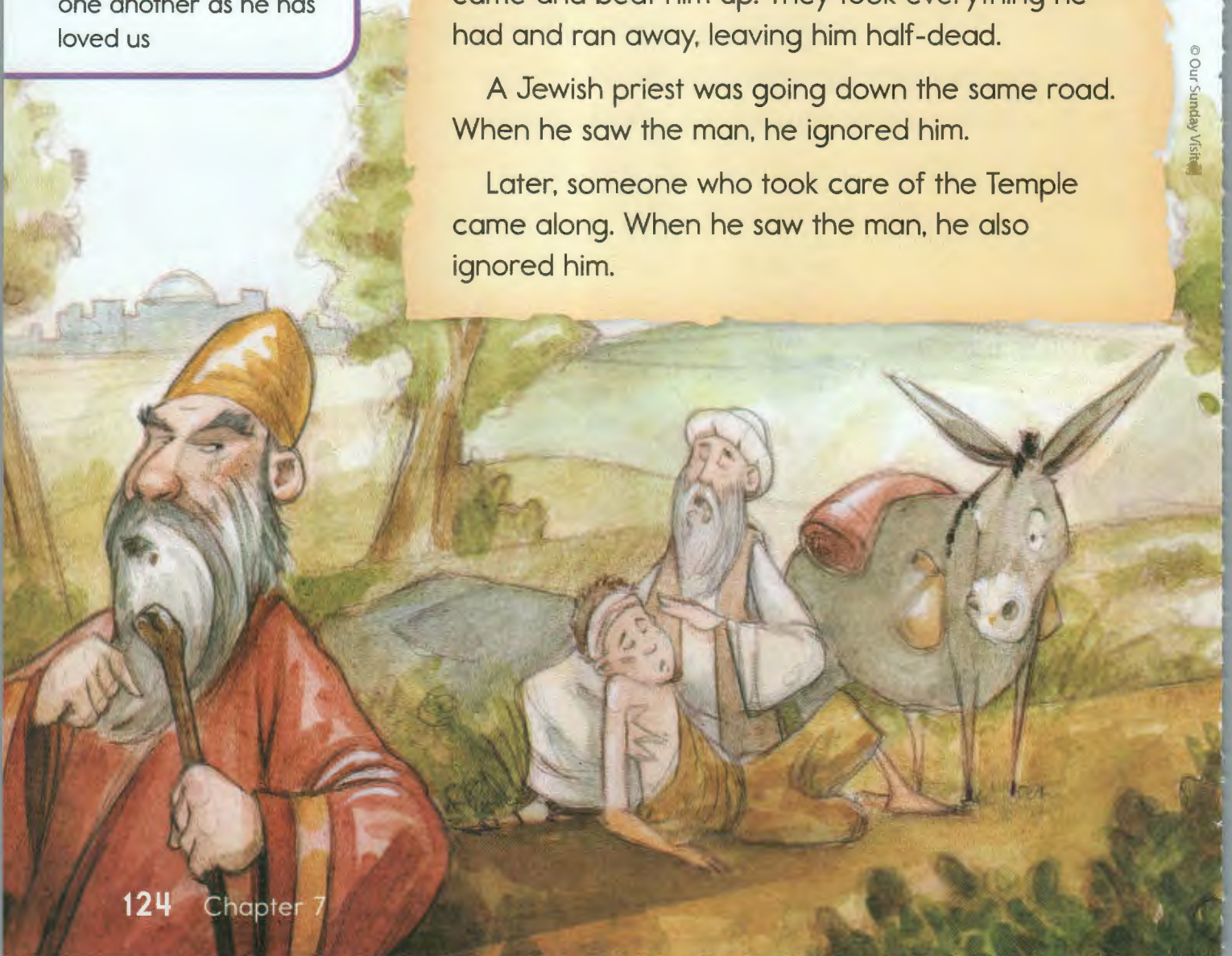
### The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Once a man asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus told this story to answer him.

A man was going along a road alone. Robbers came and beat him up. They took everything he had and ran away, leaving him half-dead.

A Jewish priest was going down the same road. When he saw the man, he ignored him.

Later, someone who took care of the Temple came along. When he saw the man, he also ignored him.



Then a man from Samaria came along and saw the man lying on the roadside. He hurried over to help. The Samaritan bandaged the man's sores and took him to an inn. The Samaritan gave the innkeeper two silver coins to help take care of the man.

Then Jesus asked, "Which of the three was a neighbor to the robber's victim?" The man said, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said, "Go and do likewise." **Luke 10:29-37**

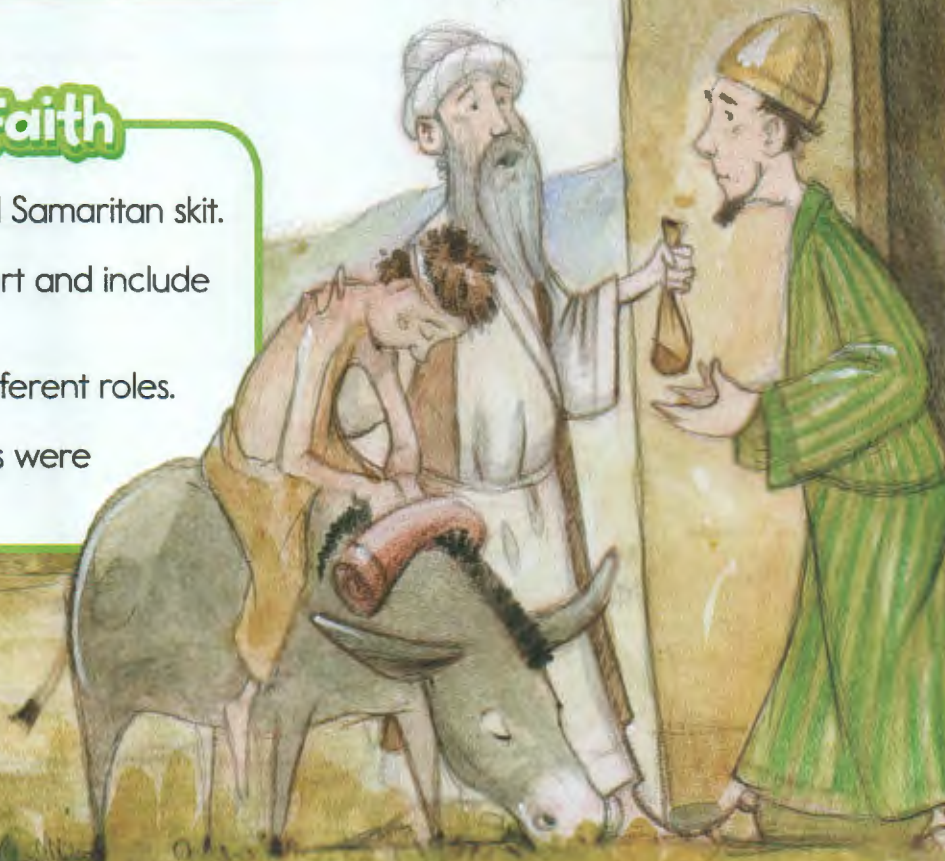
This story shows that a neighbor is any person who is in need. The Samaritan saw a man who needed help. He showed him kindness and respect. Jesus tells us how we should treat each other. We are to love one another as he has loved us. This is called the **New Commandment**.

## Connect Your Faith

**Act It Out** Plan a Good Samaritan skit.

1. Make notes for each part and include some props.
2. Take turns acting out different roles.

What good or bad choices were made in this story?



# Our Catholic Life

## How can you be a good neighbor?

In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus taught that neighbors aren't just the people who live next door to you. All people are neighbors. A neighbor can be someone who is in need, like the man who was robbed. A neighbor can be someone who helps, like the Samaritan.

As followers of Christ, how are we to treat God? As neighbors, how are we to treat one another? The Great Commandment and Jesus' New Commandment tell us.



Write one way you love God and one way you can love your neighbor.

### The Great Commandment

"Love God above all things, and love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Spend time with God every day in prayer.

Thank him for all he has given us.

Grow closer to him by learning more about him.

### The New Commandment

"Love one another as I have loved you."

Don't judge people by how they look or by how many things they have.

Reach out to people who are lonely.

When someone asks you for forgiveness, give it gladly.



# People of Faith

## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, 1207–1231

Saint Elizabeth was a princess of Hungary. Jesus' command to love one another was very important to Elizabeth. She spent her entire life caring for people who were poor and suffering. Elizabeth fed the hungry by giving them food at the castle gate. She sold her jewels and used the money to build hospitals. When her husband died, she was very sad. She worked hard to take care of her four children, but she kept helping the poor, too.



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**Discuss:** What have you donated to those in need?



Learn more about Saint Elizabeth at [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com)

## Live Your Faith

**Love Others** Give two examples of people who are your neighbors and how you help each other.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Let Us Pray

## Prayer of Praise

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

**Leader:** Jesus, you tell us you are the Way,  
the Truth, and the Life.

See John 14:6.

**All:** we praise and honor you.

**Leader:** You show us the way to the Father,

**All:** we praise and honor you.

**Leader:** You teach us the truth about love,

**All:** we praise and honor you.

**Leader:** You give us hope and life,

**All:** we praise and honor you.

**Leader:** Help us, Lord, to love as you do,  
fully and completely.

**All:** Amen.



Sing "Loving God"

Love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.

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## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that the Ten Commandments teach us how to love God above all things and to love others. They are summed up in the Great Commandment.

### God's Word



Read **Exodus 24:12** to learn what God said to Moses about the Ten Commandments.

### Catholics Believe

- The Ten Commandments are God's laws to his People.
- Jesus teaches you to love God above all things and love others as you love yourself.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #830, 2053 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

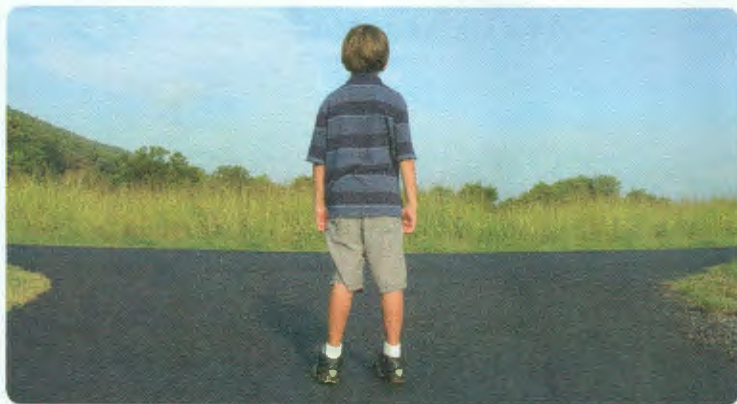
### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, a princess who used her wealth to feed the hungry and build hospitals for the sick.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

### How They Understand the Great Commandment

Second-graders are just beginning to move out of the self-centered tendencies of earlier childhood. But in a society so focused on individual comfort and fulfillment, it can be counter-cultural to speak of putting God over everything else or loving others as much as one loves one's self. Your child will need much guidance to understand how this translates into the practical decisions he or she makes every day. Much of this guidance will come in the form of the example you provide of caring for others and prioritizing God over other things.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

How do the rules in your home help you to love each other?

Children might think that rules restrict our freedom, but in actuality they lead us to reap the benefits of a deeper love. "... God has given us the virtue of love, the very love that he has for us. Our Lord asks us to accept this love and respond to him with it. Jesus made the love of God the first of the two greatest Commandments: 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind (Matthew 22:37)'" (USCCA, p. 343).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about family rules and why they are important.
- Ask your child what rules God gives us (Ten Commandments) and what Jesus commands us to do (to love one another as he has loved us).

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Elizabeth, pray for us that we always love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

# Chapter 7 Review

**A Work with Words** Complete each sentence with the correct word from the Word Bank.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God above all things.
2. The Ten Commandments help you make good \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Great Commandment helps you know how to be a good \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ what you have with others.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ someone who asks you for forgiveness.

## Word Bank

love  
neighbor  
forgive  
share  
choices

**B Check Understanding** Match the Commandment on the left with the correct action on the right.

### Column A

6. You shall not kill.
7. Do not take the LORD's name in vain.
8. Honor your father and your mother.
9. You shall not steal.
10. Remember to keep holy the LORD's day.

### Column B

- Say God's name with care
- Do not harm yourself or others
- Go to Mass on Sunday
- Obey your parents
- Do not take what belongs to another

