

God Creates Us

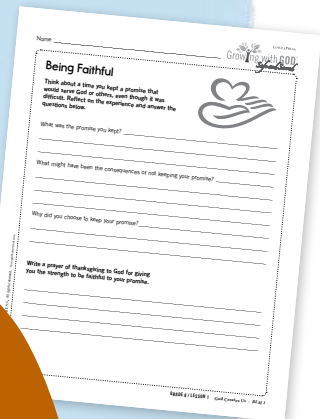
Your Child's Vocation

God calls us all to know, love, and serve him. Each of us lives out this call differently, depending on our vocation. Discuss with your child how we use our gifts to serve God and the needs of others. You might say: ***One day you will choose a vocation, or path in life, that is right for you. You are already following God's plan through your relationships, especially when you keep your promises to behave in positive ways.***



Honoring Promises

All vocations involve a desire to share God's love and to be faithful and loyal. Emphasize to your child the importance of keeping promises when they serve God and others. Review with your child the Being Faithful handout. Share what you do to honor the promises you make.



Ways to Strengthen Our Spirit

Talk with your child about his or her Baptism. You might share photos and stories from that special day. Remind your child how the promises made at our Baptism affirm our belief in God and our desire to do good and avoid sin. Discuss how prayer and celebrating the sacraments help us be faithful to our promises. Invite your child to share other ways to strengthen our spirit.



God's Plan for Our Future

Our relationships and moral choices impact the people we become. Remind your child that we answer God's call not once but every day and in all our relationships. Tell your child some of the things about him or her that make you proud. Then discuss what hopes and dreams you and your child have for his or her future. Pray together the Act of Faith or a prayer of your own.

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Being Faithful

Think about a time you kept a promise that would serve God or others, even though it was difficult. Reflect on the experience and answer the questions below.



What was the promise you kept? _____

What might have been the consequences of not keeping your promise? _____

Why did you choose to keep your promise? _____

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God for giving you the strength to be faithful to your promise.
