

# Just for Parents...

Dear Parents,

During the next several weeks, your child will learn about the first three Commandments which focus on the love of God. Included in these lessons are the topics of placing God in the center of their lives, being a reflection of God's love, identifying respectful and disrespectful behavior, treating people with respect and ways to keep holy the Sabbath.

**Here are some things you can do to reinforce the message of our learning activities.**

- Ask your child to tell you about each class and what he or she learned from it.
- Talk with your child about the importance of treating other people with respect. Make sure he/she knows that it is important to you, and that it will lead to stronger friendships.
- Watch a television program together, and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted respectfully or disrespectfully towards one another. Watch for put-downs, insults, and subtle forms of bullying.
- Help your child become sensitive to his or her own behaviors or language that may be of a disrespectful nature, as he or she deals with siblings or friends
- Remember that you are the first teacher in the ways of the faith for your child. If you treat people respectfully, your child will learn from you.
- Take your child to Mass every Sunday.
- Refrain from sporting and other events on Sunday morning. This sends a clear message that practicing our faith is important to you and your family.

***Your child has been asked to look at how they act toward others.***