

## Chapter 8

*Family*

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God.

*Luke 2:52*

**To the Parent:**

In chapter 8 your child learned to:

- Give examples of how family members care, share responsibility, forgive and respect each other
- Tell how Jesus grew up as part of a human family
- Suggest faith-based solutions for family problems

The great Red Wings hockey player Gordie Howe recalled his childhood during the Great Depression. One cold Canadian night, a neighbor came to the Howe home with an old potato sack, offering to sell some household goods. Mrs. Howe knew the woman was in need. She thought about offering the woman some food, but knew that would hurt her pride. So, even though the Howes did not have much money either, Mrs. Howe went to the sugar bowl, took out all she had and gave it to the woman in exchange for the lumpy sack.

One of the things that came out of the old sack was an old pair of ice skates. They were too big for him, but young Gordie put on several pairs of socks and learned to skate. Years later, he skated in to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

**With Your Child:**

1. Make a list of the TV shows that your family enjoys watching. Talk about the message of these shows. How well does each one support your families' value? Use these headings: Honors Family Values / Betrays Family Values.
2. Give each family member a pack of sticky notes. Be sure each person has a different color. During the week tell them to leave notes of encouragement, support, and love for one another. Children too young to read and write can draw pictures on their notes.
3. Read about Saint Macrina the Younger on the review and Explore page.