

Chapter 4 *God's Law*

I will take you as my own people, and you shall have me as your God. *Exodus 6:7*

To the Parents:

In chapter 4 your child learned the following:

- To tell how God acts on behalf of God's people
- To state the commandments in his or her own words
- To choose ways to be faithful to specific commandments

Everyone's life is a journey. Many may feel as if they are wandering aimlessly in the desert. Others may feel as if they are climbing mammoth, steep rocks on an endless trail. Yet, as you have discovered God does not abandon you. Instead, as you climb the highest mountains, sail the deepest oceans, and walk the most barren deserts of life, God guides you and walks the journey with you. The Creator has claimed you as his very own.

The most difficult part of this is remembering that there is nothing more important than the Lord. Exhaustion, ambivalence, and misjudgment—all can contribute to poor decisions that may steer you off course. All you need to do is to look back to God for guidance, and God will be there.

God asked the Israelites to live by the Ten Commandments. God asks the same of you as you work your way toward the heavenly Promised Land.

With Your Child:

1. Think about what qualities you need to be faithful and loyal to one another. Write a family promise that you can say each day to be faithful covenant partners with one another.
2. Look in your Bible and find *Psalms* 119. It is a long psalm that tells about how wonderful the commandments are. Pick any three stanzas, or sections, to read. Talk about what you have read.
3. Together read the story of Saint Vincent Ferrer on the Review and Explore page.