

## Chapter 9

***Home and Family***

Children obey your parents.

*Ephesians 6:1*

**For the Parents:**

In chapter 9 your child learned to:

- Recognize the fourth commandment
- Understand the relationship between loving God and loving others
- Apply the fourth commandment to daily living

In recent Church documents, the family has been referred to as the “domestic Church.” This means that it is within the family that persons are called to participate in the work of God on earth. In bringing children into the world and in caring for them, parents reflect God’s work of creation. In holy families, children learn about helping the poor, caring for the sick, and reaching out in hospitality to those who have no families. God is indeed present in this “domestic Church.”

In the fourth commandment, children are called to respect and honor their parents. However, the intention of the fourth commandment extends beyond obedience. When parents provide examples of compassion, forgiveness, respect and loving care, children can imitate these qualities and honor their parents in return.

**With Your Child:**

1. Help your child make a thank you coupon for someone who cares for him or her. The coupon can be for something the person wants or needs your child to do.
2. Watch a family television show together. Talk about the ways the children and grownups treat each other in the show. Do they show love? Do they show respect?
3. Read about Blessed Giuseppina Bonino on the Review and Explore page.