

Chapter 12

Do Not Sin

Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good.

Romans 12:9

For the Parents:

In chapter 12 your child learned to:

- Differentiate accidents and mistakes from sins
- Evaluate the consequences of wrong choice
- Distinguish between mortal and venial sins

Jesus' answer "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her," illustrates a profound truth: everyone is capable of sinning and chooses to do so at times. Jesus' message to the woman is his message to all sinners: "Neither do I condemn you...from now on do not sin any more."

While all sin is serious, mortal sin requires deep and sincere repentance. Mortal sin is deliberately and intentionally choosing to turn away from God's love, in such a way that serious and deadly harm is done. Such sin is rare. Followers of Jesus desire to love God and one another and to avoid lesser venial sins, as well.

With Your Children:

1. Choose a story from a Gospel. Read the story together Talk about the story.
How can the story help you to follow Jesus and do what is right?
2. Read about Saint Monica on the Review and Explore page.