

Chapter 6

Slavery and Freedom

I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.

Exodus 20:2

To the Parent:

In chapter 6 your child learned to:

- Recount the basic elements of the plight of the Hebrew people and their rescue from Egypt, as told in the Book of Exodus.
- Identify God’s role as that of the liberator and savior of his people
- Relate contemporary moral evils to the concept of slavery

The saving event of the Exodus is central to the self-understanding of the Christian people, because it tells of God’s power and will to liberate his people from all that would oppress them. The story of the Passover becomes, for Christians, not only the rescue of the Israelites and their passing over from slavery to freedom but also the fulfillment of Jesus Christ, whose passing over from death and resurrection is the ultimate act of liberation of God. Through the waters of Baptism, we pass over from death to life with Christ, leaving behind the slavery of sin to embrace the new life of grace.

With Your Child:

1. With your family, plan a meal to celebrate something important. Before the meal, celebrate God’s salvation or blessing with a special prayer or ritual service—whatever is most comfortable. During the meal, talk about other things God has done for you.
2. God directed Moses to free his people. What does God ask you to do with your life? How have you responded to his call?
3. Read about Saint Theresa Benedicta on the Review and Explore page.