

Making Good Decisions

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Ignatius was a brave soldier. Then he got hurt. While he was healing, he read about the lives of Jesus and the saints. Ignatius started to pray. He chose to live like Jesus. He obeyed God the Father's rules.

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Ignatius taught others to think about their actions. He helped them make good choices. He taught them to be thankful to God.

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We can learn from Jesus' stories in the Bible. One story teaches us that following Jesus will help us build a good life. Jesus' stories can help us make good choices.

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God's rules are called *commandments*. God gave us the Ten Commandments. God's commandments tell us how to love him and other people.

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God's commandments help us make good decisions. It is not always easy to do the right thing. God will always help us follow his rules.

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The Ten Commandments are fulfilled in Jesus' Great Commandment. The Great Commandment tells us to love God the Father and other people. There is no commandment greater than this.

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We are following all of God's commandments when we follow the Great Commandment.

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We can pray to ask God to help us do what is right.

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Jesus always did what was right.

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Good decisions bring us peace.

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Jesus Cares for Us

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When we make bad decisions, we offend God. We lose our closeness to him. We feel lost. If we ask, God will forgive us. We will not feel lost anymore.

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When we choose to do something wrong, we sin.

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A sin can be something we do. A sin can be something we say.

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Sin hurts our friendship with God and with others.

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When we are sorry, we ask God for forgiveness.

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God always forgives us. His love is greater than any sin.

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A person who does something wrong is like a lost sheep. Like a shepherd, God is ready to find us. He is happy when we say we are sorry and follow him.

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Jesus is like a caring shepherd. He always brings us back to him when we say we are sorry.

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When we do something wrong, we are like lost sheep.

Jesus Loves Families

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God wants children and parents to respect one another. We show God's love by loving our families.

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Jesus and his parents went to a celebration. When Joseph and Mary left to go home, Jesus was not with them. They were worried.

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Joseph and Mary finally found Jesus. They told Jesus it was time to go home. Jesus did as his parents said.

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God gave your parents a gift. He gave them YOU.

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Our parents take care of us. They want us to be safe. They teach us about God.

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You honor and thank your parents when you obey them.

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When you listen to your parents, God is happy.

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Our parents love us and want the best for us.

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Children and parents love and care for one another.

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When we show love for our parents, we show love for God.

God Loves the World

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God created everything, and he created it out of nothing.

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Everything in the world is a gift from God. God wants us to care for our world.

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God made our world. We help keep it beautiful.

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We take care of the earth for God, for ourselves, and for our neighbors. Our neighbors are the people around us.

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All of God's creation, including every person, animal, and plant, deserve our care and respect.

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The Bible tells us the story of creation.

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God took the first man to a beautiful garden.

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God told the first man to take care of the garden. God told him to give the animals names.

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We can show God how much we love him. We can care for everything and every person in God's world.

Celebrating Easter

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We celebrate Jesus' Resurrection on Easter. Easter reminds us to always be joyful people.

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The Easter season begins with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening. The Easter season continues for the next 50 days.

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We are glad during Easter because God the Father raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Jesus Christ saves us all.

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After Jesus rose from the dead, he stood with his friends. He told them, "Peace be with you."

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At Mass during the Easter season, we joyfully sing and pray the *Alleluia*.

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During Easter, we see symbols of Easter in our church. The paschal candle and flowers called Easter lilies are some of these symbols.

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We celebrate Jesus' Resurrection on the "eighth day," Sunday. Sunday is also called the *Lord's Day*.

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Jesus gave us the gift of himself. After Jesus died on the cross, he was laid in a tomb.

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Two women went to Jesus' tomb to honor him, but his body was not there. Jesus appeared to the women and told them not to be afraid.

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