

Chapter 6

God Promises a Savior

God promises to send us a Savior.

Chapter Summary

Everything in the Garden of Eden was perfect before the Fall of Adam and Eve. They lived in an intimate relationship with God and in harmony within themselves, with each other, and with all of creation. The Devil tempted Adam and Eve not to trust that God loved them. They used their free will to disobey God and committed the first sin of mankind. There were many consequences: they broke their friendship with God, and they were no longer able to love perfectly or live in harmony with each other or with the rest of creation (see CCC 376, 379). But God continued to love Adam and Eve and wanted to repair the broken relationship. After Adam and Eve disobeyed, God was merciful and promised to send a Savior. Jesus Christ is Our Lord and Savior, who comes to repair this broken relationship and teach us how to love God and one another. God will always forgive us if we are sorry.

More for Parents

It is part of our everyday lives to teach our children to do the right thing. It is also part of our everyday lives to respond properly when our children do the wrong thing. God certainly understands this, since the first man and woman He created decided to disobey Him. As a good Father, God punished Adam and Eve for their sin, but He also wanted to teach them—and us—that He loved them and that He wanted to forgive them and save them from their sins. Throughout the rest of salvation history, leading right up to our very own lives, God has been trying to teach us that we can trust Him. His rules are for our own good and happiness, and we can completely trust Him. What are some ways that we can help our children see that we are working for their own good and our rules can be trusted? What can we, in turn, do to grow in our trust for God?

Our Family Prays Together

Dear God, thank You for allowing us to know You and love You. Please help us trust You. Help us show our love for You with our choices. Help us know that You still love us, even when we make bad choices. Amen.

Let's Talk about It as a Family

- **What is it called when we choose not to love God and others?** (*Sin.*)
- After Adam and Eve sinned, God still loved them, so He promised to send a Savior. **Who is that Savior?** (*Jesus.*)
- **Does God still love us when we sin?** (*Yes.*)
- **Are there consequences when we sin?** (*Yes.*)
- **If we make bad choices, we should say that we are _____.** (*Sorry.*)
- **If someone else makes a bad choice, should we forgive him, even though he was wrong?** (*Yes.*)
- **Who will always help us to make good choices?** (*Jesus.*)
- **Who will always forgive us if we say we are sorry?** (*Jesus.*)

Let's Live Our Faith

- List some things that your family should tell Jesus you are thankful for.
- Discuss times that your family might turn to Jesus when sad, lonely, or in need of His help.
- Discuss how your family can have a loving friendship with Jesus.

Family Faith Activities

Choose one or more of the following to do as a family:

- Practice saying "I am sorry" and "I forgive you."
- Have each family member make a card for another family member who needs to be forgiven.
- Have each family member make a card for another family member who needs to be told "I'm sorry."
- Remind your children that Jesus is our Savior. Take your family to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Encourage your children to tell Jesus that they are sorry for any personal sins and to receive His love.
- Read and discuss the *Small Wonders* story as a family by going to the parent portal.