Take Home



We Think About Our Choices

This chapter deals with making choices and presents the Ten Commandments. The Commandments serve as a guide against which we measure our choices. Children learn that they are responsible for their actions. They learn that when they choose to do wrong, they sin. They also consider the differences among mistakes, venial sins, and mortal sins.

ACTIVITY

Choose a Game Play a board game as a family. Board games that involve choices help to illustrate the point of this chapter. Playing one of these games will demonstrate how the choices we make lead to consequences.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Talk with your family about ways to honor the Sabbath, such as going to Mass, avoiding conflict, and thinking about what God wants you to do.

On the Web www.blestarewe.com



Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

Saint of The Week



Saint Andrew the Apostle (first century)

Andrew and his brother, Peter, fished for a living in the Sea of Galilee. A disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew was the first apostle called by Jesus. He then brought Peter to Jesus.

Patron Saint of: Russia and Scotland

Feast Day: November 30





Jesus, help us to follow the example of Andrew by placing our trust in you. Help us to take responsibility for our actions. Amen.

Copyright © RCL Benziger. All rights reserved.

Take Home



Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

Mount Sinai Mount Sinai is part of the mountain range of Mount Horeb. It is sometimes called Mount Horeb. The Israelites believed that God dwelt on Sinai because Moses received the Ten Commandments from God there. During the Exodus from Egypt, the Israelites lived at the base of the mountain. In Galatians 4:21–27, Paul compares Mount Sinai to the Heavenly Jerusalem to show Jesus' fulfillment of the redemptive promise.

For an account of Moses' experience, you can read Exodus 20:1–17.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Film

The Spitfire Grill This 1996 film offers a moving story of forgiveness and reconciliation. A young woman, Percy Talbot, has no home to return to after serving prison time. The owner of *The Spitfire Grill* gives her housing in exchange for her services as a waitress. Percy touches the lives of many in the town. She forms a strong relationship with the owner and another woman. They share issues of sorrow, loss, and ultimately redemption.