

## Chapter 4 *God Calls You*

God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.  
*Romans 5:8*

### **To the Parents:**

In chapter 4 your child learned the following:

- To suggest ways that he or she can bring God's message of love to others
- To demonstrate how he or she can show love in everyday situations

Often we forget that God reaches out to us and calls us to intimacy with him. We can get bogged down in the big concepts—God's plan of salvation, the new covenant, Jesus' death and resurrection. We need periodic reminders that our God is the God of whom Jesus said not a sparrow falls to the ground without his knowledge—a God to whom we are worth much more than many sparrows.

God reaches out to catch us in midair. God is aware of your daily struggles, your fears and your dreams. In the experiences of each day, God extends an invitation to you. God calls you friend, waits for you to respond, and seeks you out when you are lost.

God's plan to bring you back to him is woven out of love. God's eternal love is stronger than sin or death. Whenever it is hard to remember that God's plan is about love, remember the image of the good shepherd bringing the lost sheep safely back to the flock. In that story you see how Jesus comes to bring *you* back to God with great rejoicing. Jesus wants to lead you to wholeness, perfection, and eternal joy.

### **With Your Child:**

1. With your family, think of individuals or groups who could use a message of love and care. Choose a creative way to deliver your message, such as e-mail, or a recording of yourselves singing.
2. God speaks through family members, too. This week, plan some ways to improve family communication. Set up a message center. Take time to listen to one another. Put notes in one another's lunch bags, backpacks, and briefcases.
3. Read about Saint Augustine on the Review and Explore page.