

Chapter 2 ***In God's Image***

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To the Parents:

In chapter 2 your child learned the following:

- God created human beings in God's image and likeness.
- Humans are free to choose God.
- God's people respond to God by acknowledging and sharing their gifts.

The message in the book of Genesis is clear. "God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good" *Genesis* 1:31. Each of us is fashioned in the image of God. We are the work of our Creator, and God loves us. All of creation is a sign of God's presence and love in the world. To show respect for creation and ourselves is to show respect for the Creator. The daily decisions and the life choices you make reflect the work of the Creator. What better way to show your love for God than by taking care of yourselves and by serving others?

God made you both good and free. You are free to make your own decisions, free to choose between right and wrong. It is not always easy to make good choices. Yet, you are called as Christians to reflect the image of God to others. As a child of God and faithful follower of Christ, you make a good choice when you decide to share your abilities and gifts with others.

With Your Child:

1. God gave everyone gifts. Use the gifts that God gave you to create something good for your family. For example, cook a meal as a family or make a birdhouse or bird feeder.
2. Write thank-you notes to people who use their God-given gifts to make your life and world better. These people can be members of your family or of your community.
3. Together read the story of Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro on the Review and Explore page.