

## Chapter 5                    *Reverence*

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!

*Deuteronomy 6:4*

### **For the Parents:**

In chapter 5 your child learned to:

- Identify ways to follow the first commandment
- Show reverence to all that relates to God
- Choose words and actions that put God first

Moses gave the Israelites the Great Commandment as he received it—to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. He then implored the Hebrew people to impress these words on their children, to speak to them at all times, and even to carve them on the doorposts of their homes. Today, upon arriving at the door of a Jewish neighbor, you may see these words hung on the doorpost or written on a plaque in the entryway. So important and significant are these words that they remain a part of the fabric of the Jewish heritage and our own. Yet, one may ask, what do these words really mean?

God commands us to have no other gods besides him. Yet, the business of one's life, the topsy turvy world in which we all live, can take our attention away from the one true God.

### **With Your Child:**

1. Write a pray with your family that will remind you to put God first. Put the prayer in a place where all can see it.
2. What are the objects in your home that remind you of God's love? How are they displayed? If you don't find very many, choose something and put it in a special place where it can be used for prayer and reflection.
3. Read about Saint Thomas More on the Review and Explore page.