

Chapter 13

Return to God

Return to me for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 44:22

For the Parents:

In chapter 13 your child learned to:

- Identify the prophets images of hope for new life
- Choose to share in the reconciling work of God
- Pray to the Holy Spirit for light and strength

The Exile and the Babylonian Captivity were enormous crises in the history of the People of Israel. These events called into question the promises God made to Abraham, Moses and to David. The Exile might have caused the breakdown of the community all together, were it not for the preaching of the prophets. It fell to the prophets to interpret these events as God's judgment upon the unfaithfulness of the kingdom of Judah, and it was through the prophets that God offered the people hope of a new future when they repented and returned to their God.

With Your Child:

1. God's spirit is alive in your family. Celebrate your lives at home!
Decorate your dining table with flowers or a plant. Invite family members to pray before each meal.
2. Read about Saint Philip Neri on the Review and Explore page.