

Chapter 9

Living in Love

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:15

For the Parents:

In Chapter 9 your child learned to:

- Imagine how good actions can lead to other good actions
- Figure out the first step to helping someone
- Recognize people who love as Jesus did

The ministry of Jesus—and of his disciples—was and is enormously demanding. The disciples, who accompanied Jesus through his public life, were pushed to the limit, and challenged to grow and change, but they continued to serve.

Much has been said and written about the role of the laity in the Church. While people quickly take to the notion of laypersons as catechists and liturgical ministers, they are less likely to embrace the call to be the Church in the world. This is not a once-in-week commitment. Jesus asks us to take up our crosses daily and follow him.

Christians are called to spin gold out of straw, to transform the most mundane activities of daily life into the riches of the kingdom of God. Jesus is asking you to love as he loved, to generously use the gifts of love ---forgiveness, energy, tenderness and compassion for others.

With Your Child:

1. As a family, talk about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Use these two questions to get the conversation started:
 - a. What is the best part of being a follower of Jesus?
 - b. When do you talk to Jesus?
2. Read about Saint Anthony on the Review and Explore page.