

## ***The Moral Mind of the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grader***



### ***How do children of this age think?***

Children at this age tend to be very black and white in the ways they think about behavior and moral choices. For your child, it is likely that things are either “good” or “bad” and there may be very little in between. So, this will be a good time to help them understand not only what NOT TO DO but what TO DO.

Helping our kids to make good moral choices is not only teaching them to be good social human beings; it is also teaching them that God’s will for us is perfect and true happiness comes when we obey God’s truths which we learn from the Bible as well as the teachings of the Church.

Children of this age start to become aware that when they sin, they need forgiveness.

### ***What can parents do to foster Christian Morality in children of this age?***

The way we forgive our children and others should mirror the love of Christ who forgives and calls each of us to accept and offer forgiveness.

Speak of our love as a reflection of God’s love.

Help our children to develop a strong conscience based on the teachings of Christ and his Church.

Help them to trust us by the way we listen and the way we observe and compliment good decisions they make.

Monitor their media consumption and help them see that the media may be leading them in directions that take them farther away from God.