

## Getting Ready for Chapter 7

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## The Commandments and the Beatitudes

Blessings introduce this chapter on the Beatitudes, or ways to find true happiness, from Matthew 5:3–10. Share some ideas at home about the blessings your family has received and the things that make you truly happy. Take some time this week to celebrate family members as blessings to each other.

### ACTIVITY

**Place Mats** Prepare place mats for the dinner table that show the unique gifts of family members. Have the children make them for parents and parents for children. Talk about these unique gifts at dinner.

### WEEKLY PLANNER

#### On Sunday

Listen to the Gospel reading. Talk about the meaning of this Sunday's Scriptures.

#### On the Web

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Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

#### Saint of The Week



**Saint Matthew**  
(first century)

Saint Matthew was an Apostle of Jesus and a Gospel writer. Matthew left his job as a tax collector and followed Jesus. Matthew wrote his account of Jesus' life for Jewish converts, teaching that Jesus is Lord and King, the Messiah.

**Patron Saint of:** accountants and bankers

**Feast Day:** September 21



**A Prayer for the Week**

Saint Matthew gave us a wonderful gift by writing one of the Gospels. Jesus, help us to read the Gospels with understanding and love. Teach us to follow you. Amen.

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### Scripture Background

#### In the Time of Jesus

**Horns of Hattin** In addition to teaching in the synagogues, Jesus often spoke to crowds gathered outdoors, particularly in Galilee. According to tradition, Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount from a hill called the Horns of Hattin. It was named for its two high peaks that resemble horns and for a nearby village. Located near Capernaum, the hill overlooks the Sea of Galilee and the Plain of Gennesaret. Today, the Horns of Hattin is also called the Mount of Beatitudes.

Read about Jesus' teaching of the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1–12.

## OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Social Justice

**CNEWA** The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) was founded in 1926 by Pope Pius XI to provide aid to people living in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India, and Eastern Europe. CNEWA ministers to families, the disabled, the homeless, the elderly, and those affected by war. It also works to strengthen Eastern Catholic Churches by building schools, churches, rectories, and convents and by sponsoring seminarians and religious brothers and sisters. To learn more about CNEWA, visit [www.cnewa.org](http://www.cnewa.org).