

# YEAR 5 - LESSON 3 - FAMILY GUIDE WK. 2



## FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

A FAMILY-FOCUSED APPROACH TO FAITH FORMATION

### CALLED TO LOVE: THE ADVENTURE OF LIFE IN CHRIST

**TOPIC: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE LIVE OUTSIDE OF GOD'S ORDER?**

#### FAMILY AT-HOME MISSION ACTIVITY

Out of love, God warned Adam not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, because if he did, eventually Adam would die. God didn't want Adam to die; He wanted him to live forever, which is why God also gave Adam the Tree of Life, from which he could eat and live forever. All Adam was asked to do was to trust that God loved him and was telling him what was truly best for him. This would mean that Adam was called to live as a child of God, by living the order of love that God had created to bring Adam happiness. This is the same choice God gives to each one of His children; we can choose to live as a child of God, living in God's order of love, which is God's will, or not to live as a child of God. It is our choice. Love must be a free choice for it to be real.

**Step 1:** As a family, together, watch the videos below:

- [Adam and Eve - Catholic Jr](#)
- [3MC - Episode 25 - What is Original Sin?](#)
- [The Meaning of the Eucharist in the Catholic Church](#)

**Step 2:** Every time we receive the Eucharist, we are giving thanks to God! Give each person in your family a piece of blank paper and encourage them to make a list of all the things for which he/she is thankful. Younger children can draw pictures.

**Step 3:** Gather around your home altar as a family and share your lists with each other. Then say a prayer thanking God for all the beautiful gifts He has given to your family!

**Step 4:** Bring your lists to the next *Families Forming Disciples* gathering!

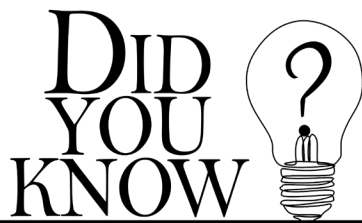
**Step 5:** Advent is around the corner! That means it is time to make your Family Advent Plan!

- Watch this video for ideas: [Prepare for CHRISTMAS & Advent ~ Starting now for a PEACEFUL & HOLY season!](#)

This video highlights that the Gospel of Luke has 24 chapters. Part of your family's Advent plan could be to read one chapter each day during Advent, and your family will have read the whole life of Jesus by Christmas!

- Consider is there a work of mercy either spiritual or corporal that your family can do together for someone else during this Advent season?  
See the links below for more ideas:  
[The Corporal Works of Mercy](#)  
[The Spritual Works of Mercy](#)

**Step 6:** Bring your Family Advent Plan to the next *Families Forming Disciples* gathering!



## Thanksgiving – A Way to Reorder Our Lives to God

We do not thank God because He needs our thanks. We thank Him because it is right and just to do so. We are nothing without the Lord. All that we are and all that we have is His. So, our acts of thanksgiving to God are important ways to restore the order of creation with respect to our Creator and to recognize and thank the Lord for all His goodness and mercy. It is important as a country to recognize God as the source of all good things (the blessing of our Thanksgiving holiday). Amazingly, God gives us Himself as our thanksgiving (the meaning of *Eucharist*) back to Him, which we are able to express and celebrate in the most powerful way at every Mass. In and through Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord, we are able to give the Father the thanksgiving He deserves and to receive from the Father the greatest gift of all—Jesus in the Eucharist, who is constantly drawing our lives back to the love of the Trinity. Thanks be to God!

