



FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

A FAMILY-FOCUSED APPROACH TO FAITH FORMATION

CALLED TO LOVE: THE ADVENTURE OF LIFE IN CHRIST

THE HOLY TRINITY

TOPICS: The Holy Trinity is Family, God is a Communion of Persons, God is Love, Heaven and Earth, The Gift of Creation and Angels & Fallen Angels.

GOALS

- Families will reflect on God's gift of creation to His children.
- Families will read from the Bible about the freewill and choices of the angels, as well as the war in Heaven.
- Families will reflect on angels, their various roles.
- Families will discuss their own guardian angels.
- Families will pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel.

MATERIALS

- **Ice-Breaker** - paper, sticky tape, pens
- St. Michael the Archangel coloring sheets ([Option 1](#), [Option 2](#))
- Crayons, colored pencils or markers
- [Closing Prayer Cards](#) to St. Michael the Archangel Cards & [additional Ideas](#)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
We entrust our family to You and ask for Your blessing and protection. We love You Lord Jesus with all our hearts and we ask that You help our family become more like the Holy Family. Help us to be kind, loving, and patient with one another. Give us all the grace we need to become saints and Your faithful disciples. Amen.

ICE BREAKER

SECRET IDENTITY

1. Everyone secretly writes down the name of a person in the bible or a saint on a small piece of paper or a "post-it" note. It has to be a famous person that everyone in the room would know about.
2. Then have them tape the name on the back of the person on their left.
3. Everyone goes around and asks people yes-or-no questions about who is on their back. They can only ask each person one question. The person who can do it in the least number of questions wins.

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REVIEW MAIN CONCEPT

Today, we will review the teaching that the Holy Trinity is Family, God is a Communion of Persons, God is Love, Heaven and Earth, The Gift of Creation and Angels & Fallen Angels.

HOOK/REVIEW

The last time we were together we talked about the Holy Trinity.

Ask: What do we believe about the Holy Trinity?

CONTENT

Answer:

- We believe that God is the Holy Trinity, which means He is three Persons in One God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Trinity is “Family”; a communion of Persons.
- God always existed. God is eternal. He has no beginning and will have no end.

Ask: Do you remember what St. Patrick used to explain the Holy Trinity?

Answer: A shamrock

Explain: We also said that the Holy Trinity is the first “Family” that ever existed! In fact, we read in the Bible that God Who is love, the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit who have eternally loved each other as Family – decided out of love to multiply and grow His larger family. So, God created us, human beings, in His own image and likeness, to love and be loved and to be His family! God knew His family would need a home. Genesis 1:1 tells us, “**In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth...**” He created the heavens and the earth as a gift for us, the perfect home for us His family.

Ask: When you hear the word “Heaven” what comes to mind?

(Take answers.)

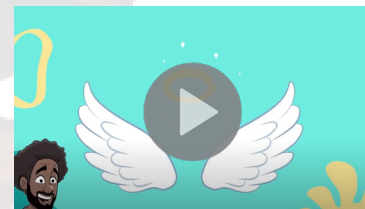
Ask: What do we call the spiritual creatures who live in Heaven and do not have physical bodies?

Answer: Angels

Watch: What are Angels? for Catholic kids (3:24 min)

Explain: Angels are immortal and possess great intelligence. They were created by God, and like us, He gave them freewill. In the Bible, the book of Revelation states that some of the angels that God had created used their freewill to choose to start a war in Heaven.

Read Revelation 12:7-9



Watch: St. Michael the Archangel - Homily for Kids
September 29, 2021 (5:46)



FAMILY CONVERSATION

1. Every person has a guardian angel. Do you ask your guardian angel for help?
2. Do you have a favorite story about an angel perhaps from the Bible, or from a saint?
3. The name Michael means, “Who is like God?” Michael asked the angels this question when he was trying to convince the other angels in Heaven to stay with God and not side with Lucifer. What are some qualities of God that makes Him different than anybody else?
4. With what would you ask St. Michael the Archangel to help you and your family?

CLOSING PRAYER

[Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel](#)



REMIND

Remind families about the next meeting date and time.

