



FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

A FAMILY-FOCUSED APPROACH TO FAITH FORMATION

CALENDAR FOR YEAR THREE (2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION): WHAT'S OUR STORY? – GOD'S WORD & OUR RESPONSE (PART II: NEW TESTAMENT)

Below is a calendar of topics for Families Forming Disciples - Year Three (lesson plans will cover 9 months or 27 weeks, 3 weeks/ month, in addition to an introductory session for parents). Parish catechetical leaders and catechists are free to use/adapt this approach and the lessons according to their parish vision, in consultation with their pastor. The calendar is subject to adjustment as lessons continue to be developed. Year 3 is focused on continuing the story of salvation history in the New Testament.



The overall goal of Families Forming Disciples is to help more families to pray and encounter Jesus together and to grow as disciples—therefore living who they are as the Domestic Church. For Year 3, a specific goal is to help families to continue growing in their knowledge and prayerful use of Sacred Scripture. Year 3 lessons will connect with various books of the New Testament, in addition to the Gospels, as they continue to engage the liturgical seasons. Key references from the Catechism of the Catholic Church are integrated, all the while helping families engage, pray with, and reverence the word of God in the Bible. Catechists are encouraged to keep the kerygma (the proclamation of the saving message of the Good News--Jesus' saving Passion, Death, and Resurrection) and the Person of Jesus Christ ever before them. Lessons will regularly connect with Jesus, who is the Word and heart of Scripture. Helpful references for catechists on the kerygma and on Sacred Scripture are found in Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium*: nos. 164-165 and 174-175.

August

Welcome Session for Families

Introduce Topic: NT & Walking with Jesus and Mary through the Mysteries of the Rosary
Blessing of Family Bibles & Home Altar (for new families)

September

The Annunciation

The Visitation

The Nativity

October

The Presentation in the Temple

The Finding in the Temple



November

The Baptism in the Jordan

The Wedding at Cana

December

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

January

The Transfiguration

February

The Institution of the Eucharist

The Agony in the Garden

March

The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning with Thorns

The Carrying of the Cross

The Crucifixion

April

The Resurrection

The Ascension to Heaven

May

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption of Mary

The Coronation of Mary

