

YEAR 5 - LESSON 8 - FAMILY GUIDE WK. 2



FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

A FAMILY-FOCUSED APPROACH TO FAITH FORMATION

CALLED TO LOVE: THE ADVENTURE OF LIFE IN CHRIST

TOPIC: Living in the Holy Spirit

THE GREAT COMMISSION, LIVING THE EASTER SEASON & CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Main Concept: After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers and spent time with them for 40 days. During this time, Jesus was strengthening their faith and teaching them about God the Father's love for them and for all His children. Then at the end of the 40 days, just as He was ready to ascend into Heaven, Jesus gave his Apostles the Great Commission!

“The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus gave His power and authority to the Apostles and through them to the Church. Like the first Apostles, we are called to make disciples, teach everyone about the love of God, bring others to receive baptism and observe God the Father's laws of divine love!

Jesus tells us in *Matthew 7:12*, *“Do unto others, whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets.”* This is one of the laws of divine love that we are called to observe, which is why it is God's will for all families to learn and live Catholic Social Teaching.

Your Family At-Home Mission is to:

Step 1: Review [The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching for Children](#) handout that you received at the Week 1 gathering.

Step 2: As a family, together, watch the videos about the Incarnation.

- [Social Teaching | Catholic Central](#)
- [Two feet missionary disciples](#)
- Check out Catholic Relief Services [Youtube Channel](#)

Step 3: Pray together as a family and ask God how He is calling you to live the Easter Season and spread the love of Jesus. Be prepared to share your plan at the Week 3 gathering.

Step 4: Gather around your home altar and pray the Life & Dignity of the Human Person Prayer (see below).

Step 5: Lastly, please complete the [Families Forming Disciples Family Survey](#).

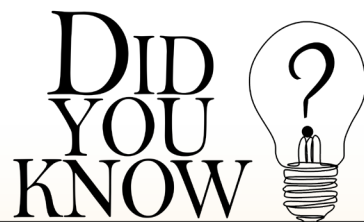
Life & Dignity of the Human Person Prayer

God of all life,

Help us to appreciate the great gift that is human life formed in Your image, a reflection of your holiness. Help us to recognize You in all whom You have created: children not yet born, families affected by poverty and war, people of different abilities, people from other lands, and all who are victims of hatred and racism.

Help us to bear witness to the dignity of all whom You have created, regardless of stage of life, or wealth, or ability, or color, or creed, for every person is fully equal in Your loving eyes. Share with us Your holy knowledge that we are all Your children, each bestowed with inherent dignity. May Your justice reign forever!

Amen



Where did the Church's Social Doctrine come from?

In reality, all of the Church's doctrine is "social" in that it communicates the truth about God and His Revelation to the entire human race, calling us all to be in communion *together* with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That's very social! However, Catholic Social Teaching as we understand it today originated especially with Pope Leo XIII's teaching in his encyclical letter *Rerum Novarum* on the dignity of work and rights of workers. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: "The social doctrine of the Church developed in the nineteenth century when the Gospel encountered modern industrial society with its new structures for the production of consumer goods, its new concept of society, the state and authority, and its new forms of labor and ownership. The development of the doctrine of the Church on economic and social matters attests the permanent value of the Church's teaching at the same time as it attests the true meaning of her Tradition, always living and active" (CCC, no. 2421).