

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



## FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

A FAMILY-FOCUSED APPROACH TO FAITH FORMATION

### LIFE OF CHRIST: THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

#### TOPICS:

- OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY.
- THIS MONTH WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT THE FOURTH AND FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY
- THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE AND THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

### FAMILY AT-HOME MISSION ACTIVITY

Your Family At-Home Mission is to review the resources below to learn more about the Presentation in the Temple and the Finding in the Temple. Gather around your home altar/prayer space, light your Jesus Is Our Light candle, pray a decade of the Rosary meditating on the Fourth Joyful Mystery, and prepare for All Souls Day.

**Step 1:** Remind your family: This is the month of the Rosary, so place your family rosary and/or your Jesus Is Our Light candle that you made at the Week 1 gathering on your home altar next to your family bible.

**Step 2:** Remind your family: On November 1st, All Saints Day, we celebrate and show God that we are grateful for the saints who are in Heaven and for all the help they give us.

**Step 3:** Watch one or all of the videos:

[Presentation in the Temple](#), Ignatius Press

For younger children: [Jesus in the Temple \(Luke 2\)](#) | Saddleback Kids

[Life After Life: The Catholic View of Heaven and Hell](#) | Catholic Central

[Jesus Teaches In His Father's House](#) | Superbook

[The Witnesses Trilogy: God With Us](#) | Full Movie

**Step 4:** Remind your family: On November 2nd, All Souls Day, we pray for our loved ones who have died as well as for all those who are in Purgatory, so they too can go to Heaven and finally be with God forever!

**Step 5:** Find a picture of a family member or friend of the family who has died that you would like us all to pray for during Week 3 and on All Soul's Day, or draw a picture of that person if you don't have a photo. Place the photo or picture on your home altar. (This can be the same person that you prayed for last year, or you can add another person as well.) \*Remember to bring the picture to the Week 3 gathering.



**Step 6:** Be ready to share about who the person is, and why he/she is important to your family. Also, did that special person have a favorite saint? Do you have a favorite saint? Why is he/she saint your favorite?

**Step 7:** Gather around your prayer altar as a family. Take a moment to be silent with God together, and say a prayer for your family member and for one another. Then end together by praying a decade of the Rosary meditating on the Presentation in the Temple or use the video below to pray the Joyful Mysteries.

The Rosary: [Joyful Mysteries](#) | Catholic Central

## DID YOU KNOW

Simeon's prayer when he sees the baby Jesus (Lk 2:29-32) is prayed every night (Night Prayer) by clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful who pray the Church's Liturgy of the Hours, a special prayer that marks the various moments of the day (e.g., morning, midday, evening, etc.). All of us are called to pray throughout the day, and the Church invites all the faithful to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (see CCC, nos. 1174-78).

The mystery of the Finding in the Temple, which will be covered in the next lesson, reveals important truths about Jesus' full divinity and full humanity (see Lk 2:49-52 and CCC, no. 534). Discuss this with your family.

