

YEAR 5 - LESSON 2 - FAMILY GUIDE WK. 2



FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

A FAMILY-FOCUSED APPROACH TO FAITH FORMATION

CALLED TO LOVE: THE ADVENTURE OF LIFE IN CHRIST

TOPIC: GOD CREATES ORDER AND HARMONY

FAMILY AT-HOME MISSION ACTIVITY

The Book of Genesis teaches us that “in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” in a beautiful and orderly way to make it fit for us to live in. God is a God of order, and God’s order brings us peace, joy and harmony. He knew His children would need order to live on the earth, to thrive, to be healthy and grow. In the Story of Creation, we see God creating order in the natural world as He was preparing the earth to become our home.

Step 1: As a family, together, watch one or more of the videos below:

- [Being Human | Catholic Central](#)
- [God Made People | God’s Story](#)
- [Adam and Eve in the Garden | Bible Story | LifeKids](#)

Step 2: This is the month of the Rosary, so place your family rosary on your home altar next to your family bible.

Step 3: 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.

Watch: [All Saints’ Day for Kids!! | DIY Catholic Saint Costumes & Stories](#) | what is a saint

Choose an activity from the video to do with your family or join another family and make it a special event!
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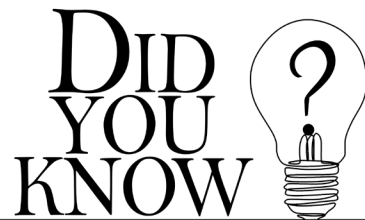
Choose a book about a favorite saint and read it together at dinner or before bedtime.

Step 4: 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 waiting for us to pray for them, so they too can go to Heaven and finally be with God forever! 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/prayer corner. (This can be the same person that you prayed for last year, or you can add as many people as you want.)

Bring the picture to the Week 3 gathering. Be ready to share about who the person is, and why he/she is important to your family.

Step 5: Gather in your prayer space/around your home altar as a family. Take a moment to be silent with God and say a prayer for your family member or family friend, and for one another. Then end by praying a decade of the Rosary.



The Importance of the Beginning (and the End)

In appreciating our vocation to holiness in Christ—the call and adventure to love as He loved us—the Church has always pointed us to the beginning and to our destination in the light of Christ. This is why the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that “catechesis on creation is of major importance” (CCC, no. 282). The big questions of where we come from and where we are going mark our lives, and Christ sheds light on both of those. The Catechism comments further: “These two questions, the first about the origin and the second about the end, are inseparable. They are decisive for the meaning and orientation of our life and actions” (CCC, no. 282). Returning again and again to Genesis—especially the first three chapters—is something the Church continues in faithfulness to the Lord’s own example: “Have you not read that from the beginning...” (see Mt 19:4).

