

KINGDOM OF GOD >>>

Over the next few weeks, your children will be learning about and reflecting on the theme of the Kingdom of God. God loves us and wants us to remain close to him forever. We are called to love others, and in doing so, we work together with God as he builds his Kingdom.

What is one thing you can do to spread the Good News of Jesus in a way that invites others to accept the Gospel?

What does God's Kingdom look like?

Scripture



Add a reading from **Acts 2:42–47** to your family prayer at mealtime or in the evening. Share something you know about being nourished through the Eucharist.



LET'S TALK >>>

- Discuss why eating with people we love is so important.
- Talk about how going to Mass helps you to be a better disciple.
- Brainstorm what actions you can take in your community to further the Reign of God.
- Share with your child what ways, as a family, you have shown solidarity by aiding those in need.
- Talk about loved ones who have passed away and what living forever with God means to you.
- Talk about people who bring peace or share God's love in their daily lives.
- Discuss some ways your family can share their time, talent, and treasure.

Share Parents, share how God nourishes you through the Sacraments, your family, prayer, art, and so on.

Expand Together, talk about ways your family can make a commitment to serve Jesus and foster the growth of the Kingdom through the use of your gifts and your personal vocations.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Catholics Believe

- At Mass, we gather to worship God by reading from the Bible, giving thanks, and receiving Holy Communion.
- Jesus shares His Body and Blood with us in the Eucharist.
- The Eucharist is a sign of joy and of what Heaven will be like.
- Justice, love, and peace are signs of God's Kingdom.
- Catholics work here and now with God to help his Kingdom continue to grow.

- The Church's mission is to share Jesus' love and to announce the Good News of the Kingdom of God.
- All members of the Church share in her mission.
- We can use our time, talent, and treasure to worship God, help others know about him, and encourage one another.
- The Church is a sign of the Kingdom of God.
- The Communion of Saints includes all holy persons, both living and dead, who are united in the Eucharist.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #610, 759, 763, 849-852, 946-948, 1329-1333, 1346-1347, 2044-2046, 2818, 2831-2832, 2304 at usccb.org.

DISCUSS YOUR GIFTS >>>

Family Discussion

At the end of our family session, your family members committed to using gifts to work together with God as he builds his Kingdom.

Discuss the following questions:

- What are our gifts?
- What are some ways we can use those gifts to cooperate with God as he builds his Kingdom? How can we do this individually? As a family?
- How can we help our parish be a parish that gathers and sends?
- How do we share our time, talents, and treasure?

Make a list of your gifts (discussed at the Family + Faith session) and post it somewhere visible to everyone in the family. After one week, discuss how the challenge went. How did it feel to use your gifts to spread the Good News and to show charity, mercy, or compassion? How can we make “using our gifts” a habit?

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, thank you for the many gifts with which you have blessed us. May we use these gifts to honor your Kingdom.

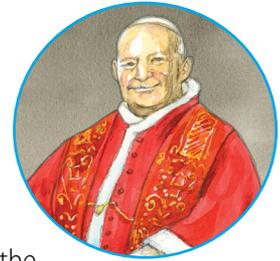
PEOPLE OF FAITH >>>

Pope Saint John XXIII

(Angelo Roncalli),

1881-1963

October 11



Our person of faith this month is Pope Saint John XXIII. Pope John XXIII was the son of a poor Italian farmer. He liked to call himself “the peasant.” Like Jesus, he used stories from nature to teach people about God’s love. He loved to make people laugh. Even after he was the Pope, he liked to talk with people. Pope John XXIII loved to tell stories about God’s love.

Name How do I share God’s love?

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IN THE HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY >>>

Throughout Scripture and Church Tradition, we are reminded that we are one human family. As Mother Teresa said, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten we belong to each other."

Scripture tells us in Ephesians 4:1–6 that we are one body, united in faith. We are called to love, called to mission, and called to work together with God as he builds his Kingdom.

In your family, how do you show love? In your community, how do you show charity? How do you share the Good News of Jesus Christ?

"... live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

—Ephesians 4:1–6



Use this customizable form to type in (or write) important parish information: Mass times, prayers, stewardship and service opportunities, and ministry events. This is a great tool for encouraging families to get involved in parish life.

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