

REVELATION >>>

Over the next few weeks, your children will be learning about and reflecting on the theme of Revelation. As they grow in their understanding, you, too, will be invited to deepen your own faith and strengthen the Catholic identity of your family.

How God reveals himself to us.

Where we can look for and find God in our lives?

Scripture



Add a reading from **Psalms 139** to your family prayer at mealtime or in the evening. Share something about the wonder and awe you have felt in God's presence and in his creation, most especially your children.

Catholics Believe

- God wants us to know him, to be in relationship with him, to grow closer to him.
- God reveals himself to us through creation, in a unique way in Word in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, and most especially through his Son, Jesus Christ.
- We also come to know God through the many personal and communal experiences we have.
- As we continue to respond to God in faith, we grow in a deeper and more intimate relationship with him.
- Continued study, prayer, and reflection with Scripture help us to understand and apply God's word to our lives.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #49-97, 131-141, 150-158, 356-360, 781-786, 1691-1698, and 2558 at usccb.org.

LET'S TALK >>>

As a family, share your answers to the following:

- Name two things you learned about God and people today.
- Describe ways God makes himself known to us in our daily lives.
- How can we be more aware of God in our lives?
- How can we show our faithfulness or loyalty to God and in our relationships with each other?
- What are some ways we can connect with Sacred Scripture in our parish community and at home?

Share Parents, share a story with your child about someone who taught you about God.

Expand Together, name others who teach your family about God—in your family, your neighborhood, and parish.

Make a commitment to each other to look for God everywhere this month, and to share your discoveries.



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

SACRED PRAYER SPACE >>>

How to Plan a Place for Prayer at Home

To get started, discuss these questions together as a family:

- Where will this space be? Is there a comfortable, quiet place in your home where you could locate your prayer space?
- What items will you include in your prayer space?
- Why did you choose these items? What special meaning do they hold for your family?
- When will you gather at this space as a family?

Consider including in your Prayer Space:

- Bible
- crucifix or cross
- statues or pictures of the Holy Family, Mary, Jesus, or Saints
- rosary
- holy water font
- candles
- flowers (to signify creation)
- books of wisdom or inspiration written by Saints or people of faith



LET'S PRAY >>>



God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, please bless this family, this home, and this prayer space. We gather together, as a family, in your name to pray and celebrate the love you bring to our lives. Amen.

PEOPLE OF FAITH >>>

Saint Francis of Assisi,
1181-1226
October 4



Saint Francis is a wonderful witness of the faith. He is someone who recognized God in creation and who was a good steward of creation.

Saint Francis chose a life of poverty and charity, and many parishes celebrate his feast day with a pet blessing in honor of his love of animals. He taught us to help the poor, and to respect and revere all of creation and our Creator.

Name How do you show respect and reverence for creation? For our Creator?

Aa

Think Our Holy Father took the name Pope Francis because of the qualities Saint Francis represents. What do you know about Pope Francis that helps you understand why he took this name?

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Discuss Can you name some examples of Pope Francis showing his love of the poor? His love of creation and our Creator?

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Learn more about Saint Francis at aliveinchrist.osv.com.

IN THE HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY >>>

Our faith tradition teaches us that the family is the domestic Church. It is here, within the bonds of family, that your children learn how to live their faith. By your example and spiritual practices, your children will model their own faith lives. Our bishops (USCCB) tell us that even in the most ordinary aspects of our lives, from household chores to caring for a sick child to resolving conflicts, “are the threads from which you can weave a pattern of holiness.”

Children first learn about God and the Church through the family, and then the community. When they see us come together as a parish community, they learn what it means to be a part of the faith family.

Parents give witness to the faith when they take an active role in the life of the parish by participating in the Sunday liturgy, the Sacraments, community prayer, and parish outreach.

Family members give witness to each other and to the greater community when they serve those who are in need.

Please commit to participating in the parish. It will enrich your faith life, as well as the spiritual development of your children.

“The ministry of evangelization carried out by Christian parents is original and irreplaceable.”

—*Lumen Gentium*, 53



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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