

Family + Faith, Unit 7: Kingdom of God Session

[slide 1] Opening Slide to be customized with local details

I. Invite

[slide 2] Begin the session with a warm welcome and provide the theme (Welcome matters, especially for an online session). Let parents/grandparents/guardians/children...the whole **Domestic Church** know that God loves them and how very welcome and appreciated they are.

- Welcome Domestic Church
- Theme – **Kingdom of God** (remind participants that each unit in the student books covers a theme and each unit has three chapters.) The information presented today will serve as a briefing on the theme for parents as they work with their children on the three chapters. We will experience an example of each of the three-step catechetical process. (see slide 2 notes)
 - » [slides 3 & 4] Short description of the Kingdom of God theme. (Read slides 3 & 4).
 - » [slide 5] Officially open the session with the **Invite** (1st step in the *Alive in Christ* three-step catechetical process, **Invite – Discover – Live**). Read explanation of Lectio Divina in notes.
 - » [slide 6] Show the prayer center set up on a table. Suggest that they set up a prayer center with their children.
 - » **(Student Book Note)** Let participants know that the Invite step is always on the first page of the chapter in their children's book.
 - » [slide 7] SAY: *I invite you to settle in your chair, take a few deep breathes, close your eyes, or to just be still; open your minds and your hearts to what God is saying to you in this passage. What is it that speaks to you? What one word or phrase stands out? Why might God be offering that word or phrase to you?*
 - » [slides 8 & 9]] Proclaim the passage (2 slides), then pause for 5 seconds or so and then ask the questions on the next slide [slide 10] Invite families to take a moment to think and discuss the questions and then write down the word or phrase in their **Family + Faith Journal**. Ask for a volunteer or two to share why that word or phrase has meaning to them. In case there are no volunteers, be prepared with your own word or phrase so you can model the process for the group.

- » **[slide 11]** SAY: *In every chapter our children hear the Word of God, reflect on it, and open their hearts and minds to how God is speaking to them in this reading of Scripture. This reflection process is based on an ancient form of prayer called **Lectio Divina**. In it, we read / hear the Word of God, listen carefully, and reflect on what God is saying to us.* (read slide 11 notes)

II. Discover – Catholics Believe

- » **[slide 12]** SAY: *The Discover Step helps form Catholic Identity through the study of Scripture, knowledge of Church teaching, and an understanding of Catholic practices.*
- » **[slide 13]** Read slide then read notes that explain about the early Christian community celebrated together.
- » **[slide 14]** Read slide then read notes that show how similar our Sunday celebration is to the early Christian celebrations.
- » **[slide 15]** Read slide.
- » **[slide 16]** Read slide then read the slide 16 notes.
- » **[slide 17–22]** Read slides.
- » **[slide 23]** Read slide then ask families to have a discussion using the questions on the slide. Ask them to write their answers in their **Family + Faith Journal**. Ask for 1 or 2 volunteers to share with the group a few answers...or maybe a few questions.
- » **[slide 24]** Read both columns and then read slide 24 notes.
- » **[slide 25]** Read slide then the slide 25 notes.

III. Live

- » **[slide 26]** Read slide describing the Live Step, then read the slide 26 notes.
- » **[slide 27]** Show slide and let families choose one of the talking points. (time permitting, ask if anyone would like to share a comment or question). Remind parents to complete the “Let’s Talk” exercise when they receive the Family + Faith Parent Pages via email.
- » **[slide 28]** Read slide describing the Family + Faith Parent Pages.
- » **[slide 29]** Review Key Features of the Family + Faith Parent Page 1.
- » **[slide 30]** Review Key Features of the Family + Faith Parent Page 2.
- » **[slide 31]** Review Key Features of the Family + Faith Parent Page 3.
- » **[slide 32]** Read slide, play 40 Acts of Compassion video, then read slide 32 notes
- » **[slide 33]** Remind families that the Family + Faith Parent Pages will be emailed to them. Make announcements and read notes.

- » **[slides 34]** SAY: *Let us conclude today's session with this prayer of thanksgiving.*
- » Let parents know that **Important Prayers** can be found in the back of their child's book in the Our Catholic Tradition Faith Basics Section.