

### Family + Faith, Unit 1: Revelation Session

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

#### I. Invite

Begin the session with a warm welcome and provide the theme (Welcome matters, especially for an online session). Suggest that each family get a notebook to use as a family journal. Let parents/grandparents/guardians/children...the whole **Domestic Church** know that God loves them and how very welcome and appreciated they are. (more information to follow regarding the Domestic Church) [slide 2]

- Welcome Domestic Church
- Theme – **Revelation** (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)
  - » [slide 3] Officially open the session with the **Invite** (1<sup>st</sup> step in the *Alive in Christ* three-step catechetical process, **Invite – Discover – Live**). Show [slide 4] with the prayer center set up on a table. Suggest that they set up a prayer center with their children. (more information to follow on the prayer center)
  - » **(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 5] 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 6, 7, & 8] Proclaim the passage, pause for 5 seconds or so and the ask the questions on next slide [slide 9]
  - » [slide 10] 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.*

## II. Discover – Catholics Believe

- » [slide 11] SAY: *The Discover Step helps form Catholic Identity through the study of Scripture, knowledge of Church teaching, and an understanding of Catholic practices.*
- » In this unit, we learn that: God wants us to know him, to be in relationship with him, and to grow closer to him.
- » [slide 12] Ask: How and when does God communicate with us?
- » Read [slide 13]
- » [slide 14] Ask families to discuss the question and write down (in their **Family + Faith Journals**) words or phrases that explain/describe Revelation. Ask for some responses from the group. Once you've had a few responses, click through the list on the slide, Stop and SAY: *A revelation is something that truly gets your attention (reveal picture of the baby) BUT YOU HAVE TO BE PAYING ATTENTION, just as we need to be paying attention to Divine Revelation.*
- » [slides 15 & 16] Click through and read
- » [slides 17 & 18] Click, say nothing for 15 seconds then do the same for slide 18
- » [slides 19 & 20] Read 19 then click through to slide 20, say nothing for 15 seconds
- » [slides 21 & 22] Read 21 then click on God's Creation on Slide 22 (video–3:58)
- » [slide 22] Suggest families plan a nature walk to carefully look for signs of God's Creation
- » [slides 24 & 25] Read these slides
- » [slide 26] Ask participants to discuss and write down answers in their **Family + Faith Journals**. Assure them they don't need to go deep here, sharing specific experiences, unless they feel led by the Spirit to do so. Allow a few minutes. Ask if anyone would like to share an answer.
- » [slides 27 & 28] Read these slides and the notes.
- » [slide 29] Conclude Discover by reading slide and notes.

## III. Live

- » [slides 30 & 31] Read slides and notes
- » [slides 32, 33, & 34] Review the contents of the Family + Faith Parent Pages
- » [slide 35] Review announcements on slide then read the Notes
- » [slide 36] Close the session with prayer. 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.