

First Grade: Lesson 19

Family is Important

Lesson Objective:

This lesson helps children to see that families are a part of God's plan and that faith-filled families help us grow in our faith.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Identify members of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - and recognize them as models for our families.
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- Tell how families pray together (CCC 2205).
- Identify the members of their extended families.
- Identify that the community of God includes our families, the class, the church, and the outside community.

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bibles, pencils, crayons,
- Copies: Beginning of class coloring page, Family Mini-Book Project

As Students Enter Class:

- Consider having a coloring page ready, such as the one linked below.
- [Families Are Forever Coloring Page](#) or [The Holy Family Coloring Page](#)

Beginning of Class:

- Gather around your prayer space and model a prayer of thanksgiving for members in your family; offer up prayers for family members in need or who are sick. Encourage students to share in a similar fashion.

Lesson Order	Implementation Idea
<p data-bbox="203 237 467 273">Lesson 19 Video</p>	<p data-bbox="634 237 1084 273">This video is 3:15 in length.</p> <p data-bbox="634 315 1386 388">Highlights: The pictures in the background will help students understand the content.</p> <p data-bbox="634 430 1406 699">Last week we learned how to stay in friendship with God and others by making good moral decisions. Today we are going to talk about the Holy Family. We know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and Joseph was His earthly father. The three of them make up the Holy Family. The Holy Family are models for our families.</p> <p data-bbox="634 741 1422 1010">Stop and discuss how the Holy Family is a role model for our families. Guide students with their understanding of what a role model is. Just like they need to listen to their parents, Jesus had to listen to Mary and Joseph and do what they told Him to do. They prayed together and ate together.</p>
<p data-bbox="203 1087 581 1161">Families, The Domestic Church</p> <p data-bbox="203 1245 604 1822">This video is a bit above the first-grade level. However, the pictures of families will help them with the main idea: Families are the Domestic Church, and each family has gifts to share with the community and the world. As members of a family, we need to also help our families with their faith journey.</p>	<p data-bbox="634 1087 1365 1123">This video is 4:14 in length but ends at 3:42.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1165 1398 1329">Highlights: A priest is walking into Mass and says, "This is the universal Church." A mom is putting food on the table and says, "This is the domestic Church."</p> <div data-bbox="639 1375 1416 1545"> <p data-bbox="646 1381 1398 1476">The family is the domestic church...the home is the Church in miniature.</p> <p data-bbox="1015 1501 1247 1535">~ St. John Paul II</p> </div> <p data-bbox="634 1549 1252 1585">Cornerstones of the Domestic Church:</p> <ol data-bbox="686 1633 1390 1797" style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Family life is sacred. 2) Family life is Holy. 3) Families have a unique ministry. 4) Families are an evangelizing community.

	<p>1) Imagine that when you are in your home, you behave like you are at Church. How would you speak to each other? How do you spend time together? Examples: Share a meal, share stories, play games, read, and talk about different things.</p> <p>2) The activities you do inside and outside the home are holy. How might this change what you do or how you act?</p> <p>3) Every person in your family brings to the world different gifts. These gifts serve God and others in special ways.</p> <p>STOP AND DISCUSS: What are your gifts? What are you good at that you can share with God and others?</p> <p>4) Families can evangelize: We are all called at Baptism to nurture faith at home so we can go out to the community and evangelize. How can your family fulfill its calling, be the Church in the world?</p>
The Holy Family Song	<p>This Christine in Action Video is 1:39 in length.</p> <p>Encourage students to stand up and try the sign language that Christine is doing.</p>
Family Mini-Book Project	<p>This activity has 14 pages, and you will want to look it over to decide which pages you will need for your students. You will not need all of them.</p> <p>This will also require some assembly prior to class.</p>
Closing Prayer	<p>Gather around your prayer space and pray the Our Father.</p>