

Kindergarten: Lesson 16
FAMILIES ARE IMPORTANT

Lesson Objective:

This lesson helps children understand that the human family is the first place where they learn about God. It is important to help children understand the role of friends and family in helping them live like saints.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Identify that the community of God includes our families, the class, the church, and the outside community.
- Recognize that we learn about God from the people who love us.
- Identify family members and their roles.
- Identify members of the Holy Family and recognize them as models for our families.
- Recognize that we are all brothers and sisters in God's family (CCC 2232, 2233).

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons
- Copies: Domestic Church Coloring Sheet (optional), Draw a picture of your community activity, Draw a picture of your Church activity, Color a Picture of the Holy Family

As Students Enter Class:

- Have the linked coloring sheet available for students to color while they wait for class to begin.
- [Domestic Church Coloring Sheet](#)



Opening Prayer:

- Invite students around your prayer space and pray a traditional Catholic prayer you have been working on.

| Lesson Order | Implementation Ideas |
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| Lesson 16 Video | <p data-bbox="643 233 1089 275">This video is 1:44 in length.</p> <p data-bbox="643 310 1414 541">Highlights: In our last session we learned about the Rosary, a beautiful devotion we pray to Mary, the mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. Joseph was Jesus’s father here in Earth. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are called the Holy Family.</p> <p data-bbox="643 583 1414 737">The community of God includes our families, the church, and all the people of the world. God has made each person and each person in a family has special roles.</p> <p data-bbox="643 779 1357 926">Stop and video for a moment and have a discussion with the children: What do your parents do for your family? Your brothers or sisters? Grandparents?</p> <p data-bbox="643 968 1398 1388">Video resumes: Parents buy and prepare your food. They help you learn how to read and do your homework. Maybe your dad helps you learn a sport and ride your bike. Families show God’s love to each other and to others they meet. Families come in all sizes, shapes, and colors. Some families have many children and are big. Others are small. Regardless of size, your family is the first place you have learned about God. Each person in a family has special gifts and talents.</p> <p data-bbox="643 1430 1406 1619">We can then say that each person in a community, such as our Church community, has special gifts and talents, too! When each of us in a community live like God, the world becomes a better place.</p> <p data-bbox="643 1703 1406 1850">Note: You can have students do the activity first – which is to draw a picture of your family. Or you can do all the activities after the video. Please see description below.</p> |

A Catholic Family: The Domestic Church

This video is a bit above the kindergarten 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.

This video is 4:14 in length but ends at 3:42.

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."



Cornerstones of the Domestic Church:

- 1) Family life is sacred.
- 2) Family life is Holy.
- 3) Families have a unique ministry.
- 4) Families are an evangelizing community.

- 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.
- 2) The activities you do inside and outside the home are holy. How might this change what you do or how you act?
- 3) Every person in your family brings to the world different gifts. These gifts serve God and others in special ways.

STOP AND DISCUSS: What are your gifts? What are you good at that you can share with God and others?

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?

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| Draw a Picture of your Community | Encourage students to draw a picture of their Church Community. Help them label words, such as church, priest, etc... |
| Draw a Picture of your Family | Encourage students to draw a picture of their family and explain verbally why they are important to them and how family helps them grow in their faith. |
| Color a picture of the Holy Family | Students can label and color this picture. |
| Closing Prayer | Gather around your prayer space and pray a traditional Catholic prayer you have been working on. |