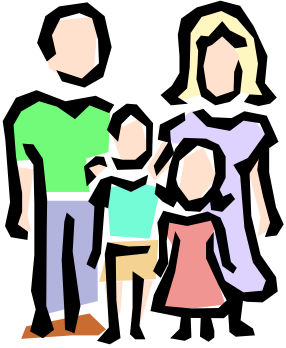


1st Grade



Who are the members of your family and what role do they play?

Every member of the family has an important part to play to create value and respect of each other.

How is our family at home like our Church family?

Home Family

- † There is a head of the family, usually parents
- † We pray together
- † We have meals together
- † We work together doing our jobs to keep the home in order
- † We play together

Church Family

- † God is the head of the family
- † We pray together at Mass
- † We share the Eucharist
- † We use our Time, Talent and Treasure to support our church
- † We have Summerfest and other fun activities

Jesus' family:

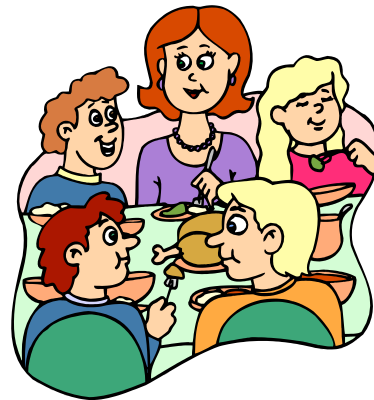
God is His father

St. Joseph is His human adopted-father

Mary is Jesus' mother

St. Anne is Jesus' grandmother
(Mary's mom)

St. Joachim is His grandfather
(Mary's dad)



We need to teach appreciation and tolerance for different family structures. God's family includes people of all races, languages and abilities.

**Baptism makes us members
of God's family:**

God made us to be with Him. Being baptized makes us members of God's family. Jesus was baptized to be an example to us.

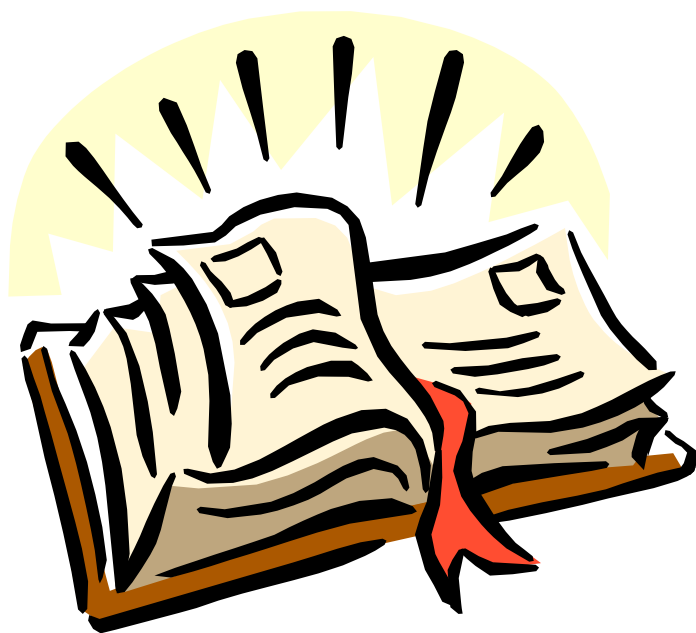
Be sure that the children know there are two parts to the Bible:

The Old Testament –

Before Jesus was born

The New Testament –

begins with the story of Jesus' birth



Bible Stories to read:

Luke 1:39-56

The Visitation

Luke 2:15-20

Visit of the Shepherds

Luke 2:22-38

Presentation

Matthew 2:13-18

Flight into Egypt

Matthew 2:19-23

from Egypt to Nazareth

Luke 2:41-52

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of Jesus



The Resurrection Story: Children should be able to retell the Easter story, recognizing how Jesus showed His love for us by His death and resurrection.

Jesus loved us so much that he died on the cross. He had to die for us so that we could become freed from sin.

Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday! That's why we celebrate Easter. When Jesus rose from the dead, it showed us that God brings new life to those who believe in Him.

How did the Catholic Church begin?

Jesus is God's son. He is both God and man in one person. Jesus showed us how to live our lives the way His Father (God) wants us to.

The Catholic Church was started by Jesus! We follow the teachings that Jesus and His father (God) gave us.

Before Jesus died, he said that His disciple (follower, friend) Peter would lead the church when He was gone. (Matthew 16:18) That makes Peter the Catholic Church's first Pope.



PRAYERS

Prayer Before Meals

*Bless us Oh Lord, and these your gifts, which
We are about to receive, from your
bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*



Prayer After Meals

*We give You thanks, almighty God, for all Thy
benefits, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.*

The Lords Prayer (Our Father)

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our
daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*



Glory Be

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the
beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.*



Hail Mary

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord
is with thee! Blessed art thou
among women, and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray
for us sinners, now, and at the
hour of our death. Amen*