

## Faith Formation Home Activities

As you know, we only meet once a month but that doesn't give you the rest of the month off. I thought it would be fantastic to start a family journal and I am going to give you some items to hopefully work on and then we can discuss at the beginning of the next group session.

\*\* Each month you will receive the Four Faith Practices for Faith Formation and they will have some of the information for the activities for you to complete as a family at home.

1. There is a blank face portrait on a piece of paper you are going to go home with. Our younger kids, can just color it or they can make it into a self-portrait. Our older kids can not only color it and make it into a self-portrait, but surrounding the picture I would like you to think of some more gifts and talents you see in yourself that you are proud of, some things that you wish to work on to make yourself even better, and perhaps a gift and talent you see in your family or someone you look up to. Once each of you have done this, bring them back to your family gathering spot perhaps where your newly decorated faith formation placemat is in your home and talk to each other about them. Were there any surprises? How did doing this make you feel?

2. I thought how nice it would be to start a family journal and answer some faith family discussion questions. This is the composition book, feel free to decorate it as well and please bring back each month.

a. What kinds of treasures are tangible? What is tangible? What are your tangible treasures? Do you have enough of them? Is it possible to have too much? Jesus tells us to prepare for treasures NOT tangible. What is a treasure you cannot see? Why are these important?

b. What would Jesus be doing today if he lived in our world? How would he be fulfilling one of the roles we learned about tonight? What do you think Jesus would think of our world today, all of the advances we have, the technology etc?

c. What gift and talent are you going to share with someone before we meet again? How did it make you feel?

d. What are you most grateful for and why and what are you least grateful for and why?

3. "I am" statements. Tonight, we made our own I am statements, I would like you to know work as a family and develop some "We are" statements that describe your family that can work on building on each month as we move through our faith year. These can be added to your family journal.

4. Luminaries-November 1st is All Souls Day followed by All Souls Day. I am going to send you all home with a luminary bag, if you can please decorate it with someone you wish to remember or a special intention for someone who is sick or struggling and return to the church by November 1st. We will use them decorate the altar for the first 3 weeks of November

Week 3

October 18th Virtual Story time 7pm. This month guest will be Kelly H. The link will be the one on the church home page for Virtual rosary service.

Week 4- (Technically all the weeks) Family Mass 10:30am on 10/30