

WALKING by FAITH

Grade K / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 10 THE HOLY FAMILY

Objectives

- Understand that Jesus lived in our world.
- Recognize the relationship between Jesus and his earthly family.
- Understand that Jesus grew up in a family just as we do.
- Understand the human nature of Jesus.

Step 1: *We Are Invited* (Life Experience), page 51

Every child knows what a family is, regardless of his or her family's size or configuration. Ask your child to name the people he or she would include in a drawing of your family.

Invite your child to look at the picture of **The Holy Family** on page 51 as you pray aloud the opening **Prayer**.

Talk about Mary, Joseph, and Jesus as members of the Holy Family. (Note the chapter title.) Remind your child that Mary is the mother of Jesus, and Joseph, her husband, is the foster father of Jesus. Recall with your child that God is Jesus' Father in heaven. Explain that God chose Joseph to be Mary's husband and to help care for Jesus.

Have your child use picture clues to guess what kind of work Joseph did. Explain that Joseph probably taught Jesus how to work with wood, too. Ask: What kinds of things has your family taught you?

Read aloud the **Scripture Signpost**. Ask: Who is "he" in this sentence from the Bible? (Jesus)

Step 2: *We Explore* (Doctrine), page 52

Ask your child to name the members of the Holy Family. Be sure he or she understands that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived here on earth many hundreds of years ago.

Then point out the **Activity** on page 52; read the heading: **My Family**. Have your child draw your family, including any pets the family may have.

Read aloud **Catholics Believe**. Tell your child that by setting an example, Jesus showed all of us how to lead a good life. Encourage your child to explain how he or she can be a good son or daughter.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 53

Tell your child that your family is as important to you as Jesus' family was to him.

To focus on the daily life of the family, have your child describe each picture on page 53 (**What Families Do**) and tell what the family members are doing. Then ask the following questions:

- Where does our family pray?
- What kind of fun do we share as a family?
- What kind of work does our family do together?
- How does our family show that we love each other?
- Do you remember a special time when our family ate together? Why was it special?

Tell your child that praying, eating, working, loving, and playing together are important for every family to share. Explain that long, long ago, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph took part in all of these same family activities, in much the same way as families do today.

Step 4: We Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 54

Have your child identify each member of the Holy Family in the **We Are Family** finger puppets on this page. Then help your child cut out and assemble both the finger puppets and the stage. Have your child tell you about the Holy Family by using the finger puppets and stage. Be sure to tell your child how happy you are to have him or her in your family.

Close the lesson by praying together the closing **Prayer** found on this page.

For additional activities contact your director of religious education or teacher regarding *Reproducible Activities*, pages 30–32.