

Family Faith at Home



Make Sunday Come Alive All Week!

The Department of Youth Faith Formation wants to help you and your whole family explore God's Word in your lives. Each week we will be sending out this resource which can help you reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings with your entire family.

Here are some ideas on how to use this resource:

- Consider reading one of the mass readings each evening.
- Do the discussion questions after dinner one night.
- Watch the video on a different night.
- Pray the prayer each evening.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Readings:

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4

1 John 4: 7-10

John 15: 9-17

Readings can also be found at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Discuss

After reading the Sunday readings, discuss as a family:

1. The word *catholic* means "universal." How do the words of St. Peter in the first reading help us to understand that the Church is "catholic?"
2. "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." How did the Holy Spirit act with the Gentiles? How does the Holy Spirit help us to understand what it means that the Church is "catholic?"
3. The second reading and the Gospel story talk about the Law of Love. Jesus tells us if you keep the Law of Love, you keep all of the commandments. The Law of Love calls us to love God and to love others. How did God the Father show us His love?

Share

God's love is self-sacrificing and forgiving. God's love is joyful and calls us to obey His Law for our own good. On this Mother's Day, think of how a mother's love is like God's love? Think of your mother, grandmother, Godmother or anyone who has acted as a mother to you. Is a Mother's love self-sacrificing? Forgiving? How does obedience to our mother's guidance and rules lead us to joy and well-being?

May is the month of our Blessed Mother. Do you think Jesus appreciated the love of his Mother, Mary? How is Mary's love for us like God's love for us?

Watch

For families with younger children watch this video on [Unconditional Love.](#)

For everyone, watch this video on [Why Jesus made Mary our Mother.](#)



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Pray

Pray for all mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers and those women who have shown you a mother's love:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and honor and for all others who act as a mother to us, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

For adoptive mothers and for women who wish to become mothers, that they know your care, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Do

Use one of these ideas to show your mom or mother figure how much appreciate her:

- Cut beautiful, colorful pictures from magazines and create a booklet that shows how much you love her
- Make a pack home-made coupons that she can redeem any time she wishes. They can have ideas like: For example: today I will do the supper dishes; tonight I will set the table for dinner; today I will tidy up my room without being asked.
- Give you mom flowers—either pick them, draw them, or use your allowance to buy them.
- Call your grandmother and/or Godmother to tell her you are thinking of her this week.

