

Home Activity for Parents – Discussion Questions

Dear Parent,

We presented to your child the first lesson in our *Circle of Grace* program.

Below is a list of the key concepts being taught in this lesson:

1. **Grace**: The gift of God's goodness and love to help me live as his child.
2. **Children of God**: All people are made by and loved by God.
3. **Holy**: Special because of a connection with God.
4. **Holy Spirit**: God is present with and within me in a special way. The Holy Spirit helps me to remember that I belong to God. The Holy Spirit helps me to experience and live God's love.
5. **Respect**: Being kind to others and doing what's best for myself and others because I honor all people as Children of God.
6. **Circle of Grace**: The love and goodness of God which always surrounds us.
7. **Symbol**: A picture or object that stands for something else.
8. **Treasured**: We are so unique and precious that we could not be replaced in God's eyes.

It is important for you as parents and guardians to reinforce these concepts at your home with your child. A good time for these conversations might be:

- In the car
- Dinner time
- Bed time
- Homework time

The first lesson discusses the precious things and people we encounter in our daily lives. Below are several questions to help with the discussion.

- Ask your child what are five of his/her most precious items.
- Discuss with your child how precious he/she is to the family.
- Discuss that he/she is even more precious to God. We are so precious in God's eyes that HE encircles us in HIS *Circle of Grace*. It is a holy place!
- Ask your child what would not belong in their *Circle of Grace* (such as behaviors, words, ideas, objects, etc.).

Thank you for your support of the *Circle of Grace* program. It is essential and very much appreciated as we strive to provide the safest possible environment for our children. If you have questions please call the school or religious education office.