



ST. MARY + ST. MICHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

NEWMARKET - EXETER | NEW HAMPSHIRE

ELEMENTARY FAMILY FORMATION RESOURCES: September 2021

FAMILY PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of creation. We ask that you fill us with zeal for the outdoors and conviction to care for all creation. May we live as St. Francis did, recognizing the dignity of animals, the beauty of nature and call on brother sun and sister moon. We lift up our prayers as we pray the prayer St. Francis gave us: The Canticle of the Sun.

<https://catholiccurrent.org/prayers/st-franciss-canticle-of-the-sun/>

LOYOLA PRESS CONTENT FOR SEPTEMBER FAMILY FORMATION

In your child's book, please see Unit One: Session One and Two

Saints

Kindergarten – St. Francis of Assisi
1st - St. Francis of Assisi
2nd - St. Isidore the Farmer

3rd - St. Ignatius of Loyola
4th - St. Teresa of Avila
5th - St. Augustine

Review Session One

Kindergarten – God Creates the World
1st - God Makes Everything
2nd - God Creates Us
3rd - Created to be Happy
4th - God Creates the World
5th - God Creates Us

Complete Session Two

Kindergarten – God Creates People
1st - God Cares for Us
2nd - God Gives Us Jesus
3rd - Created to be Together
4th - Our Father in Heaven
5th - God Saves Us

SESSION ONE AND TWO INTERACTIVE REVIEW: Loyola Press Website

Visit this [family resource page](https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/parents-and-students/) and choose your child's grade:

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Then complete session one and two Interactive Review and Fishers of Faith.

Select Grade/Resource

Kindergarten

[Grade 1](#)

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Grade 6

Grade 7

Grade 8

Unit 1

Session	Games
→ Session 1	Interactive Session Review
→ Session 2	Interactive Session Review
Session 3	Interactive Session Review
Session 4	Interactive Session Review
Session 5	Interactive Session Review
→ Unit 1 Review	Fishers of Faith



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ADDITIONAL VIDEO RESOURCES:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SgxkkAeAkk>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0-dsrQKspo>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Care for Creation

Catholic social teaching insists we are stewards of creation. In partnership with God the Creator, we have been entrusted to care for creation. We must care for the planet and the people who live on it, as an act of faith. We have an obligation to make wise, not wasteful or harmful ecological choices. When we make poor choices in regards to our environment we are not only harming humans but plants, animals, waterways and ecological resources needed to survive. God's love for us is evident in the beauty of creation. Three takeaways are: we are obligated to care for creation, as Pope Francis stated, "each creature has its own purpose" and our ecological choices have a direct impact on our natural environment.

- What is included in creation?
- What does it mean to have dominion?
- What does it mean to care? What do you care about?
- Do you do a good job caring for God's creation?
- What is one simple thing you can do to care for God's creation?

How can you live this out at home?

- Take a walk with your family (in your neighborhood, at a park, or local school) and pick up trash. Be careful of sharp or dangerous items.
- Make a list of ways that your family can help care for creation. Choose 1 or 2 to do this week.
- Look in a mirror. Thank God for your life, for this world, and for the people you love. You are beautifully made in His image!!!