



Hello All PREP Families!

 **Please remember to read the materials in the parent/family folder you were given.** The Family Letter will give you a basic list of what your children should have in their bags.

ALL *GRADES! This week: Chapter 1 and Family Craft

Attached are the Unit 1 lesson links for each grade.

**Additional grade-specific emails will come out later this week.*

 **The Family Craft (3D John 14:6 Stand-Up Craft Kit) is located in your family folder. There are parts in the clear bag as well as some separate red glittery lettering. Put this craft together as a family...include everyone! Place this in your home where you frequently gather as a family and where you will see it often.**

 Our text publisher, Loyola Press, has put together the following 12-minute video to assist you with doing faith formation at home with your children. The goal of this video is to simplify things for you and empower you to have some special family time with our Lord.

 **If you didn't get a chance to watch this video sent previously, please take 12 minutes to watch it now!**

 **Watch the video here from Loyola Press!**
<https://youtu.be/ynbdzHEXPo8>

Here are the links to a number of resources mentioned in the video to assist parents:

- [3-Minute Retreats](#)
- [Sunday Connection](#)
- [Christ Our Life curriculum and resources](#)
- [Parent Quick-Guide for Families with Multiple Children in Different Grades \(Christ Our Life\)](#)
- [Pop-Up Catechesis](#)
- [Wanderlight: A Pilgrim's Adventure](#)

□ **On the last Friday of each month you will receive a link (one per grade level) Each grade's link will contain one open-ended questions regarding what they have been learning in their lessons. These are for the children to respond, but they will certainly benefit from your input and discussion. The younger ones may certainly need your help typing. The links will be through Google Forms and will be sent to all emails listed on your registration form.**

***All information regarding Sacraments will be sent through separate emails.**

Peace be with you,

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Sunday, September 13, 2020



Gospel Reading

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Family Connection

Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life. Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity.

Invite your family to consider some recent times when family members sought the forgiveness of another. Ask if there were any statements made that put conditions on our forgiveness such as "I will play this game with you if you apologize for knocking over my blocks" or "I will accept your apology after you clean up your room." Do we

sometimes “keep count” or put conditions on our forgiveness of one another? This is something we may be doing without realizing it.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35. Ask if we sometimes find ourselves sounding like Peter, concerning ourselves with quantity of forgiveness rather than offering forgiveness abundantly and unconditionally. Reflect upon the parable that Jesus tells. What does the servant do that makes the king so angry? He refuses to forgive his fellow servant the debt that he owes. Because we have all received God's forgiveness, God expects that we will also be forgiving toward others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question is found at the end of the parable. The number of times that we forgive one another is less important than the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart.

Conclude in prayer together that God's love and forgiveness is evident in your family life. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 103, or the Lord's Prayer.