VIDEO 1
Pre-Evangelization

Essential Questions

1. What do you desire in your life right now?
2. Where is your focus? Is there anything distracting you from connecting with the Lord?
3. What are your dreams for your family? What are your hopes for your child(ren)?

Discussion Prompts

1. What philosophies dictate our culture today?
2. Do you find it surprising that a Catholic video series discusses the second law of thermodynamics?
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3. What role does science play in your understanding of God?

Task

Spend some time asking the Lord to stir desire in your heart.

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VIDEO 2
The Culture of Noise

**Essential Questions**
1. Who do you listen to more: Constable TOOOP or God?
2. Where and how can you create silence for your family?
3. Describe the noise in your family’s life?

**Discussion Prompts**
Read passage 1 KINGS 19, then answer these questions:

1. What aspects of this passage reflect your life?
2. Sit in silence for three to five minutes. How do you feel?
3. What happens to your mind and heart when you unplug from technology and set aside your to-do list?

**Task**
Find a few moments of silence each day as if your life depended on it ... because it does.

Paradise: A Video Series For Parents

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1 Kings 19 (English Standard Version)

ELIJAH FLEES JEZEBEL
Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” 3 Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” 5 And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” 6 And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. 7 And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” 8 And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

THE LORD SPEAKS TO ELIJAH
9 There came to him a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 10 He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” 11 And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. 13 And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 14 He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” 15 And the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. 17 And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

THE CALL OF ELIJAH
19 So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. 20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” 21 And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.
VIDEO 3
The Church is Our Family

Essential Questions
1. Who do you relate to in the history of the Covenant? In what way? If you do not relate to anyone, why not?
2. How would you define your relationship to the Church family?
3. When and how have you taken great leaps of faith?

Discussion Prompts
1. Through Baptism, we are made children of God. What rights and responsibilities do we have as children of God?
2. What are your gifts and talents? How do you share those gifts and talents throughout the world?
3. How can you better serve the church? How can the church better serve you?

Task
Make a list of the gifts God has given you. Reflect on how you can share these gifts with the Church and the world.

Covenant
“The marriage covenant, by which a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love, has been founded and endowed with its own special laws by the Creator.”

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1660

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Essential Questions
1. How do the sacraments help us join the fight?
2. What “roots” are you planting for your children?
3. How have you coped with suffering?

Discussion Prompts
1. How does our culture view suffering?
2. How do you see beauty in suffering?
3. How should Christians use suffering to join the battle as warriors?

Task
Remind yourself of the battle each morning and ask God to help you do your part each day.

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”
~ Ephesians 6:11
Essential Questions

1. Who are the witnesses in your life?
2. Who within your parish do you serve?
3. How can your family be a witness?

Discussion Prompts

1. Why is living in the present moment a requirement of the Christian life?
2. How often do you dedicate your mind, body and spirit to live in the present moment?
3. How can you fight the chaos in your life?

Task

Read Matthew 5 and memorize the beatitudes.

Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words.

~ Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

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1. Open and honest communication.

2. Understanding where someone is coming from no matter their level of experience or education.

3. Practicing forgiveness when people made mistakes.

4. Being a leader who serves the people reporting to you with integrity and love.

5. Praying together with fellow Christians in the workplace, as well as healing people who ask to be healed (or helped) with their life situations.

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VIDEO 6
The Purpose of Life

Essential Questions
1. What is your definition of love?
2. Is love a feeling or a choice?
3. What is the connection between love and prayer?

Discussion Prompts
1. Is “true” marriage possible today?
2. As Catholics, what are the most difficult discussions regarding marriage?
3. How can you witness the way marriage was intended to be in your personal relationship(s)?

Task
1. Embrace agape love and accept vulnerability by giving 100 percent and asking 100 percent toward your relationship.

“At the moment of his Baptism, the Christian is pledged to lead his affective life in chastity.”

– Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2348

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"Married people are called to live conjugal chastity."
- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2349

"Those who are engaged to marry are called to live chastity in continence. They should see in this time of testing a discovery of mutual respect, an apprenticeship in fidelity, and the hope of receiving one another from God. They should reserve for marriage the expressions of affection that belong to married love. They will help each other grow in chastity."
- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2350

"Fornication is carnal union between an unmarried man and an unmarried woman. It is gravely contrary to the dignity of persons and of human sexuality which is naturally ordered to the good of spouses and the generation and education of children. Moreover, it is a grave scandal when there is corruption of the young."
- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2353

"Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection."
- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2359

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VIDEO 7
Parents as Primary Catechists

Essential Questions
1. If your family was put on trial, would there be enough evidence to convict it of being Catholic?
2. What evidence would be found in your home to support your conviction of being Catholic?
3. How often do you read the bible with your spouse, children and/or loved ones?

Discussion Prompts
1. How do you respond to the idea that personal growth is required to build a better family?
2. How similar is your definition of freedom to the Church’s definition of freedom?
3. How do the The Opinions Of Other People (aka Constable TOOOP) contradict your family’s freedom?

Task
1. Pray to the Holy Spirit to help guide you and your family throughout the rest of your lives.

five tasks for the FAMILY
1. Eat together
2. Pray together
3. Manage the media
4. Give house chores, jobs and work to the children
5. Celebrate the Faith together

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Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgement, and self-mastery – the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the “material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them.”

– Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2223

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