



Family Rosary Curriculum (FRC)

Catechetical Evangelization - Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation



Week 11 - The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Parents - Instructions: Before beginning this lesson, please take a few minutes together as a couple, or by yourself, to read and reflect on the “Scripture Reading” and “Discussion Questions”. Next, read the Scripture passage and the lesson to/with your child(ren). Then, as a family, discuss a few of the questions. Parents, please be sure to share *your* answers, thoughts, and questions with your child(ren) as well. It’s ok to not know everything about our faith. Your parish leadership is happy to help you find answers.

Scripture Reading: [Luke 2:41-52](#)

Virtue/Fruit: Piety

By turning your eyes on God in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with God.
Begin all your prayers in the presence of God. ~ St. Francis De Sales

Theme: Listening to the Word of God

Parents - Read to/with Child(ren):

In Jesus’ time, it was the custom for each Jewish family to come to the Temple in Jerusalem and offer sacrifice to God. When Jesus was 12 years old, he and his parents Mary and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem from Nazareth. After celebrating the Passover, Mary and Joseph were on their way back to Nazareth, traveling with a large group of people. Jesus was not with the group, when Mary and Joseph realized he wasn’t there they went back to Jerusalem to find him. They found him in the Temple asking questions and talking with the teachers.

When they found Jesus, Mary asked him where he had been. He answered by saying, “Did you not know I must be in my Father’s house?”. Jesus is telling Mary and Joseph that the most important thing in this world is to be with God. God is so great, he is the one that created everything, whenever we have the chance we should be spending time with him. We should always put God first in our lives. God deserves a very special kind of respect. We call that respect “piety”.

When we go to Mass, we stop before going into the pew and genuflect. Genuflecting is when we stop and touch our knee to the ground, and make the sign of the cross. Just like people bow to a king or queen, to show respect. When we genuflect we are showing piety, respect for God, the King of kings. Another form of piety is to be quiet when we are in the Church. When we are in Church we are in God’s house, and we always want to be respectful in God’s house.

Jesus was only 12 when he stayed behind in the Temple to spend time with God the Father, to pray, and to learn. Even as children we can grow closer to God and learn by spending time with him.

Discussion Questions (to help start the family conversation)

Young Child(ren) (& 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Students)

1. What are some ways, in our family, we show respect for God?
2. What is your favorite part of going to Church?

Older Child(ren) (& Confirmation Students)

1. Do we give enough time to God each day/week?



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2. What is your favorite way to pray?

Prayer: Each day this week, as a family, please pray the **Our Father**. Also one day this week pray one **Decade of the Rosary** reflecting on the mystery of the Finding of Our Lord in the Temple.

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