

Lesson 3 - Families Teach Love

Grade 3 – Chapter 3

KEY CONCEPT

Mary is a special member of God's family and the greatest Saint. The family home is called the 'domestic Church'.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Engage the children constantly. They may resist, but in truth they yearn for this.

-Understand that they might be quiet during these sessions and this is natural. They are concerned about what "others will think" but they are truly searching for intimacy and depth. This is offered in the Faith and it is our job to teach them about these answers.

-Be patient with responses. They might not flow in right away but keep persistent in wanting engagement out of them.

-Don't lose hope that you aren't getting through to them. Continue to push forward and speaking the Truth.

-Remember what Theodore Roosevelt wrote: "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity – Dot to dot or coloring sheet

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

- **Our Father**
- Use this poem after the opening prayer, before you tell the children that families are from God.
 - Read aloud the poem and ask the children to think of their own families. Give them time to respond with their thoughts.
 - After having the children tell what they have learned about family, transition back to the lesson instruction.
- A Family
- I have a brother who likes to read,
And a sister who makes me laugh,
And a mom who gives me what I need,
And a cousin who is six and a half.
- I have an aunt who visits during the year,
And a dad who comes to see me play,
And a grandmother who calls me dear,
And friends who come to my house for the day.
I have a family who loves and takes care of me.
- **Discuss how we fit in the Church family.**
- **Ask What do you wonder questions.**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

A Model for our Families

- **Read the paragraphs**
- **Review Catholic Faith words. Can put them on index cards or just review.**

God's Word

- **Read scripture and ask the children the questions – What does the Scripture tell us about how Mary and Elizabeth felt? And - How did Mary and Elizabeth show that they were caring family members?**

The Greatest Mother

- **Read paragraph**
- **Do the Prayer Puzzle activity**

The Church of the Home

- **Read paragraphs and talk about how this works in their families.**
- **Ask: Which family members teach them safety rules and how to do chores?**
- **What is something you have learned about the Catholic Church from your family?**
- **Talk about what the domestic church is.**

Communities of Love

- **Introduce children to the Rosary. (Refer to the sheet)**
- **Can remind them they received rosaries last year for their 1st Communion.**
- **Use Rosaries in the prayer box and say a decade.**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Talk about respect**
- **Read paragraph**
- **Review respect chart. Talk about other examples they can for respecting God and others and write it on the white board.**
- **Do Quick tip that also gives examples of respect.**

People of Faith

- **Talk about Blessed Luigi Beltrame Quattrocchi and Blessed Maria Corsini**

Activity

- **Break into small groups and have the kids do the Live Your Faith section.**

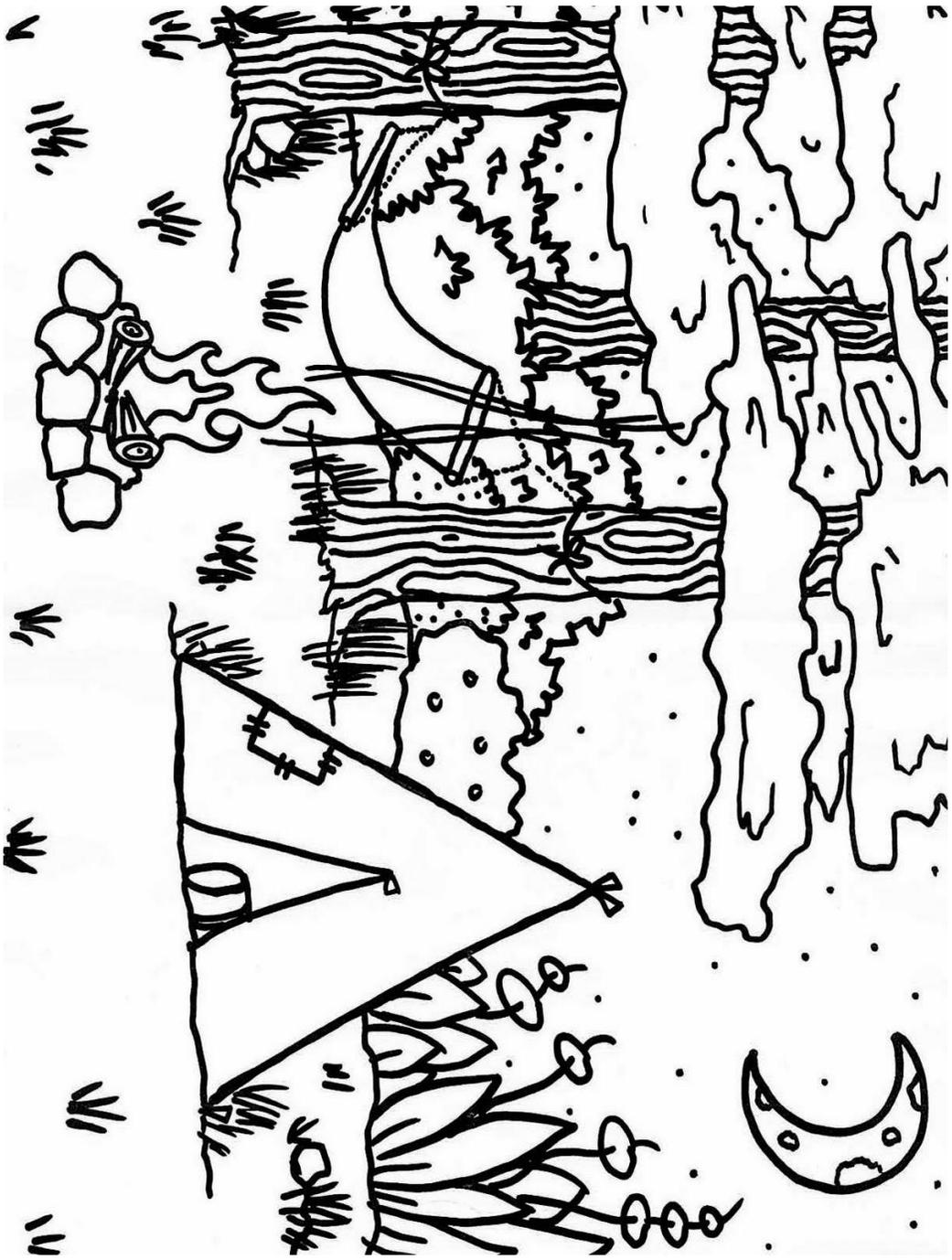
Take Homes:

- **Family + Faith**
- **Chapter and Unit Review**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Prayer of Petition (pg 80)



Name _____ Date _____

Prayer Puzzle

Use the words in the Word Bank to fill in the blanks of The Hail Mary. When you have finished, read the words in the darker outlined boxes going down. Those letters will spell a message.

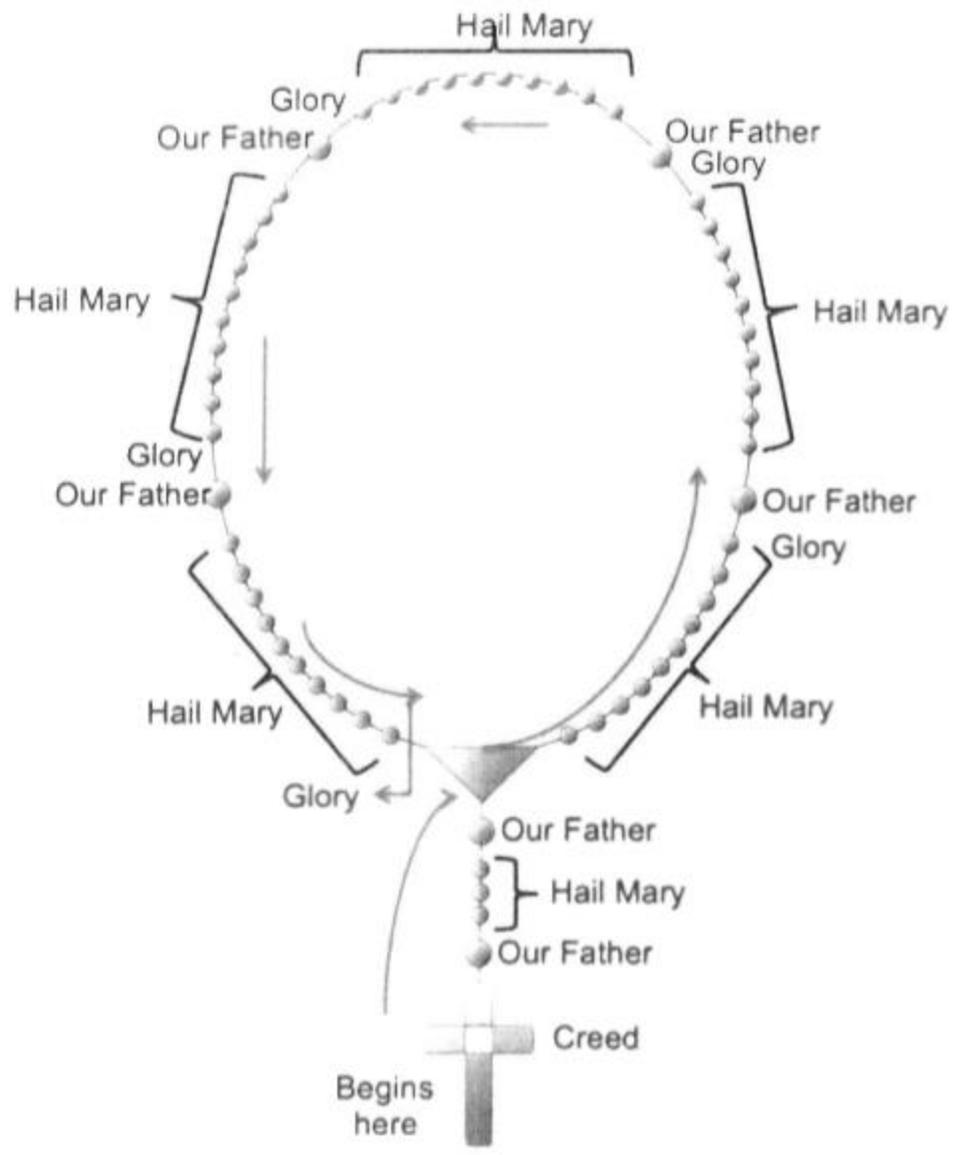
Word Bank			
among	Hail	death	now
womb	Lord	Mother	blessed

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_____ . Mary, full of grace,
 the _____ is with thee.
 Blessed art thou _____ women
 and _____ is the fruit
 of thy _____ . Jesus.
 Holy Mary, _____ of God,

 pray for us sinners, _____
 and at the hour of our _____ . Amen.

Message:



A Special Friend

Name _____

Connect the dots to find out whom God has sent to watch over you.



Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.