

FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

CREATION

**TOPICS: GOD'S COVENANT WITH ADAM
JESUS IS OUR MEDIATOR/HIGH PRIEST**

GOAL(S):

- Explore the Second Story of Creation
- Learn about our responsibility for caring for creation
- Prepare for All Saints and All Souls Days

MATERIALS

- Rosary for Children pamphlets/booklets
- Rosaries
- Bibles

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
We entrust our family to You and ask for Your blessing and protection. We love You Lord Jesus with all our hearts and we ask that You help our family become more like the Holy Family. Help us to be kind, loving, and patient with one another. Give us all the grace we need to become saints and Your faithful disciples.
Amen.

ICE BREAKER

Which of God's creations do you enjoy the most?
Do you prefer the beach or the mountains?
What kinds of natural settings or activities do you like, fishing, camping, picnicking, boating, bird watching, etc.?



REVIEW MAIN CONCEPT

Today we will talk about how God made a covenant with Adam, Adam was the High Priest of the Garden of Eden, and that Jesus is our High Priest.

CONTENT

Invite families to follow along in their bibles as you read: Genesis 2:4-7

Ask: From what materials did God make man's body? (Answer: water & soil or clay)

Ask: Read verse 7 to yourself. How did man become a living being? (God blew the *breath of life* into his nostrils)

Ask: What do you think the term *breath of life* means? (Answer: soul or spirit)

Read: Genesis 2:8-9

Ask: How many trees were in the center of the Garden of Eden and what were they called? (Answer: 2 trees, the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil)

Explain: Because God was there, the Garden of Eden was like a temple or a church. Adam was the High Priest of the Garden who was responsible for caring and cultivating it. In the center of the garden was the most sacred, life-giving tree. As long as Adam and Eve avoided eating of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and only ate of the Tree of Life and the other trees in the garden, they would live a happy life with God.

The middle of the garden was a holy place, and our churches are built in the same way, except Jesus is our High Priest. In many Catholic churches, the tabernacle is in the center of the sanctuary, or in a special place, because it holds the holiest and the most sacred, life-giving gift—Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Jesus told us, *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.* (John 6:54)

Read: Genesis 2:15-17

Ask: What did God and Adam agree on, or promise to each other in this passage? (Answer: Adam would cultivate and care for the garden. He would not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. In return, God said Adam could eat from any of the other trees and He gave Adam a beautiful home, where he and God would dwell together.)

CONTENT CONTINUED

Read: Genesis 2:18-25

Ask: What did God use to make the wild animals and birds? (Answer: ground)

Ask: What did God use to make the woman? (Answer: the rib of the man)

Ask: Why do you think God created woman from the man's rib and not from the ground like the man and all the animals?

Answer/Explain:

God is showing the union of the man and woman as truly becoming one flesh. They have been united by God Himself and perfectly complement one another.

God creates woman not from the ground, but from a higher creation, from the man himself (from his rib, virtually from his heart). In doing this, God reveals the great dignity that woman has, as well as her equal dignity with the man. She, with the man, will cooperate with God to bring new life into the world. Ultimately, a woman, Mary, will cooperate with God to bring Jesus into the world to redeem it.

Watch: For younger children (2 min)

Catechism - Adam and Eve

by Catholic Online School



FAMILY SHARING

When God gave dominion over all the creatures to man, it meant that they belonged to the man. However, dominion comes with the responsibility to care for them.

Question: Whom are you responsible for and how do you care for them?

- First model by answering the questions and sharing from your life experiences
- Small Group Family sharing
- Allow for Large Group sharing

CONTENT CONTINUED

Liturgical Calendar: On November 1st, All Saints Day, we celebrate and show God that we are grateful for the saints who are in Heaven and for all the help they give us.

On November 2nd, All Souls Day, we pray for our loved ones who have died as well as for all those who are in Purgatory waiting for us to pray for them, so they too can go to Heaven and finally be with God forever!

FAMILY SHARING

Ask each family to show the photo/picture and tell about the loved one(s) that they will be praying for during All Souls Day which is celebrated on November 2nd.

CONTENT CONTINUED

Our loved ones who have died may be in Heaven with God, but since we can't know that for certain, we will pray for them just to be sure they have all the help and love we can give to them. If they are in Heaven, Mary will use the grace from our prayers to help a poor soul in Purgatory who has no one to pray for him/her because God never wastes anything!

PRAY

Since October is the month of the Holy Rosary, use the [*Rosary for Children*](#) pamphlets/booklets to lead families in one decade of the Rosary together for their loved ones who have died and for one another.



REMINDE

Remind families about the next meeting date and time.

