

YEAR 2 - LESSON 9 - FAMILY GUIDE WK. 2

FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES



TOPIC: MARY AND ISRAEL

Materials:

- Candle for home altar prayer
- Mary statue or your Annunciation Prayer Craft
- [The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
- [Families Forming Disciples family survey](#)

FAMILY AT-HOME MISSION ACTIVITY

Your Family At-Home Mission is to review the resources below, share about your *Living-the-Easter-Season Family Plan*, watch the videos to learn about Mary, the Ark of the Covenant, pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and complete the Families Forming Disciples Family Survey (if you haven't already).

Step 1: Since we are still in the Easter Season, be prepared to share about how your *Living-the-Easter-Season Family Plan* is going. Which activities are your favorite so far and why?

Step 2: Together as a family watch the videos about Mary, the Ark of the Covenant.

[Mary in the Bible!!! Ark of the New Covenant!](#) 10:48



[The Rosary; A Special Way to Pray](#)
Brother Francis on FORMED



Step 3: Place a Mary statue or your Annunciation Prayer Craft and a candle on your home altar and together pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Step 4: Please complete the short [Families Forming Disciples family survey](#) (if you haven't already).

DID YOU KNOW?



Pentecost

Pentecost is the celebration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, the Apostles, and some other disciples. Pentecost Sunday is the 50th and last day of the Easter season, coming after the celebration of the Lord Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. Pentecost is when the Church is first manifest to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. To this day, the Church continues to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit, as each of us is called to do. Here, we have the beautiful example of Mary, who relied on the Holy Spirit from the beginning, conceiving Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit and praying with the Apostles for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (see Acts 1:14 and 2:1-4). May we ask her intercession for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, families, and parishes.

Difference between Solemnity and Feast Day

As Catholics, we have much to celebrate, because the Lord has been so good to us! We have special holy days honoring saints and even more special days honoring Mary and Joseph and most especially God and the mysteries of our Lord Jesus' life and saving work. Some of these holy days are called feast days in a particular sense. For instance, days honoring the Apostles are called "feast days." A "solemnity," on the other hand, is the highest of feast days. Christmas and Easter rise above the rest, with Easter being the greatest of all solemnities. It's also important to remember that every Sunday is a solemnity—a feast honoring the Resurrection of our Lord. Sundays and some other solemnities are "holy days of obligation," meaning that they are days when every Catholic is called to celebrate by worshiping the Lord in Holy Mass. Next time we're tempted to interpret the word "obligation" negatively, think of what we're being obligated to do: to celebrate and to feast, first by giving our good, good Father in Heaven the worship, praise, and thanks He deserves.

