YEAR 2 - LESSON 2 - FAMILY GUIDE WK. 2

FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

CREATION

TOPICS: OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY PREPARING FOR ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

FAMILY AT-HOME MISSION ACTIVITY

<u>Step 1:</u> Remind your family: This is the month of the Rosary, so place your family rosary and/or picture or statue of Mary on your home altar next to your family bible

<u>Step 2:</u> Remind your family: 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.

<u>Step 3:</u> Watch one or both of the videos:

- For younger children: <u>The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima</u> | The Saints and Heroes Collection (This is the story of three children who became saints)
- For teens and tweens: <u>Saints by Catholic Central</u>

<u>Step 4:</u> Remind your family: 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, so they too can go to Heaven and finally be with God forever!

<u>Step 5</u>: Find a picture of a family member or friend of the family who has died that you would like us all to pray for during Week 3 and on All Soul's Day, or draw a picture of that person if you don't have a photo. Place the photo or picture on your home altar. (This can be the same person that you prayed for last year, or you can add another person as well.)

<u>Step 6:</u> Be ready to share about who the person is, and why he/she is important to your family. Also, did that special person have a favorite saint? Do you have a favorite saint? Why is that saint your favorite?

<u>Step 7:</u> Family Dinner Conversation Question: In Genesis it says that God rested on the seventh day. What types of things does your family do on Sundays that help everyone to think about God, keep the day holy and rest?

<u>Step 8</u>: Gather around your prayer altar as a family. Take a moment to be silent with God together, and say a prayer for your family member and for one another. Then end together by praying a decade of the Rosary.

<u>Step 9:</u> To prepare for Week 3's gathering:

- Read the Second Story of Creation from Genesis 2:4-25.
- Bring your bible and a picture of your loved one to the gathering.

