



Gathered Family Sessions Scope & Sequence

SESSION & THEME	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
September Growing in Faith	Growing in Faith and Wisdom "Jesus Obeys His Parents" (Luke 2:46-52), CCB, p. 1582 - to consider what Scripture might say about growing in faith and wisdom - to experience family teamwork by completing a challenge of lost and found - to create a visual reminder of the importance of family support	God Is Our Shepherd "God Is Our Shepherd Who Cares for Us" (Psalm 23:1-6), CCB, p. 854 - to recognize God as a loving Shepherd who leads, protects, and provides for us - to connect the message of Psalm 23 with trust in God's guidance - to discover the joy of being part of God's flock and following Jesus	Jesus Welcomes Us! "Jesus Welcomes Children!" (Matthew 19:13-15), CCB, p. 1496 - to understand the meaning of the word welcome - to connect the meaning of welcome with the love and acceptance of Jesus - to discover the joy of welcoming others into our lives
October All Saints/All Souls	Friends Forever "Jesus Is the Source of Eternal Life" (John 4:11-14), CCB, p. 1662 - to celebrate the saints as our friends and faithful followers of Christ with God forever - to remember those who have gone before us in faith - to learn the difference between the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls	Love is Forever "Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love" (Romans 8:35, 37-39), CCB, p. 1780 - to recognize that nothing can separate us from God's love, not even death - to celebrate the saints as examples and friends - to prepare families to enter into the Feasts of All Saints and of All Souls with faith and hope	Our Forever Home "The New Jerusalem" (Revelation 21:1-4), CCB, p. 1968 - to recognize the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, as a picture of Heaven - to connect the concept of home with our forever home with God in Heaven - to trust that in following Jesus and his teachings, we will be home forever with God
November Getting Ready for Advent	Jesus Is Coming "Isaiah Promises That God Will Send a Special King" (Isaiah 9:6-7), CCB, p. 1102 - to understand the role of a prophet in the lives of God's people - to prepare to celebrate the season of Advent meaningfully - to encourage families to celebrate Advent at home	Jesus Is Our Peace "Isaiah Promises a Peaceful Kingdom" (Isaiah 11:6-9), CCB, p. 1106 - to explore Isaiah's vision of a peaceful kingdom and discover how Jesus fulfills this promise - to enter more deeply into the meaning of Advent as a season of hope, peace, and preparation - to invite families to bring the spirit of Advent into their homes	Get Ready for Jesus! "John the Baptist Prepares People for Jesus" (Mark 1:4-8), CCB, p. 1526 - to recognize that John the Baptist prepared people for Jesus - to connect the season of Advent with getting ready for Jesus at Christmas - to make practical family decisions to prepare for Jesus every day, in Holy Communion, and at Christmas

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December Christmas/ Holy Family	Jesus Is Born! "Shepherds Announce the Good News of Jesus' Birth" (Luke 2:8-11, 13), CCB, p. 1578 - to prepare to celebrate the Feast of Christmas - to understand Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Jesus - to continue the celebration of the Christmas season until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Our Savior Jesus "Jesus Says He Came to Save Us" (Luke 4:16-19, 21), CCB, p. 1586 - to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas - to recall that Jesus, born at Christmas, is our Savior - to carry the joy of Christmas throughout the whole season to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	The Kings Find a Treasure "Jesus' Birth Was Special" (Matthew 2:9-11), CCB, p. 1448 - to understand and appreciate the story of the Three Kings - to connect the gifts of the Kings with the mission of Jesus - to discover that the true treasure the Kings found was Jesus
January Baptism of the Lord	The Sacrament of Baptism "Every Baptized Person Is a Part of the Church" (1 Corinthians 12:14-18, 27), CCB, p. 1808 - to celebrate the meaning of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - to recall the different Baptisms within the family and others the families have witnessed - to share what it means to be part of the Church	Jesus Accepts His Mission "Jesus Obeys His Heavenly Father" (Matthew 3:13-17), CCB, p. 1452 - to recall the Baptism of Jesus as the beginning of his mission - to reflect on the meaning of our own Baptism and the promises that were made - to recognize the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives	We Are Born Again! "We Are Born Again through Baptism" (John 3:4-6), CCB, p. 1658 - to understand the Gospel meaning of "born again" - to realize that Baptism is the sacrament through which we are born again of water and the Holy Spirit - to appreciate and celebrate our own Baptisms with one another
February God Loves Us	God Loves Us! "Jesus Welcomes Children!" (Matthew 19:13-15), CCB, p. 1496 - to celebrate Valentine's month as a celebration of God's love - to understand the meaning of love as friendship and kindness to others - to encourage family members to name and show their love for one another	Held in God's Care "God Cares for All Our Needs" (Luke 12:22-25), CCB, p. 1614 - to embrace Valentine's Month by remembering that God always cares for us - to learn that God's love and care for us is meant to be shared with others - to inspire families to care for each other and for the needy members of the community	God Loves Everyone! "God Loves All People Equally" (Galatians 3:26-28), CCB, p. 1836 - to understand that God's love is for everyone with no exception - to realize that Baptism makes us one in Christ and one in love - to share God's love with others in prayer and in action
March Lent	Lent Means "Spring" "God Has Created a Time for Everything" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4), CCB, p. 998 - to understand the changing seasons of the year and the Church seasons - to celebrate Lent as preparation for Easter - to encourage families to celebrate Lent through a variety of activities	A Season of Forgiveness "Jesus Teaches Us to Forgive" (Matthew 18:21-22), CCB, p. 1492 - to explore the importance of forgiveness during Lent - to observe Lent as a time for both personal renewal and communal preparation for Easter - to invite families to celebrate Lent in an intentional way	A Season of Sharing "God Wants Us to Help Other People" (James 2:14-17), CCB, p. 1914 - to understand that God wants us to help others - to identify the season of Lent as a time to share with those in need - to explore the meaning of sharing time, talent, and treasure in our own lives

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April Easter	Christ Is Risen! “The Risen Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene” (John 20:11-14, 16), CCB, p. 1702 - to consider the meaning of the Resurrection of Christ - to celebrate the season of Easter - to encourage families to celebrate the joy of Easter throughout the season	The Tomb Is Empty! “The Women Find the Empty Tomb” (Mark 16:1-8), CCB, p. 1568 - to reflect on the Good News of the empty tomb and what it means for us today - to rejoice in the gift of abundant life that Jesus offers through his Resurrection - to encourage families to live the joy of Easter throughout the entire fifty days of the season	Meet the Risen Jesus! “Two Disciples Meet the Risen Jesus” (Luke 24:28-32), CCB, p. 1644 - to understand that Jesus gave his life freely, in love for us - to realize that Jesus walks with us every moment of our lives - to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread (the Eucharist)
May Mary	The Month of Mary “Mary Trusts God Completely” (Luke 1:30-33, 38), CCB, p. 1574 - to celebrate the month of May as the month of Mary - to see Mary as a role model for our own trust in God - to encourage families to celebrate Mary as their mother and guide to Jesus	Mary, Our Mother and Helper “Jesus Turns Water into Wine” (John 2:7-10), CCB, p. 1654 - to recognize Mary’s special role in the story of Jesus at Cana - to appreciate Mary in her role as helper and intercessor with God - to discover ways families can honor Mary and follow her example of faith	Mary, Mother of the Church “The Holy Spirit Comes to the Disciples” (Acts 2:1-6), CCB, p. 1714 - to understand that Mary was one of the disciples present at Pentecost - to realize that Mary, the Mother of God, was Jesus’ first disciple - to recognize that we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of the Church on the Monday after Pentecost
June Ordinary Time	Extra-Ordinary Time “Love Is the Greatest Commandment” (Mark 12:28-31), CCB, p. 1556 - to consider Jesus’ teaching of the Great Commandment as a focus for Ordinary Time - to understand Ordinary Time as numbered weeks in the liturgical year - to see Ordinary Time as an extraordinary opportunity to love God and neighbor each day	Ordinary Time, Extraordinary Living “Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray” (Matthew 6:9-13), CCB, p. 1460 - to explore the Lord’s Prayer and what it teaches us about Christian living - to recognize Ordinary Time as the season for growing steadily in faith and love - to practice living as God’s children through prayer, forgiveness, and daily kindness	A Helper for All Times “Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit to Help Us” (John 14:16-17, 26-27), CCB, p. 1690 - to rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit - to understand that the Holy Spirit is our Helper at all times - to appreciate Jesus’ gift of peace and to share it with others