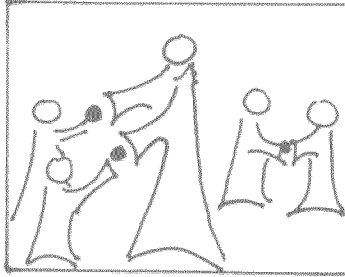


## SS JOHN & PAUL PARISH FAMILY PROGRAM '09-'10



### **How do I start?**

You should have your At Home Family Guide (this is like the teacher's manual-it stays the same each year, so you don't need a new one unless you are new to the program), your child(ren)'s textbook(s), and an idea of when you'd like to schedule the lesson. It is generally easier if you work on the program at the same time/day each week. There are Ten Tips To Help You Get Started on pages 18-19 of the Family Guide. These give you excellent suggestions of how you can structure your lessons.

### **Now what?**

You can follow the Guide book by beginning with the first theme, "God Our Father and Creator." This theme will be covered in a different chapter in each child's textbook (see the list on page 21). For example, if you have a first grader, then you will begin with Chapter 2. Your Guide book gives you an introduction to the theme (see **What We Already Know** on page 21), what your child should read in their book (**What We Will Discover** on page 21), follow-up questions for discussion (**Sharing Together** on page 22), and a list of activities that relate to the theme (**Working Together** on page 22). Once you have completed these sections (or made plans to complete one of the activities over the course of the week) you go on to the section titled **What Difference Does Faith Make?** on page 23. At the end of the lesson, you can use the Closing Prayer that is provided or come up with one of your own. You've done it! You can all celebrate! Your child should complete an online chapter review test (or an oral review with you) before moving on to the next lesson.

### **Online Chapter Review Tests**

We are using the RCL Faith First "Legacy Edition" textbooks. Chapter Review tests for the Legacy Edition are available online. To access the Chapter Review tests, 1) go to [www.faithfirst.com](http://www.faithfirst.com), 2) then click on the left side menu tab for your child's grade level, 3) then click on "Chapter Review," 4) then click on "Legacy Edition." Chapter Review Test Results should be sent to [holyfamilies@stsjohnandpaul.org](mailto:holyfamilies@stsjohnandpaul.org). Note: There are no chapter review tests for kindergarten. Parents should simply send an e-mail to [holyfamilies@stsjohnandpaul.org](mailto:holyfamilies@stsjohnandpaul.org) each time a chapter is

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completed, stating the child's name, grade level, and chapter number. Each child will receive special recognition after completing 5 chapters. Additional rewards will be presented after 17 chapters are completed. Once the entire book is complete, the student will receive a certificate. All incentives will be awarded at regular Family Program Meetings.

### **What if we want to work through the book ourselves?**

You are certainly welcome to go through the book beginning with chapter 1 and working straight through. Please note that the special lessons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter) are found at the back of your child's textbook. You can jump to the Guide book to get ideas for additional activities, projects, or discussion questions at any time. These special lessons do not have review tests...you can just do an oral review and send a message to [holyfamilies@stsjohndpaul.org](mailto:holyfamilies@stsjohndpaul.org) letting us know your child completed that chapter.

### **What if we have a problem with a test question?**

We have had situations where the answer to the online test seems to be incorrect. Please let us know when you find an inconsistency, but don't let it worry you! Send your information to Kathy at [kmasters@stsjohndpaul.org](mailto:kmasters@stsjohndpaul.org) . We are keeping track of your child's chapter completions, not their scores. If they are having problems with the online tests, feel free to give them a review orally and then just send an e-mail to [holyfamilies@stsjohndpaul.org](mailto:holyfamilies@stsjohndpaul.org) stating that "Child's Name in (grade level) has completed Chapter # (chapter number) to my satisfaction." Example: "Tommy Smith Grade 5 Chapter 2 Completed".

### **What if I want to use baby-sitting during our Family Program Meeting?**

You should contact Bonnie Dollin at 724-940-9317 to let her know your children's names and ages **by the Thursday before your Sunday meeting date**. Please do this **each month**. You should plan to arrive at the Nursery (upstairs) at least 15 minutes early (9:45 AM).

### **What chapter should we be on?**

Parents have total control and can cover any chapter they decide upon whenever they want. In general we suggest either covering the chapters in numerical order or in the order suggested by the Family Guide book. We further suggest scheduling home schooling on your calendar like any other activity, covering one chapter per week on a specific day and at a regular time.

### **What if I get stuck?**

Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. We want this to be a faith-enriching experience for your entire family!

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