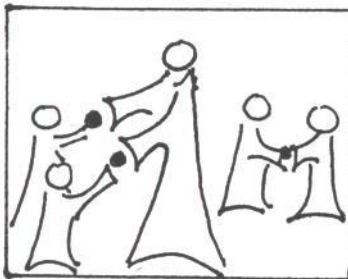


## St. John Neumann/ Sts. John and Paul FAMILY PROGRAM '11-'12



### 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. **Students are required to complete at LEAST 17 chapters in their book.** You will need to supplement chapters (add to those covered through the Family Guide book) in order to cover seventeen.

### Online Chapter Review Tests

**CHAPTER REVIEWS:** After completing study of a chapter, the child should complete a Chapter Review. For students in grades 1 through 5, these reviews can be found online at [www.faithfirst.com](http://www.faithfirst.com). From the Home Page, click on the Chapter Review tab. On this page the student has three choices: Multiple Choice, Word Bank, or Time Trial. They may choose whichever review method they desire. Choose the grade level and the chapter. When the review is complete please send an email to: [holyfamilies@stsjohndpaul.org](mailto:holyfamilies@stsjohndpaul.org) with the results (i.e. Tommy Smith, grade 1, completed chapter 5).. **Note: There are no chapter review tests for kindergarten.** Parents should simply send an e-mail to [holyfamilies@stsjohndpaul.org](mailto:holyfamilies@stsjohndpaul.org) each time a chapter is completed for their kindergartener stating the child's name, grade level, and chapter number so we can reward them, too! Each child will receive special recognition after completing 5 chapters. An additional reward will be presented after 17

chapters are completed. If the entire book is completed the student will receive a special certificate. All incentives will be awarded at regular Family Program Meetings. **Note: If your child "dreads" the online reviews he/she is NOT required to take them. You may give your own "oral review" and then the parent can submit an email to the same address letting us know the chapter was successfully completed. We want this to be a positive experience for the child and the parent!!**

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

You are 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@stsjohnandpaul.org](mailto:holyfamilies@stsjohnandpaul.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@stsjohnandpaul.org](mailto:kmasters@stsjohnandpaul.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@stsjohnandpaul.org](mailto:holyfamilies@stsjohnandpaul.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 the second hour of Family Program Meeting?**

**You should contact Bonnie Dollin at 724-935-2104 X230 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 bring your child to the Nursery (lower level of the church) at least 15 minutes early (10:45 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!

Kathy Masters 724-935-2104 X236 or [kmasters@stsjohnandpaul.org](mailto:kmasters@stsjohnandpaul.org)