

Grade 3, Chapter 13 – The Domestic Church

Bible story connections:

- Genesis 2:18-24
- Matthew 19:3-6
- Ephesians 5:25-33

Social Justice tie-in:

- Promote the Family – have a family picnic. Perhaps parents can be invited for a special lunch, or an open house. Maybe it can be for muffins in the morning. Be creative; but allow the students to do some fun activity with their parents at class.

Discussion Questions:

- How is your father like St. Joseph? How is your mother like Mary? How can you be more like the Child Jesus?
- How can you help your family be a domestic church?

Memory Work (Baltimore Catechism):

458. What are the chief duties of husband and wife in the married state?

The chief duties of husband and wife in the married state are to be faithful to each other, and to provide in every way for the welfare of the children God may give them.

242. What are we commanded by the Fourth Commandment?

By the Fourth Commandment we are commanded to respect and love our parents, to obey them in all that is not sinful, and to help them when they are in need.

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Review:

Vocabulary

- Domestic Church – A Christian family, where God is known, loved, and served, and His love is shared

1) Who are children's first educators in the Faith?

Their parents

2) What family is a model for all families?

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

3) What does the Fourth Commandment say?

Honor your father and mother

Discussion Question:

How can the Holy Family be a model for your family?

Activity:

Pray the Rosary together as a family. If you need a refresher of how to pray the Rosary, see the USCCB guide.

<https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

You are Precious to God!