

# FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

## YEAR TWO

WHAT'S *THE* STORY? - GOD'S WORD & OUR RESPONSE



Below is a calendar of topics for Families Forming Disciples - Year Two (lesson plans will cover 9 months or 27 weeks, 3 weeks/month, in addition to an introductory session for parents). Parish catechetical leaders and catechists are free to use/adapt this approach and the lessons according to their parish vision, in consultation with their pastor. The calendar is subject to adjustment as lessons continue to be developed.

Year 2 is focused on getting to know the story of salvation history, the Bible, starting with the Old Testament.

**The overall goal of Families Forming Disciples is to help more families to pray and encounter Jesus together and to grow as disciples—therefore living more of who they are as the Domestic Church. For Year 2, a specific goal is to help families grow in their knowledge and prayerful use of Sacred Scripture.**

As with Year 1, Year 2 lessons will connect with the liturgical seasons and include key references from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, all the while helping families engage, pray with, and reverence the word of God in the Bible. Catechists are encouraged to keep the *kerygma* (the proclamation of the saving message of the Good News--Jesus' saving Passion, Death, and Resurrection) and the Person of Jesus Christ ever before them. Lessons will regularly connect with Jesus, who is *the* Word and heart of Scripture. Helpful references for catechists on the *kerygma* and on Sacred Scripture are found in Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium*: nos. 164-165 and 174-175.

N.b. – **Bold** below indicates the primary topic to be treated. *Italics* indicate topics that will be woven into lessons in various ways as examples or supplemental support (e.g., activities, prayers, etc.).

### August (intro session)

#### **Welcome Session for Families**

*Blessing of Family Bibles*

*Home Altar - Review (Place family bible on home altar)*

### September

#### **The Bible**

*God's Revelation*

*Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, the Magisterium*

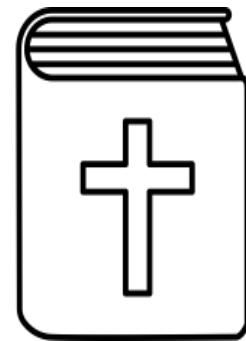
*The Bible is a Catholic Book/Library*

### October

#### **Creation**

*The goodness of Creation*

*Covenantal History and Promises - Jesus as fulfillment*



## November

### **The Fall of Man and the Promise of Redemption**

*New Adam - Jesus*

*New Eve - Mary*

## December

### **God's Covenant with Noah**

*Covenants and Sacraments*

## January

### **God's Covenant with Abraham**

*The promise to Abraham and his descendants*

*From family to the 12 Tribes of Israel (foreshadowing the Church)*

## February

### **God's Covenant with Moses**

*Exodus and Passover*

*Covenant at Sinai (Israel the Great Nation)*

*10 Commandments and the fulfillment in Jesus*

## March

### **Jesus the New Moses, the Rescuer**

*New Covenant, Last Supper, Institution of the Holy Eucharist*

*Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant*

## April

### **God's Covenant with David (Royal Covenant)**

*Jesus the descendent of David and the King of Kings*

*Jesus the Good Shepherd*

## May

### **Mary and Israel**

*Old Testament prophets: calling for greater covenant fidelity*

*Mary's covenant with God, her "FIAT"*

*New Covenant in and through Jesus*

