GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOSEPH

WEEK	PRAYER OF THE WEEK	BIBLE STORY TO READ	ACTIVITY	IDEAS & RESOURCES FOR PARENTS
WEEK ONE	• Younger Kids: The Sign of the Cross • Older Kids: The Hail Mary • Prayer Book • St. Joseph Novena	**Joseph's Dream** • Matthew 1:20-21 Questions to Ponder: • What were some of the amazing promises the angel told Joseph about Jesus? • What would you do if an angel appeared to you in a dream?	• Choose an intention and pray the St. Joseph Novena for nine days. • Print, color, and write a note to a friend or family member in these St. Joseph cards. Stick a few cards in the mail this week to encourage others!	• St. Joseph was a carpenter and used his skills to care for the Holy Family. This week build something out of wood- a toothpick tower, a toy block creation, or even try building or fixing something together using real tools! • For grownups- Read all or part of Pope John Paul II's letter on St. Joseph called Redemptoris Custos
WEEK TWO	• Younger Kids: The Hail Mary • Older Kids: The Our Father • Memorare of St. Joseph	**The Flight to Egypt** • Matthew 2:13-14 Questions to Ponder: • How did Joseph show the virtue of obedience? • What are some ways you can work on being more obedient to God and to your parents and teachers?	• Learn about the Sleeping St. Joseph tradition using this booklet and these coloring pages here and here. Prayer cards available here. • Pray the Memorare of St. Joseph together.	• St. Joseph guided the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem to Jerusalem to Egypt and then back to Nazareth. Look up those locations on a map and figure out how many miles they traveled. • For grownups- Check out these awesome quotes about St. Joseph. Choose one to write in a journal, family message center, or hang on the fridge.
WEEK THREE	• Younger Kids: The Glory Be • Older Kids: The Apostles Creed • Holy Family Prayer	**The Holy Family in Nazareth** • Luke 2:39-40 Questions to Ponder: • In what town did Jesus grow up? • What do you think Jesus' childhood was like?	• Color and pray the Holy Family Prayer, available in cursive or in print. • Try this St. Joseph digital Scavenger Hunt	• A traditional food associated with St. Joseph is bread because he was the "bread winner" and provider for the Holy Family. Bake bread together this week with your family using your choice of yeast or quick breads. Here's one recipe to try if you'd like to make an Italian St. Joseph's Day Bread.
WEEK FOUR	• Younger Kids: The Our Father • Older Kids: The Hail Holy Queen • Litany of St. Joseph	**The Finding in the Temple** • Luke 2:41-52 Questions to Ponder: • How did Jesus surprise Mary and Joseph? • What do you think wisdom is? How can we grow in wisdom?	• Pray the Litany of St. Joseph together. Choose one title of St. Joseph to draw a picture of and hang up in your home in honor of St. Joseph. • Bonus Pure Heart of St. Joseph coloring page.	• For grownups- Have you heard of the book Consecration to St. Joseph by Fr. Donald Calloway? It is a wonderful collection of writings by Saints and Popes about St. Joseph, organized and expanded on by Fr. Calloway. The best-selling book is a beautiful way to get to know Joseph better, and therefore draw closer to Jesus and Mary as well.