



# A FAMILY OF *Faith*

## October 2020

### An Interactive Family Guide

*“whoever is without love does not  
know God, for God is love.”*

*1 John: 4:8*



# Summary Checklist

## October Overview:

- ☐ Read lessons 1 & 2 on our [Families of Faith Resources page](#)
- ☐ Look for all the ways God uses visible things to communicate about invisible things

## Our Catholic Home: Family Prayer Corner:

- ☐ Post pictures/video on social media & use the hashtag for a special prize.

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- ☐ [Email](#) by **Oct 29** your Family Prayer Corner pictures/videos telling how what you added helps you make our invisible God visible

## Activity 1: Saint Therese of Lisieux:

- ☐ Check how fast you can put together our [Saint of the Month](#)
- ☐ Keep a 'Little Ways' poster on your fridge & write all the ways you show love to God & others each day

## Activity 2: Family Reflections

- ☐ Lead your family in a faith-filled conversation
- ☐ Review October's Word to Know

Contact [Damellys](#) if you have any questions.

# October Overview

God is the Creator of everything. The source of all life and everything good comes from Him. We hope to practice and understand this month that God communicates to us the invisible, spiritual realities through visible, material signs and symbols in creation.

We receive the free and undeserved gift of God's very life, grace. The Church is a visible sign of God's love and of the communion between God and humanity. The sacraments are signs instituted by Christ to give us grace.

Let's dig deeper to understand how we celebrate and live out the grace and very life of God received in the sacraments!

**SACRAMENTS** by SKETCHY CATHOLICISM



# Our Catholic Home

## Family Prayer Corner

Prayer is a conversation with God that Saint Therese of Lisieux described as ‘a surge of the heart.’ Having a special place to gather in prayer also helps remind us how much prayer is a part of daily life.

Create a simple prayer space this month in your kitchen, mantle, small table, or a special shelf in a bookcase. Add a printed copy of the ‘family prayer’ you wrote last month, a candle, a crucifix, and icon or two.

Post a picture or video by Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> on all your social media platforms to be entered in a special drawing (one entry per post). Use the hashtag:

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Also, [email](#) by **October 29** your Family Prayer Corner pictures/videos telling how what you added helps you make our invisible God visible to be shared at our November Community Activity session on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Activity 1

Saint Therese of Lisieux

1873 - 1897

Saint Therese of Lisieux is the patron of sick people, florists, aviators, tuberculosis, France, and Russia.

She received a vision of the child Jesus just before her 14th birthday which developed in her an incredible faith.

St. Therese of Lisieux, also known as the “Little Flower,” struggled with tuberculosis throughout her twenties and wrote her memories and ideas into a book entitled *Story of a Soul*.

She has many miracles attributed to her, and she has been declared a Doctor of the Church. St. Therese of Lisieux's feast day is October 1st.

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX by CATHOLIC ONLINE





# Activity 2

## Family Reflections

Take some time to use the questions below as a conversation starter for you and your family:

A work of art usually tells us something about the artist. Creation is God's work of art.

**What does creation tell us about our invisible God?**

Think about the crucifix, statues, and pictures in your church or prayer corner.

**Do these things help you think about God, His angels, and His saints? Does looking at them help you pray? Why?**

## Words to Know

Review and test your knowledge of the words we are focusing on this month to expand our understanding of the theme this month.

**VOCABULARY**  
**REVIEW**