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Christians and the Reign of God

The New Testament story about the boy Jesus in wise conversation with Temple priests inspires us to reflect upon the great love of God, who let us share in his own divinity through a seemingly ordinary boy. When we value our dignity as Christians and as God's children, we are able to understand that all people deserve our love and that we can become holy people and saints ourselves.

ACTIVITY

The Star Prayer Have each family member draw an outline of a star and write *Holy Spirit* on the left and right of it, *Jesus Christ* in the center, and *God* above its top point. Inside the star, each person should jot down anything for which he or she would like to pray. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the "beams" of your prayers rise up to God through Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Live the message of the Sign of Peace at Mass by doing something special for a member of your family.

On the Web

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Saint of the Week



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (1910–1997)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta worked among the "untouchables" of India's society. With the sisters of the religious order she founded, she cared for the most neglected people of Calcutta. She founded orphanages for unwanted children and homes for the sick and dying, and cared for them physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Mother Teresa died in 1997 and was beatified in 2003.



Lord Jesus, you became one of us and taught us how to live. Help us learn from your example and from the example of the holy people who live lives of goodness and virtue. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Jesus Before His Ministry Jesus' life is known almost solely from the Gospels, and although the Gospels provide details about Jesus' birth and early infancy, they provide little other information about Jesus before his public ministry. The exception is the story of Jesus in the Temple when he was twelve, where we see him speaking with the teachers. In Luke's story of Jesus in the Temple, we see that even before he began his public ministry, and even as a boy, Jesus was aware of his unique relationship with God. Read about Jesus in the Temple in Luke 2:41–51

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Ireland

Celtic Monks A well-known path called Saints' Road winds through the Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry, Ireland. Beginning in the sixth century, monks traveled such paths to convert Christians to the monastic life. Christians lived, studied, and worshiped on the Dingle Peninsula between the sixth and tenth centuries. Ruins of early Christian settlements are abundant on the coast, from oratories to holy wells to Celtic crosses to small stone huts once belonging to the monks. Some sites remain remarkably intact from the time they were abandoned in the twelfth century. Saints' Road connects the holy site of Mount Brandon to Gallarus Oratory, a stone church more than 1,100 years old.