



Faith in Five- Children  
Easter Week 6

- 1. Read John 14: 21-26 together as a family. How do we show Jesus that we love him?** We show Jesus we love Him by observing his commandments. **What does Jesus promise to those that love Jesus and keep His word?** The gospel says “my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling in Him.” **What is the name that Jesus uses for the Holy Spirit?** He calls the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. Advocate means to support! What awesome encouragement from Jesus! How blessed we are to be a dwelling place of our Creator and Savior, knowing the Holy Spirit will teach and remind us of all Jesus’ words and commandments.
- 2. Who is Our Lady of Fatima?** Our Lady of Fatima is a Marian Apparition that occurred in Fatima, Portugal. **Can you guess who she appeared to?** She appeared to 3 children, Francisco (age 10), Jacinta (9) and Lucia (7). The children were helping to tend their family’s sheep when Mary appeared in brilliant white on May 13, 1917. **What types of messages did Mary give to the children?** Holy Mary desired devotions to the Rosary, The Eucharist and penance for the conversion of sinners. She warned against a war and asked that the country of Russia be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart. On October 13th 1917, Our Lady appeared to the children for the last time and gave a great sign to all the people who made a pilgrimage to the location. Despite days and days of rain, the clouds suddenly opened and the sun began to dance! It actually whirled around and around and even sent out a rainbow of colors. This was called the Miracle of the Sun. There is no better time than the month of May to honor Our Lady of Fatima!
- 3. What is a Marian Consecration?** To consecrate yourself to Jesus through the Immaculate heart of Mary means that we give our whole selves to Mary, who brings us to Jesus. To consecrate means to formally dedicate something. We entrust our hearts and souls to Mary, and we give ourselves to her service. **How do you do a consecration?** There are many different books and prayers for a Marian Consecration. Typically, you read a short reading for 33 days before praying a consecration prayer. This process prepares your heart! It is traditional to end your Consecration on a Marian Feast Day (The next one would be Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16th or The Assumption, August 15th) [This is an excellent Marian consecration book for children!](#)
- 4. Do you remember the Fifth Commandment?** The 5th Commandment is to Honor Thy Father and Mother. This is important because the second Sunday in May is Mother’s

Day!! Our Lord asks us to respect and honor mothers. We can honor our mothers here on Earth and honor our Heavenly Mother, Jesus' mom! How do we honor our mother? We honor our mother by obedience first and foremost. We also honor our mother by being charitable towards her, loving in our words and actions. Finally, you can honor your mother by praying for her!! Don't forget to honor your heavenly mother too by praying the rosary!

5. **Catechism- From whom do we know to learn to know, love and serve God?** We learn to know, love and serve God through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who teaches us through the Catholic Church. (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 1) The Catechism explains "The Church is the flock of Christ. In this flock we follow the Good Shepherd."

**REVIEW QUESTION: Apologetics: Is it biblical for Catholics to honor Mary?**

Absolutely! Mary's cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, proclaimed "Blessed are you among women!" Mary herself understood that "all generations shall call me blessed" because she carried Jesus in her womb. These quotes are from the Gospel of Luke. Mary was honored by others in the Bible, and we carry on the tradition today.

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