



# **BLESSED WITH MY PARENTS**

**APRIL 2022  
KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC**

Kids Assembly Topic for April 2022

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## Objectives:

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

- To realize that their families are God's special gift to them.
- To appreciate their parents as God's blessings to them, and that they should seek to understand them.
- To be able to pray for them and express their love for them.



## I. MOTIVATION

### Activity: Family Portrait Display

#### Instructions:

- The speaker shows different pictures of popular families to the participants (Ex: Kramer family, Adams family, Simpson's family).
- He asks the participants if they recognize whose families are in the different pictures. The facilitator may call a representative to answer.
- The last picture to be shown will be the family picture of the speaker.

## Processing:

Our family is one of the greatest gifts from God. It is part of His perfect plan that He gave to us our parents and siblings. And with that, as sons and daughters, we have our own responsibility in making our family stronger and closer to God. In this topic, participants will be able to appreciate more about their family and realize their mission as part of the latter.



## II. HEAD

In the beginning, when God created human beings, He made them be like Himself. He created them male and female, blessed them, and said, “Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth.”

This was the beginning of family. The family was so important to God that when He sent His only son to redeem us. Jesus Christ was born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit and was raised as the son of Joseph.

In essence, God takes care of us through our parents. Our parents nurture us, love us, feed us, teach us, and take care of our needs according to their capabilities. Our parents introduced us to God’s teachings and ways.



### III. HEART

Our parents support us through our growing up years and play a major role in forming our character. As we grow to be more mature and responsible, we are able to take care of ourselves. As we finish our education and become more independent, we are prepared to start and support our own families. And the cycle continues.

God commands us to respect our father and mother. This is the ideal relationship between parents and children according to the plan of God. How can we show love and care to our parents, young as we are? Always:

#### 1. CHOOSE TO LOVE THEM

Our closest neighbors are our families - our parents! We choose to love our parents and siblings despite all their shortcomings and mistakes. Choose to love them. Continue loving and accepting them unconditionally especially during trying times in your family.

#### 2. CHOOSE TO FORGIVE THEM

Be forgiving, patient, and loving towards your parents. Forgive them as Jesus forgave. Forgive your parents for any lack of affection for you, for any poor experience you had. For sure, they did the best they could. Remember that your parents love you and they do many things out of concern rather than hurt.



### 3. CHOOSE TO PRAY FOR THEM

*“The family that prays together, stays together”*

Always pray for your parents. Include their worries in your personal prayer time. Pray for the whole family too, that the Lord may guide all the members in the ways of building up the relationships. Make God your source of strength. Remember that challenges are part of our lives, that’s why we need to always choose to learn from the situation and remain hopeful.



## IV. HANDS

### A. For Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

**Activity:** Family coloring pages

**Materials:**

- Family Coloring Page (Appendix A)
- Coloring Material

**Instructions:**

- Get your crayons or any of your coloring materials and start to put colors into the drawing page
- Note to the Facilitator: After doing the activity, before the assembly ends, call some representatives and let the kids share their work to the group.

### B. First Step (5-7 years old) and Foot Step (8-10 years old)

**Activity:** The Seven Sacraments-Stained Glass Window Craft

**Materials:**

- Appendix B Frame
- Pens / Markers
- Crayons / Coloring Materials



**Instructions:**

- Each participant should have a pen and a piece of paper.
- Instruct the members to draw their family members. It can be as simple as 'stick people' if that's the only way they can draw and visualize their family members. They may put other elements/art in the background. (ex. clouds, birds, etc.)
- Instruct them to write down the names of the members of their family and describe them as simple as they can (one-word description about each one).
- Instruct them to get their crayons or any of their coloring materials and put colors into what they draw
- At the end of the activity, the facilitator can call some representatives and let the kids share their family drawings to the group.

**C. Step up (11-12 years old)**

**Activity:** Household

**Discussion question:**

- Which sacraments is your favorite?
- What are the lessons you've learned from these sacraments that you received?



#### IV. TAKE AWAY

God is enough. If we seek our wholeness in Him, He will give us the grace to improve our relationship with our parents, brothers, and sisters. God has a beautiful plan for our families. Our family is the building block for our future families. Unless we are able to build loving relationships with our parents; it will be difficult for us to build lasting relationships with other people.

#### **Pray this as your closing prayer –**

Lord God,/ you are our Father in heaven./ You gave us our parents to take care of us/ and to love us here on earth./ Bless our family relationships./ Send your Holy Spirit/ to inspire us and to guide us as we grow in wisdom and understanding./ Open our hearts and minds/ that we may see you in our parents./ That we may remember that you gave us life through them./ Help us to love unconditionally./

Give us the grace to forgive each other for the hurts that we have caused. / Forgive us/ especially for the times when we have been disobedient. / Help us to grow in trust and confidence in your great plan for us/ and fix our eyes on Jesus, especially during difficult times. /

This we ask through the mighty name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



This month we were able to appreciate more the gift of our parents. Now is our time to also be a gift for them!

Here's your monthly gift that will remind us of what we have learned this month – the gift of our parents!



APRIL KIDS ASSEMBLY

## RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE

### **1. I will imitate Jesus.**

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

### **2. I will be a good family member.**

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

### **3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids**

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

### **4. I will tell others about Jesus.**

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds everyday that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A



Appendix B



This is my family.

A large, rounded rectangular box with a dashed inner border, intended for a child to draw their family.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Parents/Guardians,


Good day! Thank you for letting your kids attend our Kids Assembly this month and for being one with us in believing that they are ***never too young to know Christ***. We honor your love and passion in making your child/ren closer to the Lord.

Our topic this month is “Blessed with my Parents!”. They have learned that they are blessed by God with parents and/or guardians like you. Therefore, they are to be thankful and grateful for these people who are very much close to them. We taught them to always choose to love, forgive and pray for you – their parents!

With that, these simple activities might help your children understand it even more. For this month, try doing these simple parent-child activities with your kids

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1. Practice saying "I love you" to each other randomly. Keep saying 'I love you' until they respond by saying 'I love you too'.
2. It may be hard for us to ask for forgiveness from our children. But why not practice saying 'I'm sorry' too to them if you think you did something inappropriate to them. It's worth it!



3. Each night, help them pray by asking them in their evening prayers these questions:

- What are you grateful for today?
- What things do you want to apologize for?
- What are your prayer requests to Jesus?

After doing the activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

**MFC Kids Team**