

CALL to FAITH

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Unit 4
Chapter 10

Materials Needed to Complete Session

Chapter Ten *Call to Faith* Parent Handout

Pencils

Crayons or markers

Blank piece of paper (one per child)

Following Jesus Handout (one per child)

For the opening prayer:

- Bible (Psalm 27:4)
- Small table covered with a table cloth
- Crucifix on the small table

Time Frame (60 minutes)

Welcome and Call to Prayer

10 mins.

Conversation One

15 mins.

Conversation Two

15 mins.

Conversation Three

15 mins.

Closing

5 mins.

HOSPITALITY

Warmly welcome participants as they arrive and invite them to find a seat together at a table. Ask them not to do anything with the handouts until you are ready to begin the gathering prayer.

WELCOME AND CALL TO PRAYER **10 mins.**

Welcome parents/guardians and the children. Thank them for being there and say that you hope they will enjoy some special time with each other to explore how we follow Jesus by being Church together. Pray the opening prayer experience.

Note: The opening prayer experience for this chapter can be found in the supplementary materials at the end of the parent handout or in the lesson planner resources for this chapter on e-connect.

Conversation One **15 mins.**

1. Direct participants back to their seats.
2. Ask them to open their *Call to Faith* book to page 91 and to place the parent handout beside it. Explain that the handout is self-directed and that you would like them to **complete steps 1 to 3.**

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Conversation Two

15 mins.

1. Invite participants to now turn to pages 92 and 93 in their *Call to Faith* Kindergarten book, and to place their parent handout, turned to page 2, beside their book.
2. Ask them to **complete steps 3-5**.

Conversation Three

15 mins.

1. Now tell participants to turn to page 94 in their *Call to Faith* Kindergarten book, and to place their parent handout, turned to page 3, beside their book for their final conversation.
2. Invite them now to **complete steps 5-7**. Make sure each participant has a copy of the Following Jesus handout.

Closing

5 mins.

1. Guide the parents to the **For Home** page (page 4 in handout). Thank the parents/guardians and children for their participation, and tell them that you look forward to seeing them on _____.
2. Conclude with the *Prayer for Others* on page 95 of *Call to Faith*.

****** The *For Home Family Project* activity invites households to attend a parish event or participate in a parish project together. It would be helpful to those in attendance to receive a list of upcoming events and activities. It might also be helpful to identify people who are already connected to parish activities beyond these conversations. Ask them if they would partner with others who show an interest. This is an opportunity to help some participants move from the fringe of parish life to more involvement.

COACHING PLAN

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Begins on page 91

Conversation One

Thank you for coming to spend time in conversation with your son/daughter! Talking about faith with your child at any age is important, but starting at kindergarten enables the conversations to become part of your child's life long faith journey.

As Catholics, community is a critical part of who we are. Our community, our Church, is wonderfully large (universal) and wonderfully small (parish). Its membership consists of the baptized, both the living and dead. We are one in the Communion of Saints. Because we have entered into Christ, we are his Body and marked as God's own. We are disciples of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit assists us in being Jesus' witnesses as we live in this world. We are Church whenever two or three are gathered to pray or do good works.

1. Read together *Let's Begin* on page 91 of *Call to Faith*. Read the poem through once, and then using the pictures to help you, read it through a few more times to show children the action. Have them do the actions with you.
2. Share with your child some of the people you see and/or connect with at church. (*For example, I enjoy talking with Mr. Richards, the choir director, because he is always so cheerful*). Ask children who they like to see at church. Note: Church here doesn't only mean Mass, it means any time you interact with the Church community.
3. Take a blank piece of paper and write the words **We Are Church** in the middle of it. Then circulate around the room with children, having people sign your sheet or draw a simple picture of themselves, as a sign of their membership in the community. Don't forget to sign your own sheet.

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4. Turn to page 92 in *Call to Faith* and read through the whole page. Discuss the following question: What things do you do with your Church family? (*Possible responses: pray, serve the needy, socialize, learn, etc.*).
5. Turn to page 93 and read *All Are Welcome*. Discuss with your child: “Why are all welcome in the Church?” (*Possible response: Jesus loved and welcomed everyone, and we do too.*) Ask your child if they feel welcome in the Church. If they do not feel welcome, talk about ways to change that feeling. (*You could volunteer for a project together, you could introduce the child to more people, etc.*).
6. Work with your child to draw your Church family in the activity box on page 93.

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7. Read together *The Church Follows Jesus* on page 94.
8. Explore the pictures on page 94 with your child. Talk together about how each picture shows the Church family following Jesus.
9. Work with your child to complete the *Following Jesus* handout.

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For Home

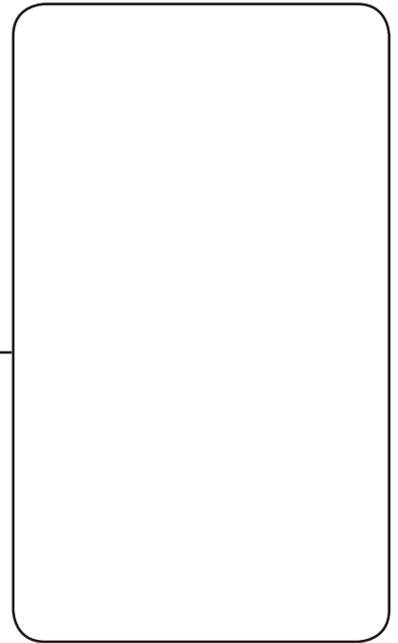
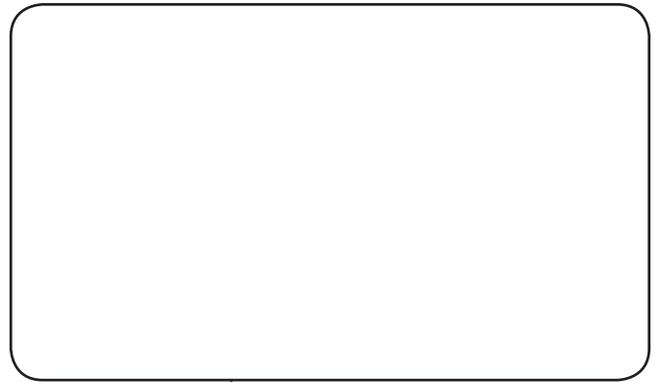
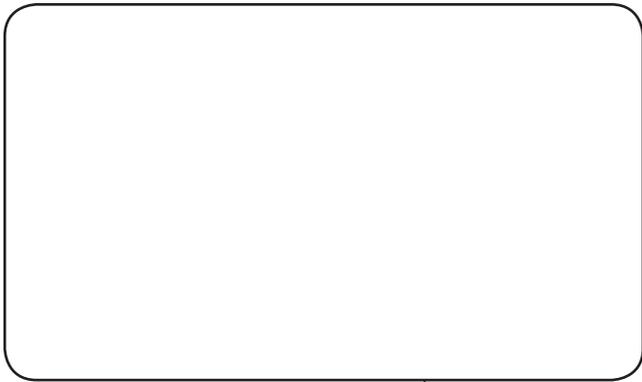
1. Read together Colossians 3:15-17 from your family Bible.
2. Turn to page 96 and read together the *Family Project*.

Note: If you're not currently connected to the parish beyond these sharing sessions or your child's formation sessions, you may want to identify some people who are already connected so that you could attend a parish function with them. If you received a list of upcoming parish activities at the learning session, use those to help plan your project.

3. Close your time by reading *People of Faith* and praying together the *Family Prayer*.

Following Jesus

Instructions: Help children name a few ways that they are Church and follow Jesus by doing something Jesus asks us to do. For example, serving others, forgiving others, and so on. Invite children to draw a picture in the boxes or help them to print out a word to describe their actions.



ALTERNATE PRAYER EXPERIENCE

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Prayer

In place of the Prayer in the Student Edition, use the following.

Pray using the song and gestures from “Gather Together”

Gather children standing in the prayer space.

Make the Sign of the Cross.

Sing and do the gestures for “Gather Together.”

Ask children to join hands as you pray:

Let us pray.

God, thank you for our Church family.

**Thank you for all the people who gather together with us
as one family.**

Help us welcome all of them.

Amen.

Supplies

- CD player
- CD: *Move! Pray! Celebrate!*
“Gather Together,” (Track 1)
Ovation Music