

Young Apprentices

A RESOURCE FOR THE OCIA

INQUIRY SESSION: FAITH



My Story

Life would be very difficult if you were all alone in the world. Be thankful for your family, friends, classmates, and neighbors who help you get through life. Teachers, doctors, police, and clergy make life better for you, too.



AND THINK

- *Who are your best friends?*
- *How are you a friend to others?*
- *What would life be like without family or friends?*



God's Story

Every single day of our lives we trust others. We trust our parents to take care of us. We trust our brothers and sisters to support us. We trust our teachers to help us learn. We trust our friends to treat us with kindness.

In the same way, we place our trust in God. God has revealed himself to us through Jesus Christ. Jesus shows us the way to live holy lives. Through him we are saved from sin and evil.

KEY



POINTS

- *People of faith trust in Jesus, the Son of God, who saves us.*
- *People of faith trust in the promises of God.*
- *People of faith keep working at their relationship with God and with God's Son.*



Our Response

Busy lives can keep us from seeing things. Sometimes we have to step back from our busy lives and count our blessings. Blessings come to us from God in many ways but most especially in our relationships. This includes our relationship with God and with his Son, Jesus.



STOP & SHARE

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- *Who in your life is a blessing to you?*
- *How can you show God your thanks for these people in your life?*
- *What can you do to grow in your friendship with God and with his Son, Jesus?*

Sharing God's Word

With your family, read one or more of the Scriptures listed below. Talk about what each Scripture teaches us about **faith**.

John 6:43-47

(Listen to and learn from the Father)

John 15: 11-14

(Love one another)

1 John 4:14-15

(Jesus is the Son of God)

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

Faith Words

faith

Faith is a gift and power from God, inviting us to know and believe in him. It is also our free response to his invitation.

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Jesus

Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior, who came to bring about the Kingdom of God. He is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

Witness of Faith



Saint Francis of Assisi (1181–1226)

Saint Francis of Assisi came from a wealthy family. His father sold silk that people used to make clothes and other things. As a young person, Francis pretty much did whatever made him happy. In 1202, when he was a soldier of fortune (someone who seeks money and things to make them happy), Francis was caught and put into prison. He saw that having money and things did not make him happy. Francis prayed to learn to love God above all else. From the Bible he read Mark 10:21, “. . . [G]o, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” Even though his father did not want him to, Francis chose to live a life of faith in Jesus Christ and to do what Jesus said.