

# Family of God

## Grades 3

Family of God is a bilingual activity series developed to complement the catechetical efforts of the parish and families with children in the second and third grades. Revised and translated into Spanish in July 2004, the program helps children discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish. Parents and guardians play an import role. *Guide included.*

The six chapters are titled:

1. I Am Special to My Family
2. I Am Special to God's Family
3. I Belong to My Family
4. I Belong to God's Family
5. I Can Help My Family
6. I Can Help God's Family

### Guidelines for Family of God

1. Check personal calendars for conflicts with Communion or Confirmation preparation.
2. Visit with pastor and set parish date for recognition and awards in individual parishes.
3. It is important that the program is age-appropriate. It is more beneficial for the girl to be on the older end of the age bracket and able to read the material easily.
4. The religious award program is different from Girl Scouts and should have it's own meeting time since the girl does not have to be a Girl Scout to receive the medal.
5. Meetings should last approximately an hour to an hour-and-a-half. It may vary from lesson to lesson and depends on how many girls are in the group, how much parent involvement is taking place and how many volunteers are present at each meeting to help assist you with the activities.
6. As a leader, you may need to supply scissors, glue and other materials needed to complete activities in various sections of the book.
7. Page 30: Program description and outline for parents and advisors.
8. Pages 31-33: Program goals and objectives.
9. In Chapters 1 & 2 the girls will develop an appreciation for their uniqueness and goodness as God's loved creatures.
10. In Chapters 3 & 4 the girls will understand their identity as important members of a family and of a community.
11. In Chapters 5 & 6 the girls will appreciate the responsibilities of loving others that grows from God's love for us.
12. Each chapter offers nine to ten activity choices. The activities may be chosen by the group, parents or advisor.
13. Upon completion of Family of God book, each girl must have her application completed and signed by her pastor. If the pastor is unavailable, a parish designate such as a DRE, priest or deacon may sign. The application must be submitted to the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis by the deadline.