

Catholic Family Connections Bible – FAMILY ACTIVITY

Confirmation 1 ~ Complete By: November 3rd | Confirmation 2 ~ Complete By: NOT APPLICABLE

- Materials Needed:**
- Catholic Family Connections Bible
 - Your favorite cookie dough (gingerbread, chocolate chip, sugar, etc.)
 - Different shaped cookie cutters. If you don't have cookie cutters, form the dough into different shapes by hand.
 - *Optional:* Your favorite cookie decorations
 - *For Families with Younger Children in the Home:* Gather different pictures (printed out or on your phone or tablet) of creation such as plants, animals, bugs etc. – OR the family may opt to go for a walk and take your own nature pictures!
 - A camera – to email a photo of the family activity to crystal@sjeparish.com Photos will be gathered for a slide show at the end of the year but names will not be used.

1. **Prepare** the cookies to bake together.
 - a. **PARENT:** While shaping the cookies, explain how God made all of us in the same way you're making the cookies. Try to have a variety of shapes.
 - b. Bake the cookies.
2. **Read** *Genesis Chapters 1 & 2* aloud while you wait for the cookies. Let family members take turns reading. Take your time and read slowly.
 - a. **PARENT:** After reading, emphasize that God made everything in the world and that God knew everything he made was good. *Optional:* Read the articles as a family.
 - b. **CONFIRMATION STUDENT:** Read the articles included in the chapters on your own.
 - c. **FAMILIES WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN:** Go through the pictures and ask the following:
 - i. **“Did God make this?” (YES!)**
 - ii. **“Because God made it, is it good? (YES!)**
3. **Decorate** the cookies.
 - a. **PARENT:** As you decorate the cookies, talk about how even though the cookies are made from the same dough, each one looks a little different. Just like the cookies, we are each unique and special, but just like each cookie, we are each very good. We aren't making bad cookies and God doesn't make anything bad. Ask each family member what makes his or her cookie special.
4. **Answer** the following questions:
 - a. Who made the world? (*God made everything in the world*)
 - b. Did God make anything that is bad? (*Everything God makes is good because He makes it with love, even the mosquitoes! However, bad things in the world exist because people have will and they choose to go against His will. Those bad choices lead to suffering. Ex. Bullies, crime and poverty*)
5. **Enjoy** the cookies!