

God Creates Us

Our Connected Lives

God calls us to live in community and to remember that even our small efforts can make a difference in the lives of others. Discuss with your child all the things that make you proud of him or her. Talk together about the ways your child does God's work as a student, a son or daughter, a sibling, and a friend.

We Work to Participate in God's Creation

We work not only to make a living but also to participate in God's creation and serve God and others. Saint Paul calls us to be fully devoted to our labor as this is one way we honor God. Doing our daily tasks with a spirit of love and gratitude makes our work a kind of prayer. Discuss with your child how you can show love and gratitude while doing your day-to-day activities.

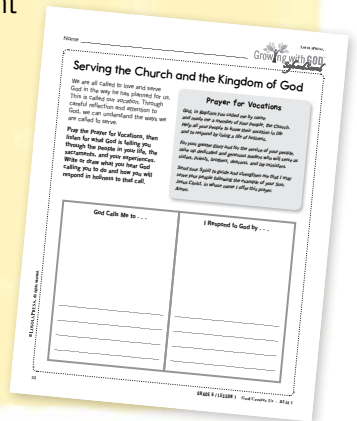


We Serve God and One Another

Our vocation is the way God calls us to love and serve others. During dinner or on your way home from Mass together, take turns as a family sharing something God calls you to do and how you will respond in holiness to that call.

Economic Justice and Basic Rights of Workers

All workers have the right to be treated fairly and given the opportunity to support themselves and their families. Review with your child the Serving the Church and the Kingdom of God handout. You might say: **Unfortunately, not everyone in the world experiences justice and fairness. We have a responsibility to do our part in making the world fairer and more just for all people.** Ask God to guide you in doing this work. Pray together the Prayer for Vocations or a prayer of your own.



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Serving the Church and the Kingdom of God

We are all called to love and serve God in the way he has planned for us. This is called our *vocation*. Through careful reflection and attention to God, we can understand the ways we are called to serve.

Pray the Prayer for Vocations, then listen for what God is telling you through the people in your life, the sacraments, and your experiences. Write or draw what you hear God calling you to do and how you will respond in holiness to that call.

Prayer for Vocations

God, in Baptism you called me by name and made me a member of your people, the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life and to respond by living a life of holiness.

For your greater glory and for the service of your people, raise up dedicated and generous leaders who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.

Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me that I may serve your people following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I offer this prayer. Amen.

God Calls Me to . . .

I Respond to God by . . .
