

Home Activity

September 2018 – Works of Mercy

During the preparation for Confirmation we will talk about the Works of Mercy that our Church invites us to do each and every day. These works of mercy come from the Bible. As a family, take time in the next few days to read Matthew 25:31-46.

It is important to think about how to do these special works of mercy as a family and to actually work together to make it happen. So the first part of the home activity is to talk about the works of mercy and what ones your family would like to try to work on.

1. Feed the hungry - who are the hungry in our community? (Note: it might not just be physical hunger!)
2. Clothe the naked - who might be in need of clothes, shoes, pajamas, blankets and ways to be comfortable where you live?
3. Give drink to the thirsty- who might be thirsty for nourishing drinks but for attention, kindness, good news?
4. Visit those in prison - what kinds of prisons are there besides places for those who have committed crimes? Maybe those who are deaf? Blind? Disabled? Lonely?
5. Give shelter to the homeless - do you have homeless in your community? How are they cared for? What can you contribute to their care?
6. Visit the sick- do you know of someone with a long term illness? Is there a neighbor who is sick? How can you help them?
7. Care for the sick and dying- has someone lost a pet, or a family member that you know of? How can you show them you care?

Once your family has discussed these, choose one work of mercy you want to focus on and brainstorm ways to actually do it! Fill out the section below:

Our Family Work of Mercy _____

Who we would like to help _____

Ways we will help _____

Things we will need _____

Date we wish to accomplish this _____

When you have done this one - choose another work of mercy and make a difference once again! Blessings on your family and your plans!