### FAMILY FIELD GUIDE







# INTRODUCTION

This family field guide has been created with the intention of pointing out the existing connections between Epcot and Scripture, Catholic social teaching, Catholic prayers, papal and conciliar documents, and the lives of the saints. While enjoying your day at Epcot, it is our hope that you will find the park a new experience when viewed through the lens of faith.

### In this guide, you will find:

- An opening prayer
- •A reflection for parents to read before the day (on the way to the park, share the basic ideas from the reflection with your family)
- •A guide map with a brief key (match the numbers on the map to the numbers in the guide)
- •An extended key to the guide map, featuring Catholic connections to each area of the park (divided into sections for the Future World and World Showcase)
- Actions which can be taken by the family are in bold
- •Reflection questions to use while waiting in lines or sharing meals are in bold
- •Scripture citations are in italics—these might be fruitful for reflection
- •A word search and two coloring pages for meal times during your day at the park
- •Web resources for the family
- A closing prayer
- •Answers to the word search

# OPENING PRAYER

God our Father, you have placed all the powers of nature under the control of man and his work.

May we bring the spirit of Christ to all our efforts and work with our brothers and sisters at our common task, establishing true love and guiding your creation to perfect fulfillment. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Please also see the closing prayer at the end of the guide.

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The well-being of the individual person and of human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of the community of marriage and family. Hence, Christians and all who value this community are very pleased to see the various kinds of support which have increased people's esteem for this community of love and their respect for life, and which have also helped married people and parents in their lofty calling. They expect even greater benefits and are endeavoring to achieve them. . .

Inspired by the example and family prayer of their parents, children (and in fact everyone living under the family roof) will more easily set out upon the path of a truly human training, of salvation, and of holiness. As for the spouses, when they are given the dignity and role of fatherhood and motherhood, they will eagerly carry out their duties of education, especially religious education, which primarily devolves on them.

As living members of the family, children contribute in their own way to making their parents holy. With sentiments of gratitude, affection, and trust, they will repay their parents for the benefits given to them and will come to their assistance as devoted children in times of hardship and in the loneliness of old age. Widowhood, accepted bravely as a continuation of the marriage vocation, should be esteemed by all. Families too will share their spiritual riches generously with other families. Thus the Christian family, which springs from marriage as a reflection of the loving covenant uniting Christ with the Church, and as a participation in that covenant, will manifest to all men Christ's living presence in the world, and the genuine nature of the Church. This the family will do by the mutual love of the spouses, by their generous fruitfulness, their unity and fidelity, and by the loving way in which all members of the family cooperate with one another. . .

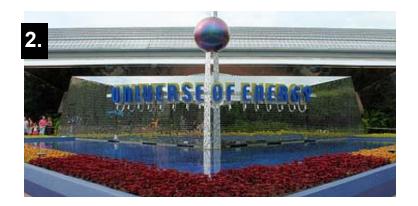
The family is, in a sense, a school for human enrichment. . . The family is. . . the basis of society. (*Gaudium et Spes*, 47-48).

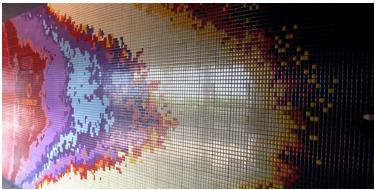






Our heritage can be seen in the monks who record books by hand and in Michelangelo painting the Sistine Chapel. After learning from those who have gone before you, it's up to you to create the future. **What kind of future do you hope to have?** 





This ride reminds us of our duty to live out responsible stewardship in our daily lives. Think of some practical ways that you can increase energy efficiency in your home. **Resolve to enact a way of saving energy this week.** 

"Humanity's domination over inanimate and other living beings is not absolute; it is limited by concern for the quality of life of his or her neighbor, including generations to come. As such, the steward is a manager, not an owner. Accordingly, use of the mineral, vegetable, and animal resources of the universe cannot be divorced from our moral responsibilities. Our stewardship of the earth enables us to be participants in God's act of creating and sustaining the world" (University of Notre Dame, CSC, Catholic Social Tradition).

God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food. . ." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. (Genesis 1:27-31)





In this adventure to Mars, each team member is assigned a position with unique duties: Navigator, Pilot, Commander, or Engineer. Choosing a position in Mission: SPACE reminds us that God has given each of us unique abilities in order to complete a specific mission.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

What are your talents?

How do you use them for the glory of God?





Test Track is rooted in the venture of protecting life. "We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a 'Gospel of life.' It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly in respect for human dignity" (Living the Gospel of Life, #20).

We are called "to proclaim a new culture of life by revering life, loving life, and fostering life at all sages" (University of Notre Dame, CSC, Catholic Social Tradition).

### **Reflection Questions:**

What are some threats to a culture of life in American society today?

What can you do to encourage a culture of life?





"Day by day, man experiences many greater or lesser hopes. . . Young people can have the hope of a great and fully satisfying love; the hope of a certain position in their profession, or of some success that will prove decisive for the rest of their lives. When these hopes are fulfilled, however, it becomes clear that they were not, in reality, the whole. It becomes evident that man has need of a hope that goes further. It becomes clear that only something infinite will suffice for him, something that will always be more than he can ever attain.

In this regard our contemporary age has developed the hope of creating a perfect world that, thanks to scientific knowledge and to scientifically based politics, seemed to be achievable. Thus Biblical hope in the Kingdom of God has been displaced by hope in the kingdom of man, the hope of a better world which would be the real 'Kingdom of God.' This seemed at last to be the great and realistic hope that man needs. It was capable of galvanizing [exciting]—for a time all man's energies. . . In the course of time, however, it has become clear that this hope is constantly receding. Above all it has become apparent that this may be a hope for a future generation, but not for me. . . While we must always be committed to the improvement of the world, tomorrow's better world cannot be the proper and sufficient content of our hope. . . Science can contribute greatly to making the world and mankind more human. Yet it can also destroy mankind and the world unless it is steered by [moral] forces that lie outside it. . .

It is not science that redeems man: man is redeemed by love. . . The human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom 8:38-39). If this absolute love exists, with its absolute certainty, then—only then—is man 'redeemed,' whatever should happen to him in his particular circumstances." (Pope Benedict, Saved in Hope, 25-26, 30)

#### **Reflection Questions**

- 1. What are your hopes for your own future? For the future of the world?
- 2. Using examples from the excerpts on this page, Epcot, and elsewhere, What are the advantages and dangers of modern technology?

How does technology affect our relationships with each other and with God?

"People are of greater value for what they are than for what they have. Technical progress is of less value than advances towards greater justice, wider kinship and a more humane social environment. Technical progress may supply the material for human advance but it is powerless to achieve it" (Gaudium et Spes #35).





Recreation is important to us as Christians. In Mark 6:31, Christ calls his disciples away to rest a while, and sometimes, we need to do likewise.

"Leisure is not idleness, but an attitude of the mind and a condition of the soul that fosters receptivity to both physical and spiritual realities. . .Sound philosophy and authentic religion can be born only in leisure—a leisure that allows time for the contemplation of things, including the nature of God" (Joseph Pieper, *Leisure the Basis of Culture*).

"Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18).

#### **Reflection Question:**

How can we apply our childlike passion and playfulness to our relationship with God?





Nemo got lost because he did not follow directions. His actions had consequences. When he was lost, he was afraid. Reflection Questions: When you're lost and afraid, where do you turn for comfort? To your parents? To God? To something else?

An aquarium demonstrates the wonder of God's creation. Notice that some endangered species are represented here at Epcot, and that signs are posted giving tips for conservation and responsible stewardship. Our actions have consequences, and we have the responsibility to protect that which God has entrusted to us.

"What are humans that you are mindful of them, mere mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them little less than a god, crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them rule over the works of your hands, put all things at their feet:

All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!" (Psalm 8:5-10)





# The Greenhouse Tour reminds us of two things: The Wonder of God's Creation and Our responsibility to Care for Creation

"How varied are your works, LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all; the earth is full of your creatures. When you send forth your breath, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in these works!" (Psalm 104:24,30-31).

Loving Father and Creator of all we come to you today deeply grateful for your creation. As we look around us we are amazed at the greatness and majesty of all that you have made. Nature around us speaks of your greatness. . . We join in praise with the writer of the psalms proclaiming, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth." May we show our love and reverence to you, our Lord, by caring for all that you have created. We humbly give you praise and thanks. Amen.

(From "Thoughts about God: Simple Prayer")

Sometimes, farm workers are exploited. However, as Catholics, we know that "workers are not to be treated as slaves; justice demands that the dignity of human personality be respected in them, . . . gainful occupations are not a mark of shame to man, but rather of respect, as they provide him with an honorable means of supporting life. . . It is shameful and inhuman, however, to use men as things for gain and to put no more value on them than what they are worth in muscle and energy (*Rerum Novarum*, #31)."

"Human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God's image. Their dignity does not come from the work they do, but from the persons they are" (*Centesimus Annus*, #11).





The imagination is a faculty of the soul, along with reason, will, memory, etc. It is part of how we are made in the image of God, the Creator. It is a God-given talent that we are called to use wisely. Reflection Question: How can you use your imagination for the good of others and for the glory of God?



The World Showcase celebrates eleven countries, each with its own distinctive culture. Alongside great diversity is great unity: we are all part of one human family under God, Father of all and "king over all the earth" (Psalm 47:8). This booklet will highlight a saint and Catholic connection from each country to show the glory of the Universal Church.

As you read, notice that each saint is unique. "As the rays of the sun are so rich that we cannot see their many splendors unless they are shot through a prism, which causes them to break into the seven rays of the spectrum, so too, the life of Christ, which saints reflect, is so infinitely good that it takes an infinite variety of saints shot through the prism of love and penance to reflect the holiness of the Son of God" (Fulton Sheen, *What a Saint Is*). How are you being called to sainthood?



### Our Lady of Guadalupe

In 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a humble Native American, St. Juan Diego, at Tepeyac. She made a request for a church to be built on the site. When the Bishop requested a sign, Our Lady sent St. Juan Diego to the top of the hill in mid-December to gather roses for him and left an image of herself imprinted miraculously on the native's *tilma* (cloth garment). Feast: December 12.



#### Día de los Muertos:

On the Day of the Dead, family and friends gather to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. They believe that death is a transition from one life to another. Therefore, the Day of the Dead is not a mournful commemoration but a happy and colorful celebration where death takes a lively, friendly expression.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

In what ways do our family and friends who have gone before us leave a legacy behind?

How does their presence stay with us? Do we offer prayers for them and ask for their intercession?





#### St. Olaf

"As a young royal, Olaf Haraldsson took part in Viking raids throughout Europe. During his travels, he converted to Christianity and then returned to Norway, where he subdued his rivals and proclaimed himself king in 1015. . .Today Saint Olaf is regarded as the Patron Saint of Norway and a symbol of national independence" (plaque at Epcot). Look for the image of St. Olaf at Epcot.



The Crucifix

Look at the helmet on the statue of the Viking outside. Does that look like a crucifix?



### **Cardinal Ignatius Kung Pin-mei**

In 1955, Kung Pin-mei, Bishop of Shanghai, China, was arrested for "counter-revolutionary activities," which consisted of being faithful to Christianity instead of following the Communist party line. He was created Cardinal *in Pectore* (in secret) in 1979 by Pope John Paul II. In 1988, after 33 years in prison, Cardinal Kung was permitted to travel to the United States for medical treatment. He is a model for anyone suffering under religious oppression, especially Chinese Christians.

#### **Tomb Warriors**

"These tomb warriors were intended to be the protectors of the emperor beyond the grave. Because nearly all of the faces of the tomb warriors are unique, some archaeologists believe that the figures were modeled after real soldiers" (plaque at Epcot). **Can you find the smiling warrior?** 







#### St. George

When St. George was seventeen he enlisted in the army of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Because of his abilities as a horseman and his cheerful attitude, he became a high ranking officer. He asked the Emperor to stop persecuting Christians; for refusing to denounce his faith, St. George was arrested, tortured, and martyred in 303. He is the patron of Germany. Feast: April 23. Look for the statue of St. George slaying the dragon at Epcot.



#### **Family traditions**

Some shops in Epcot's Germany are part of long family traditions.

Reflection Question: Can you see any connections between these German family traditions and your own?



#### St. Theodore of Amasea

After refusing to sacrifice to idols and setting a pagan temple on fire, St. Theodore of Amasea was imprisoned and tortured. Christ appeared to him and comforted him. In 306, he was condemned to burning; he climbed in the fire without hesitation, praying and giving up his soul to God. He was the first patron of the city of Venice. Feast: November 9. Look for the statue (pictured to the right) of St. Theodore of Amasea in Epcot.



### The Pope and Bridges

Venice is famous for its bridges. One of the titles for the pope is "Pontiff," which literally means "bridge builder." Part of the vocation of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, is to build and maintain bridges, working for the unity of all Christians.





#### Kateri Tekakwitha

Kateri was the daughter of a Christian Algonquin woman and a non-Christian Mohawk chief. In 1676, she was converted and baptized by a Jesuit missionary. She was shunned and abused by her relatives for her faith. She escaped through 200 miles of wilderness to the Christian Native American village of Sault-Sainte-Marie. She is known for her purity, austere lifestyle, and miracles. Feast: April 17.



#### Slavery

The American Adventure exhibit remembers Frederick Douglass, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and other abolitionists who used biblical evidence in their arguments against slavery. Their writings reflect a vision of Christianity in which all people have an inherent dignity.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).



### St. Peter Baptist and Twenty-Five Companions

St. Peter Baptist, a Phillipino missionary, helped to establish many convents, schools, and hospitals in Japan. Three years after his arrival in Japan, however, he and his companions were wrongfully accused of political crimes. On February 5, 1597, six friars belonging to the First Order Saint Francis, three Japanese Jesuits, and seventeen native Franciscan Tertiaries were crucified. Feast: February 5.

#### Oni

"Oni are demon spirits often depicted as giant ogres with ox horns, tiger teeth, and a huge metal club. . . Oni spirits may be unwelcome, but they find their way into many everyday objects in Japanese households" (plaques at Epcot). Reflection Question: Can you think of any non-Christian or anti-Christian symbols that make their way into everyday objects in the United States?





#### St. Berard of Morocco

In 1213, St. Berard, who was an Italian nobleman, was accepted into the Franciscan order by St. Francis of Assisi himself. St. Francis sent St. Berard, along with four other Franciscan monks, to preach to Muslims in Morocco. There, they were beaten and beheaded for their faith in Christ. They are believed to be the first Franciscan martyrs. Feast: January 16.



#### Henna

"Henna tattoos play an important role in weddings. The women of the wedding party gather on the evening before the ceremony for 'The Night of Henna.' Older women paint the hands and feet of the bride and her party while they share wisdom about married life" (plaque at Epcot). Reflection Questions: Do you see any correlations between the symbolism of henna tattoos and the 'signs and symbols' in Catholic sacraments?



### **Our Lady of Lourdes**

In 1858, in the grotto of Massabielle, near Lourdes, Our Lady appeared 18 times to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a young peasant girl. Our Lady revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception and told the girl to drink from a fountain in the grotto. No fountain was to be seen, but when Bernadette dug at a spot designated by the apparition, a spring began to flow. The water from this still flowing spring has shown miraculous healing power. Feast: February 11.

#### Fleur-de-Lis

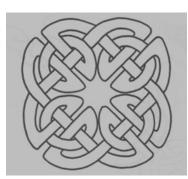
The Fleur-de-Lis came to represent three things: the French Monarchy (with each of the three leaves representing the different classes of French society under their monarchy), the Blessed Virgin Mary (since "Lis" means Lilly, a flower which has long been identified with purity), and the Holy Trinity (because of the three leaves). Because the French Monarchy has always been tied to the Catholic Church, this image has appeared in many secular and Catholic places that take their heritage from the French. Look for this symbol in the park.





#### **Cardinal John Henry Newman**

John Henry Newman, an English scholar, was ordained an Anglican priest in 1824. Gradually, his writings grew more and more in sympathy with Catholicism. Finally, in 1845, he joined the Catholic Church. He was ordained the following year. He was an influential writer on matters of theology, philosophy, and apologetics, bringing hundreds into the Church. Feast: October 9.



#### The Celtic knot

This symbol, which is also referred to as the mystic knot or the endless knot, alludes to beginnings and endings. In these knots, we cannot see a beginning or and end, and therefore we are reminded of the timeless nature of our spirit. This translation harkens to our most primal selves as we contemplate the infinite cycles of birth and rebirth in both physical and spiritual realms. **Look for this symbol in the park.** 



#### St. Andre Bessette

St. Andre was born in 1845. He became a brother in the Congregation of Holy Cross, and he worked as the doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Quebec, Canada. He is known for his humility, his devotion to St. Joseph, and many miraculous healings. Feast: January 6.

#### **Natural wonders**

From Niagara Bay to the mountains, many natural wonders in Canada speak to the creative power of God. Watch the video at Epcot for more information.

"You are robed in power, you set up the mountains by your might. You adorn the year with your bounty; your paths drip with fruitful rain. The untilled meadows also drip; the hills are robed with joy. The pastures are clothed with flocks, the valleys blanketed with grain; they cheer and sing for joy" (Psalm 65:7, 12-14).



# **EPCOT WORD SEARCH**

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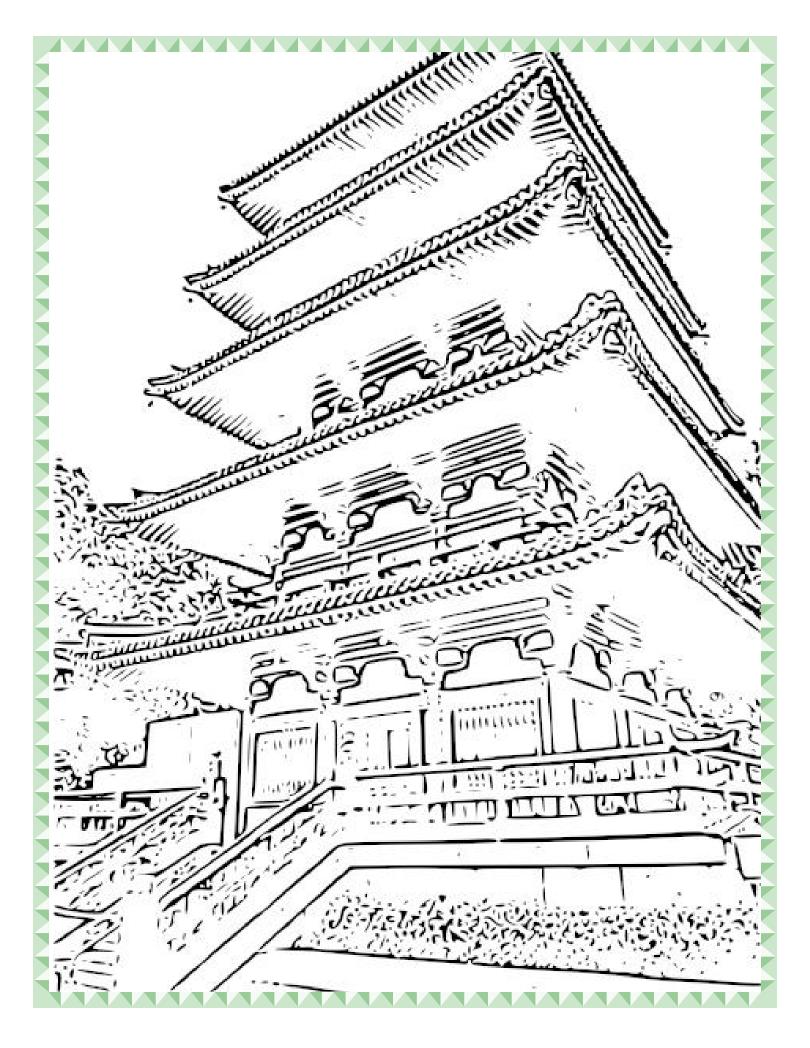
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# WEB RESOURCES

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**Catholic Books:** Saint Mary's Press helps people sustain a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through regular prayer, faith sharing, and scripture reading. Many great Catholic books, including Catholic Family Bibles, are for sale here. <a href="https://www.smp.org">www.smp.org</a>

Catholic Movie Reviews: On this site, the Catholic News Service and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops filter current media through the lens of Catholicism pointing out where it resonates with Catholic teaching, and where it falls short.

http://www.catholicnews.com/movies.htm

**Catholic News:** The Our Sunday Visitor Publishing website provides resources for bringing your Catholic faith to life: news stories, articles, daily reflections, Q&A, books, periodicals, and activities for families, adults and children. <a href="http://www.osv.com/">http://www.osv.com/</a>

**Developing Strong Catholic Families:** The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry presents web resources for topics such as Understanding Youth Culture, Our Catholic Faith, Parenting and Family Life, and Multicultural Gift. <a href="http://www.nfcym.org/family/index.htm">http://www.nfcym.org/family/index.htm</a>

**Family Life Office:** The Diocese of Orlando's Family Life Office homepage connects families to family enrichment, marriage enrichment, ministry to separated and divorced, and more.

http://www.orlandodiocese.org/en/family-life-office-home

Peace and Justice: International Peace & Justice, a non-profit, features family action steps, reflections, family networking, and more. Highlights include the Family Pledge of Nonviolence, 12 Steps for Becoming Friends with the Earth, and Just Family Nights.

http://www.ipj-ppj.org/Families.htm

**Saved in Hope:** Pope Benedict's full encyclical. See especially paragraphs 16, 17, 22-27, and 30.

http://www.vatican.va/holy\_father/benedict\_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf\_ben-xvi\_enc\_20071130\_spe-salvi\_en.html

**Vocation Discernment:** This site features vocation stories and prayer/discernment resources for educators, parents, and young people who are exploring God's call.

www.foryourvocation.org

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# CLOSING PRAYER

"I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart and glorify your name for ever; for your love to me has been great: you have saved me from the depths of the grave" (Psalm 86).

Loving Father, thank you for the gift of being together today and for all your many blessings during this trip. [Pause for a moment; pray silently in thanksgiving for any special conversation, activity, or feeling that is a source of joy.] You are good, O Lord, and you have shared your goodness with us.

You bring many nations together

to unite in praising your name.

Make us able and willing to do what you ask.

May the people you call to your kingdom

be one in faith and love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

# WORD SEARCH ANSWER KEY

