

Overview of Book

In his foreword to the *YOUCAT* for Kids, Pope Francis encourages parents to help their children, 'discover God's love more and more', by helping them to 'discover the love of Jesus'. This book is designed to help families to do that. It follows the four main sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and places the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, that your child is preparing to celebrate, within their overall faith journey and the faith journey of your family. It also acknowledges that as part of the Christian community, there is plenty of support for you and your child. The parish, school and diocese are delighted to play their part in helping your child to grow in friendship with Jesus.

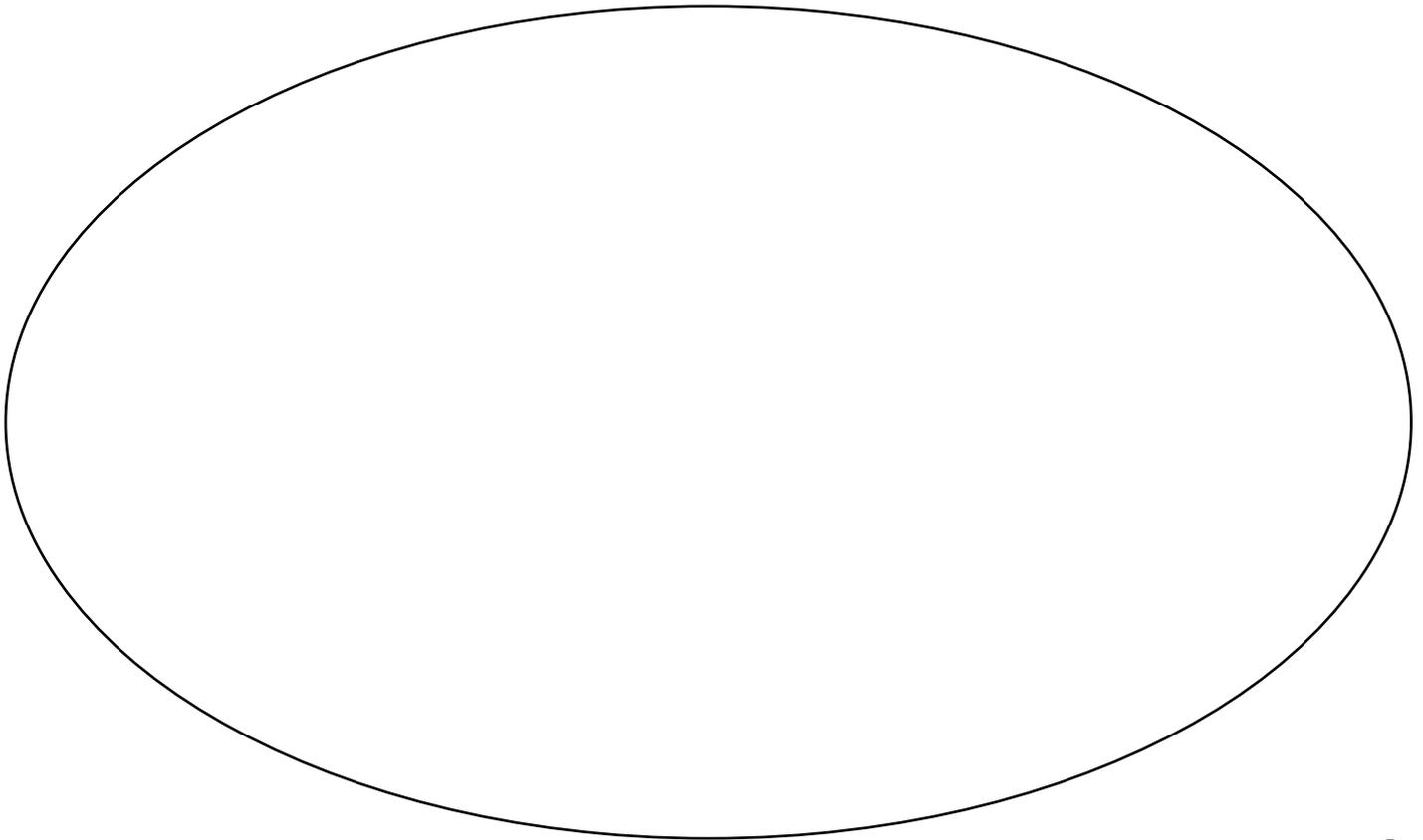
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Our Family

"Let us love then, because he first loved us." (1 Jn 4:19)

As you begin this time of preparation for a member of your family who is receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, why not place a family photograph in this space and record the names of each member of your family below it. Ask God to bless each person in your family.

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a scroll-like border, intended for recording family names.

God bless each person in our family. Together, this year, may we grow to know and love Jesus more as our friend and brother. Guide and support our family each day, so that together we will discover your perfect plan for our lives.
Amen.

God's Child, Our Child

"You must see what great love the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children which is what we are!" (1 Jn 3:1)

Below, place a photograph of the person in your family who is receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year. Chat together as a family and write down what you love about them. Write their name into the prayer below.

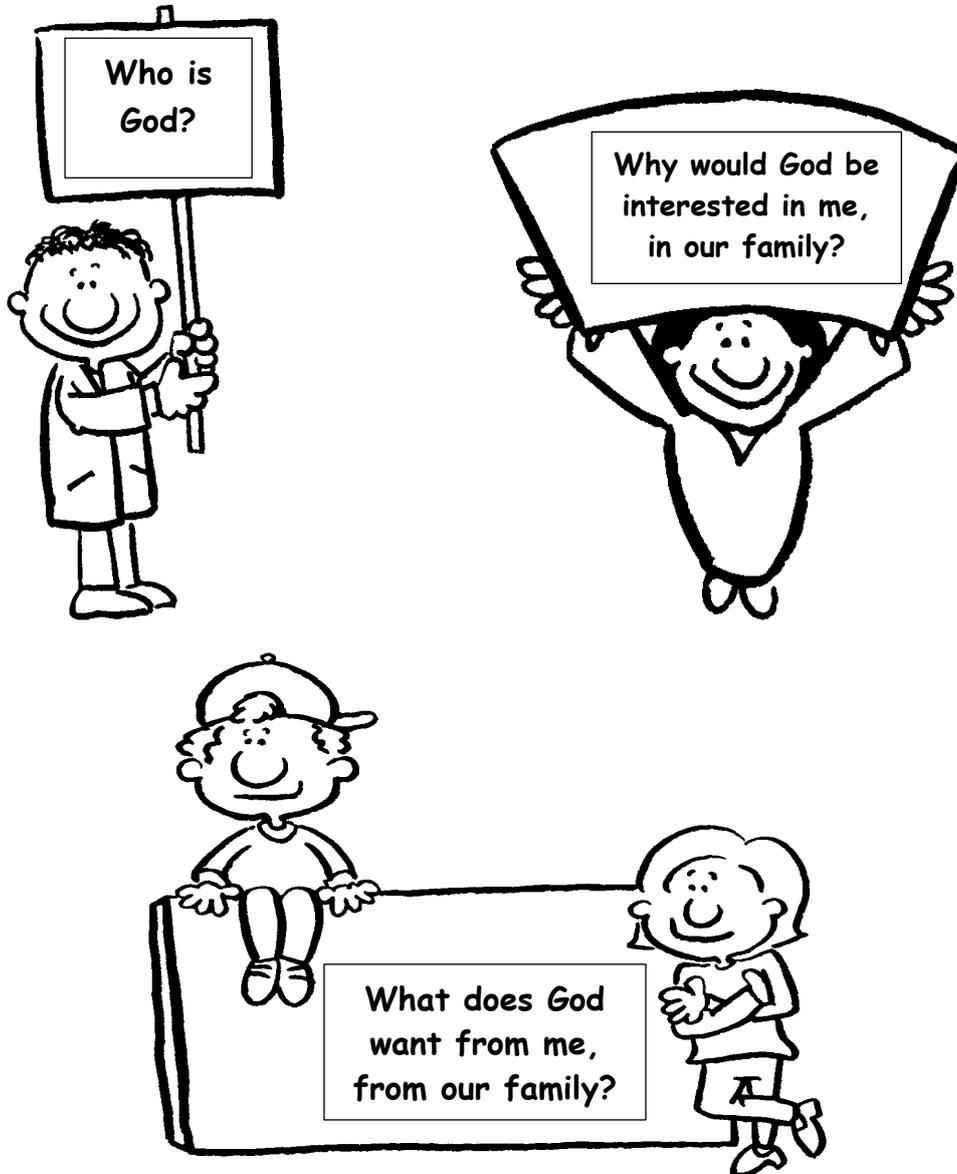


God bless _____ who will celebrate the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year. We thank you God for the gift of _____ in our family. Bless them in this special year, Amen.



What We Believe

"You cannot imagine at all how much you interest God; he is interested in you as if there were no one else on earth." (Julien Green)



God is LOVE. He is interested in us because he LOVES us. He wants to live in a deep friendship with us because he LOVES us!

"Because God loves you with an everlasting love." (Jer 31:3)