

Session 1 - Welcome!

Sunday 03 Feb 2019

Dear parents and guardians,

Today, we welcomed the children to their First Communion programme!

To help get to know each other, we found out what each of us is called and talked about some of our favourite things! We watched a little video of the story of Martha and Mary as an example of a Welcome Story in the bible. Then we read and completed page 2 in the book 'Loved and Forgiven' and talked about all the different ways in which we can make other people feel welcome and wrote these down on page 3.

Please complete pages 4,5,6, and 7 with your child at home for next week.

Page 4: This page is about how we make others welcome at home....at school....and at play.

Page 5: Read the invitation from God and then let your child write their name on it, as beautifully as they can. They can then make their own 'wonderful world' page using pictures, drawings, photos, words and poems.

Page 6: Read through the page and tell them that this is a very special page with another 'welcome' from God. God has welcomed us with love. God has welcomed us into our beautiful world and now we are being welcomed into God's very own family.

Talk about the symbols you can see: the candle and the dove. What do these symbols mean? There is a place to stick/draw a picture of their Baptism and another place to write their name. Read through the Baptismal Promises with your child.

Page 7: Have your own 'Celebration of Loving Welcome'.

Find a 'welcome' story in the Bible about Jesus. Read it together and help your child to write it in their own words on the page. Here are some examples of 'welcome' stories:

Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home – Luke 10: 38-42

Jesus at the home of Simon the Pharisee – Luke 7: 36-50

Jesus eats with the tax collectors and outcasts – Luke 5: 29-32

Jesus welcomes the children – Luke 18: 15-17

Jesus and Zacchaeus – Luke 19: 1-10

Complete the page and share a meal together – you could even have a special cake!

Don't forget to make some time during the week to pray together as a family using the candles and the family prayer card that you received last Sunday at the Mass of Enrolment. We look forward to seeing you again at the next parent meeting on Wednesday 27 February at 7:00pm. in the Parish Community Centre.

Angela, Marion, Lesley, and Fr. Gerry