



SEEING With the Eyes of God

Week Three ACTIVITY TRIP ITINERARY with clickable links
KICK OFF: For your summer journey of faith, if you did not already, start by downloading the color sheet, trail mix blessing, destination & Bingo Card from

<https://saintpiustenth.org/family-summer-journey-of-faith-seeing-with-the-eyes-of-god/>.

The blessing will send you forth, fortified for the journey both spiritually and physically and the color sheet will give each member of your household a personalized logo for your journey; decorate to represent you!

Every week, our “Weekly Destinations” & Travel Bingo Card will help you on the journey.

Choose them all or choose just one and try the coordinating activity!

As you make your way through the trip itinerary, please right click on any underlined words to take you directly to an internet link by choosing OPEN HYPERLINK!

Week of July 12: WEEK 3

Theme	Do we have ears and eyes to see and hear the KINGDOM? When we are open to God's Word, the signs of the Kingdom are observed through us. Are we allowing the seeds of faith to be planted on fertile ground?
Scripture	Isaiah 55-10-11; Psalm 65; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23
Science	<p>Want to grow something quickly to illustrate fertile ground? Try this INSTASNOW EXPERIMENT Here's what you'll need: Instant snow powder, or the "stuffing" inside of a diaper (they are both made from similar materials) , Soil, A glass container, Water What to do: Put some soil into the glass container. Explain the properties of good soil to the kids (it must be deep enough for seeds, moist, weed/thorn/rock free, etc. Add the "seeds" to the soil (the instant snow powder). "Nurture" the seed by pouring water over it to make it grow. The instant snow will expand to thirty or more times its original size, just like a crop would. Explain verse 23: "But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." If the Word of God has been "sown" in us, how can we produce "fruit"? We can do that by sharing God's Word with others. Think about: one person shares the gospel with one person. That person shares the gospel with five other people. Those five people each share it with ten others. That's a lot of fruit from just one seed.</p> <p>Check out the Family Journey YouTube Channel to see how one family did this. Link at https://saintpiustenth.org/family-summer-journey-of-faith-seeing-with-the-eyes-of-god/</p>
Arts/Craft	<p>SEEDS OF FAITH- plant flowers from seeds. Just as we need to nourish our faith to grow closer to God, we also need to nourish the seeds so that they will grow into beautiful flowers. As each member plants a seed in the dirt, say how they will try to grow closer to God.</p> <p>OR CREATE a picture out of seeds. You will need a piece of cardboard. A side of a cereal box works great! Get out the glue and whatever seeds and beans you have around the house (dried beans and peas, snacking seeds, herbal seeds, etc.) Create a garden picture with the seeds to illustrate the fertile ground your faith is allowing God's love to grow inside you!</p> <p>OR Make a Parable of the Sower Wheel- Complete the wheel by coloring then cutting out 2 pieces. Attach round head fastener. Spin the wheel to recreate the story.</p> <p>OR Make a Make a Parable of the Mosaic SEE the HANDOUTS at https://saintpiustenth.org/family-summer-journey-of-faith-seeing-with-the-eyes-of-god/</p>
Music	<p>Stand Together</p> <p>Me Without YOU</p> <p>Deep Within</p>

Game	<p>"JESUS SAYS". It is the same as Simon says, but instead the leader would say, Jesus says... Include commands such as fold hands in prayer, kneel down, make the sign of the cross, etc.</p> <p>I spy with God's eye(variation of I spy with my eye) -Every family member makes a list of 25-30 things created by God that we see in Summertime. Switch lists with another family member. Variation: Take a walk. Spot as many items on the list as you can or throughout the week or look for specific things, colors, shapes. When you find them say: Amen. Example of list: Something small, yellow/black, Something in need of healing, mending</p>
Snack	<p><u>DIRT CUP</u>: Put a small amount of chocolate pudding in the bottom and sprinkle it with crushed up cookies to look like the soil. Gummy Worms or sunflower seeds could be added to their snack!</p> <p><u>FRUIT BOWL</u>: Make a salad with all the delicious fruit God has produced with seeds!</p>
Service	<p>Create Soup in a Jar for Neighbors or the food pantry. Just Add Water Soup Mixes</p>
Prayer	<p>Answer Jesus' invitation to follow him by praying this prayer written by St. John Henry Newman:</p> <p>Prayer for Christlikeness</p> <p>Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go; Flood my soul with your spirit and life; Penetrate and possess my whole being so completely That all my life may be only a radiance of yours; Shine through me and be so in me That everyone with whom I come into contact May feel your presence within me. Let them look up and see no longer me—but only Jesus. Amen.</p> <p><i>https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/prayer/traditional-catholic-prayers/prayers-for-special-intentions/prayer-for-christlikeness-cardinal-newman/</i></p>
Reflecting in the Hammock	<p>The events of the world have caused many of us to pause and reflect. What is Jesus inviting you to open your heart to in this moment? How can you see the world, differently, with the eyes of God?</p>