

Walking *Together* in Faith



Resources for
strengthening the
teacher-parent partnership and
encouraging a climate of faith in the home.

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IN A NUTSHELL

Part I introduces you to this package.

Part II contains 'How To' tips to assist teachers.

Part III contains the homework sheets for home and classroom use.

Part IV contains material to supplement the homework sheets.

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I. Introduction:

Walking Together In Faith:

- Vision: What is it?
- Strategy: How does it work?
- History: Where does it come from?
- Application: How do we get started?
- Sample letter to parents
- Newsletter items
- Staff meeting and parent meeting
- Follow-up meeting

II. Tips for teachers:

- Communication tips
- Supporting parents
- Classroom tips
- Personal tips
- Teachers' testimonies
- Parent feedback
- Trouble-shooting guide

III. Homework Sheets:

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS

- #1. Sacred Space (for Advent or any time)
- #2. Advent Wreath Set-up
- #3. Advent Sunday 1
- #3a. Advent calendar
- #4. Advent Sunday 2
- #5. Advent Sunday 3
- #6. Advent Sunday 4
- #7. More Advent ideas
 - Advent Prayer Box
 - Jesse Tree
 - Christmas Carol
 - Christmas Card
 - Nativity Crib
- #8. Saint Nicholas
- #9. Mary, Mother of God - 1st January (holiday homework!)

HANDY HINT

If you are feeling a little overwhelmed by all these pages, here is a quick way to get a feel for what this resource is about:

Read the opening pages of Part 1 which offer an overview of the vision and strategy.

Read a couple of examples of the homework sheets, such as #10, #11.

Then go back to the contents page and see what else you would like to read.

Contents**III. Homework Sheets:** (continued)**LENT / EASTER**

- #10. Shrove Tuesday ('Pancake Tuesday')
- #11. Sacred Space - Lent
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MORE CELEBRATIONS

- #28. Trinity Sunday
- #29. Body of Christ
- #30. All Saints Day

IV. Appendix

Supplements to homework sheets:

- Traditional Prayers
- Advent Wreath
- Family Meals
- Gifts of Self
- Christmas Crib
- Way of the Cross (parish leaflet)
- Ten Ways to Share Faith in the Home