



**Monday of Respect Life Week
Immigration
Grades PK and Kindergarten**

Theme: One Family Under God/Building a Christian Community

Goal: To introduce children to the concept of loving our neighbor, even when we might not know him or her, and building a community on Gospel principles.

Materials: Holy Family Travels to Egypt ([video link](#))
How I Love to Take a Walk Along the Street song ([video link](#))
The World's Family ([video link](#))

Lesson: Have the children gather in a circle on the floor. Play and sing the song "How I Love to Take a Walk Along the Street" song ([video link](#))

*How I love to take a walk along the street,
And to say "Hello" to the people that I meet,
And to watch the show of their happy, happy feet,
And I say to myself, It's a miracle.
Hallelu, Halleluia!
I sing as I walk along,
Hallelu, Halleluia,
God has given me such a happy, happy song.*

Explain that, as we walk through our neighborhoods or meet new people, we can recognize the face of God in each and every person. This doesn't mean that we have to be unsafe around strangers, but that we should treat every person as a special gift of God.

Let the children know that God is in the hearts of every person. (Use examples such as Mom, Dad, siblings, aunts/uncles, friends, people in other countries or seen on the news, people who don't have friends or who are homeless).

Remind the children that often, when we think someone is strange or we don't think we want to be friends with someone, it is probably because we don't know them very well. The more we get to know people, the more we understand them and realize they are just like us

Scripture: Holy Family Travels to Egypt ([video link](#))

This short video shows the story of the Holy Family fleeing to Egypt to avoid Herod's anger at the birth of a new King.

Questions for Discussion

Joseph, Mary and Jesus moved to Egypt. Do you think they had any friends at first?

Do you think it would have been lonely for Jesus to be a child in a country that was foreign to him?

How could the Egyptian children have made Jesus feel welcome?

How do you think other people who move to a new country feel?

What is one way you can make a new student feel welcome?

Video: The World's Family ([video link](#))

This short book introduces children to the concept of different cultures. Talk about how beautiful it is that each of us is unique.

Questions for Discussion

Why is it good to be friends with people who come from different places than us?

What can we learn from each other?

What are some of the things that are the same about every person, no matter where they come from?

Prayer:

*Dear Jesus,
Thank you for giving me friends.
Help me to be kind to my friends. Help me to share.
Help me to welcome new friends and never leave anyone out.*

Amen

Lesson adapted from the plans on the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice and Peace website.