

The Great Cloud of Witnesses Curriculum 2020-2021

WARM Children/Family Ministry

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Father Antonio Viera

Dear Parents, as we are now on month six of a global pandemic we are getting creative with our Children/Youth and Family Ministry. Normally, we would get together on Wednesday nights for Promise Point, Dinner, Team Jesus Drumming, and Middle School Youth Group. However, right now that is simply not possible! Instead, I have been working with the WARM Pastors to create a “family night” experience. Each week I will include a dinner prayer, a video introduction for the lesson, discussion questions, and an activity.

Beginning with the question, who was Jesus and why do we follow him? Each week we will explore a person who has loved God and loved God’s people; and in doing so, has made a difference in the world. My goal is to help kids understand that we all have different gifts and talents, which we can use to communicate God’s love to the world. As we learn about each different witness, I hope kids will come to understand themselves as important members of God’s family who have the power to make a difference for God’s people.

You are invited to participate as much or as little as you are able, believe me, I completely understand about the busyness of life. I would ask that if you do an activity you might consider sharing a picture. I have been thinking it would be fun to post our creations on Facebook, this way, even though we are not together in person, we can still interact.

If you have any questions or ever need supplies or additional support, please feel free to contact me at elizabeth_staniforth@yahoo.com or at church 262-473-2131.

Dinner Prayer:

For All Food Yummy,
That Fills My Tummy
Thank you God,
Amen

Check In Before Watching the Video:

At Promise Point and Middle School Youth Group, we like to start by sharing our Highs and Lows together. I would encourage you to do this together before we start a further discussion about the Witness of the Day. This way, you can check in and know how each other's day has been. Just as it sounds, each person is invited to share their High (the best part of their day) and their Low (the hardest part of the day), after sharing, there are more questions for discussion.

- **Today our Witness is: Saint Anthony Vieira**

When he was alive, Anthony learned to speak many languages. If you could speak another language, what language would you choose and why?

Watch Miss Beth's Introduction Video

Here are some Discussion Questions you can use if you would like to:

Anthony went from Portugal to Brazil when he was just 6 years old. What do you think it was like to make such a big trip? Have you ever moved before? How did you feel about it?

Even though he worked with different Kings and Queens, he always found his way back to work with people who were suffering and poor. What does that tell you about his character?

Do you think it would be harder to work with Kings and Queens, or with slaves and people who are very poor? Why do you think that?

Activity:

Using education.com, I created a word search based on Saint Anthony Viera's life. Can you find all the hidden words? (See the attached sheet)

What did he look like?



