Springtime
FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1 See the Signs of Spring

Read the story of Noah and the Arc (Genesis, 6—9) with your children. Discuss the signs that Noah identifies that indicate that land, earth and life must be near. Go for a walk with your children and talk about any signs of spring that you see. Think about all of your five senses and ask your children: What do you hear? What do you see? Does it feel like spring is near? What do you smell? Discuss the signs with your children as you walk through your neighborhood.

2 Plan a Garden for God

To prepare for spring, plan a garden with your children. We honor God's creation when we touch our world and our communities with beauty, so take some time to think about plants and flowers that might do that. Take a trip to your local hardware store to purchase some seeds. Work together to plant them and watch them grow. Make sure your Garden for God is located in a place where others can benefit from its beauty and appreciate God's new life!

3 Build a Fresh Friendship

Discuss with your children the importance of building relationships with community members and by getting to know all the members of your parish. Think about the people in your parish and those who are present at Mass, and talk to your children about the people you know and those you do not. Make a goal to introduce yourselves to a new community member or family in order to begin a fresh new relationship. You'll be glad you did!

4 Sing for Spring!

Choose one of your favorite songs from Mass (such as "Sing a New Song") to sing as a family, or write an original song together. Singing together is a wonderful way to praise God for his many gifts, particularly the gift of new life. Sing the song outdoors! Observe the gifts of God all around your family during this special season of the year.

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