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# MYOCN PEW PALS



## Jesus Came from a Family – And He Came for Us!

As Christmas gets closer, the Church invites us to slow down and remember where Jesus came from. In the Gospel reading about the Genealogy of Christ, we hear a long list of names—parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents—going all the way from Abraham to King David, and finally to the Theotokos, the Mother of Jesus.

Why does the Bible tell us all these names? Because God wanted us to know something very important:

- Jesus truly became human.
- He was born into a real family.
- God was working through families for hundreds of years to prepare the world for Jesus.

Some people in Jesus' family were kings. Some were shepherds. Some made mistakes. Some were brave and faithful. But God loved them all—and He used every generation to bring His Son into the world. Think about your own family – parents, grandparents, cousins, godparents. Each person has helped shape who you are today. Just like Jesus had a family tree, **you are growing in faith because of the people who love you and teach you about God.**

### Family Homework

**Family Story Night:** Ask parents or grandparents to share stories about faith in your family

**Memory Eternal:** Light a candle and thank God for those who came before you.

### Memory Verse

**“The Word became  
flesh and dwelt among  
us.” – John 1:14**

## Craft - My Faith Family Tree

### Materials:

- Brown Construction Paper
- Green Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers and Crayons



### Instructions:

1. Cut out a tree trunk and glue it onto a paper
2. Cut leaf shapes
3. On each leaf, write or draw someone who helps you grow in faith - parents, grandparents, godparents, priest, teachers.
4. At the top write - "Jesus is born into a family - and so am I"

## Table Discussion

**"Why do you think God chose to come into the world as a baby in a family? How can we show love to our family and church family this week?"**

## Saint Spotlight

### SAINT STEFANOS THE FIRST MARTYR

Saint Stefanos was one of the first helpers in the Church, chosen to care for people in need. He loved Jesus deeply and spoke boldly about Him—even when it was dangerous. Because of his faith, Saint Stefanos was arrested and later martyred. As he was dying, he prayed for forgiveness for those who hurt him—just like Jesus did on the Cross.

What We Learn from Saint Stefanos:

- Be brave in your faith
- Help others with love and kindness
- Forgive, even when it's hard
- Stay close to Jesus no matter what

Saint Stefanos reminds us that being part of God's family sometimes means standing up for what is right with courage and love.

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