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Family Faith Formation
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Family Story



The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds

Read aloud with Michelle and Barack Obama :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJ_MUs_MCkg

This story is a great way to explore how sharing and being generous creates more joy in the world and for ourselves. Jerome loves collecting all kinds of words. It makes him happy. But we also learn that what makes him even happier is taking the words he collects and sharing them with others.

After reading the book, take time to reflect on these questions.

- What was your favorite part of the story?
- How did you feel when he started writing poetry with his words?
- What awesome words would you collect?
- What things have you collected?
- Have you ever given away your collection to other children? Or have you thought about what it would be like to share it with others?
- Do you feel happy and joyful when people share things with you? Why do you think receiving gifts and generosity makes us feel so happy?

Family Activity

Create Paper Crane, Dove and Chalice Snowflakes for others

Gather as a family to make paper cranes, doves and/or Chalice snowflakes for a shut-in or someone who is missing family at this season. Write wishes and greetings on the snowflakes, cranes, and doves.

Make an Origami Crane

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqel94Jri1M>

For a version with speaking: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ux1ECrNDZI4>

This is an intermediate origami craft and will be too hard for most children under 8.

For children who need an easier option: Dove Crafts

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/birds-doves.htm>

Fold Chalice Snowflakes:

From the UUA Worship Web <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/image/chalice-snowflake-instructions>

Family Movie

After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school.

