

	<p><u>3. Celebrating Holidays</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make children aware of how we pray and what prayer means • Teach the Sign of the Cross • Familiarize children with the church • Teach children about Advent-a time of preparation before Christmas • To make child aware that Christmas is to celebrate Jesus' birth • Celebrating Halloween teaches children about sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have child make up own prayer to God • Practice Sign of the Cross • Take your child to Mass • Teach your child to be on best behavior • Sit so child can see what is happening • Show child Advent wreath on altar • Celebrate Christmas as a family and decorate for the birth of Jesus 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching children that Thanksgiving is a day to share with families and thank God for all his blessings • Teaching children the Christmas Story and thanking God for the gift of Jesus • To appreciate St. Valentine's day as a day to show love and share love and share with families and friends • To celebrate and give thanks to God for Easter • To celebrate Mother's and Father's Day to honor them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remind children God gave us everything we are thankful for • Remember to thank God • Help child to make special gifts and become a gift giver • Remind child that Valentine's Day is a perfect way to share • Tell child that Easter brings new life • Remind child that Mary and Joseph were the parents of Jesus 	
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