

“Tradition” or “tradition” Game

Cut the cards that are on the “Faith and Tradition” resource sheet and put them in a pile. Gather as a family and have each member draw a card from the pile, read it off, and decide whether is a Tradition or tradition.

The capital (T) is for core beliefs, the essential Tradition of the Church. The small (t) is for other traditions that we value but are nonessential. The object of the game is to clarify which traditions are essential and which are personal preferences.

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2. We greet one another as we gather for worship. (t)
3. God created the world. (T)
4. We recognize Mary as the Mother of God. (T)
5. The color for Lent is violet. (t)
6. We use a wreath for Advent. (t)
7. The Holy Spirit spoke through the prophets. (T)
8. Communion is received in the form of bread and wine. (T)
9. Praying the rosary is a prayer form. (t)
10. We tell the stories of our faith by displaying statues in church. (t)
11. The Bible is the Word of God. (T)
12. We dress appropriately for Mass. (t)

After the game, discuss as a family how to distinguish between what is and what is not essential in terms of our Catholic faith.

- What happens when people are confused about which are core teachings and which are optional practices?
- What are some of the “small t” traditions we love about your faith? How can we share them with family and friends?
- To which “small t” traditions of others do we need to be more open and accepting?
- Who has the greatest responsibility for passing on the faith?

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