

## Moment Two: Families of Faith

# Wednesday: Grandparents: A Special Part of Our Family

### Reflective Quote

A family that fails to respect and cherish its grandparents, who are its living memory, is already in decline, whereas a family that remembers has a future. (*Amoris Laetitia*, 192–3)

**Note:** Teachers should use their discretion in relation to these activities if pupils have recently lost grandparents or are not in contact with grandparents.

*All classes can engage with the following activities at different levels. Choose an activity to suit your class.*

### Activities

Our grandparents are a special part of our families. They care for us, love us and are important teachers in the ways of life and the ways of faith.

- Draw a picture of a grandparent or great-grandparent using the frame on page 2. Write their name on the line below the picture. Discuss the words that the children think best describe their grandparents. Record the words and stick them around the portraits.
- Create a list of ten things we have learned from our grandparents. Our grandparents are often some of our most important teachers. This could be done as a whole-class activity or as an individual activity for each child using page 3.
- Invite a grandparent into the classroom. Prepare with the children a list of questions comparing life now to life when our grandparents were young. Prepare questions under the headings on page 4 and pupils can record what they have learned afterwards. Alternatively, give each child a copy of page 4 and ask them to discuss with their grandparents how our common home has changed in their lifetime under each heading.
- Write a prayer of thanksgiving for your grandparents.
- Teach the pupils the game Three-Two-One and ask them to play it with their grandparents. Instructions for the game are found on page 5.





## My grandparent is a special part of my family



## Ten things my grandparents have taught me

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparents are a special part  
Of our families! They love, they teach, they care.





## Interview with a grandparent!

Categories	Our world in the past ...	Our world now ...
Technology		
Transport		
School		
Holidays		
Games and Toys		
Caring for our Planet		





## Three-Two-One

To play Three-Two-One, first pick a topic. There are some example topics below, but choose any topics you like. Then **tell** three things, **ask** two questions and **show** one thing relating to your chosen topic.

### Example topics for children

- What is your three-two-one for your week in school?
- What is your three-two-one for your achievements in extracurricular activities – sports, music, scouts or guides, etc.
- What is your three-two-one for your preparation for Confirmation?

### Example topics for grandparents

- What is your three-two-one for last week?
- What is your three-two-one for your hobbies/pastimes?
- What is your three-two-one for your faith/religion?

