



# Parent Pages

## Preparing the environment of the Domestic Church\*

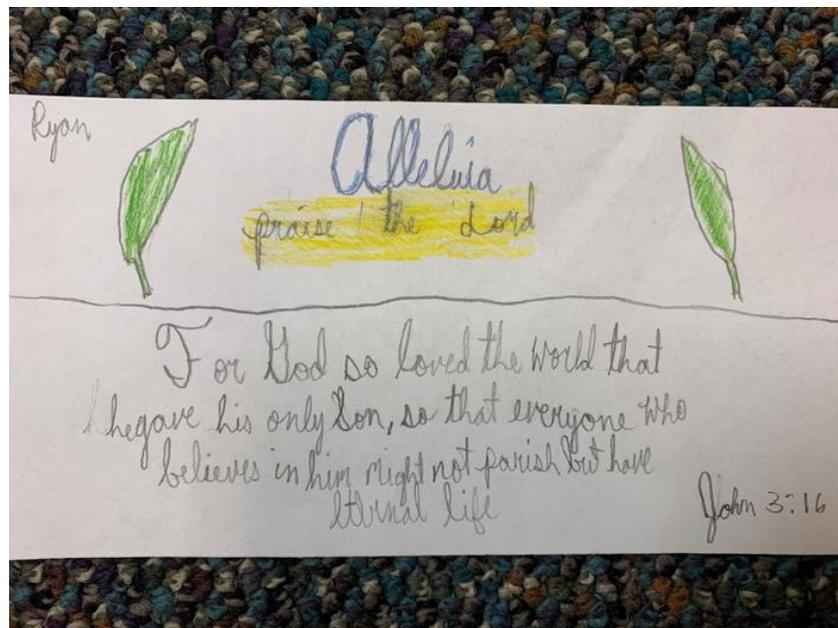
\* The term "Domestic Church" refers to the family, the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. Though recovered only recently, the term dates back to the first century AD. The Greek word *ecclesiola* referred to "little church." The early Church understood that the home.

# The Alleluia

This ancient prayer of praise to God is found throughout sacred scripture, in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, in the prayers of our liturgies, and on the lips of the children and all the faithful, especially during these 50 days of the feast of Easter. The word Alleluia literally means to "Praise the Lord".

In the Atrium, the 6 – 12 year old child has experienced Bibles in different languages. The word Alleluia in many languages, such as French, Spanish, and English is pronounced the same, but is spelled slightly different. (But some languages such as Chinese and Japanese it is pronounced a differently.) Can you imagine a word that is the same or very similar in so many different languages spoken throughout the earth? What can this mean for us? What can this tell us about how the earth is to praise the Lord?

English	Alleluia
Italian	Alleluia
Danish	Alleluia
Dutch	Alleluia
French	Alléluia
Spanish	Aleluya
Bosnian	Aleluja
German	Alleluja
Finish	Halleluja
Filipino	Aleluya
Hungarian	Halleluja
Polish	Alleluja
Portuguese	Aleluia
Romanian	Aleluia
Greek	Αλληλούια
Hebrew	אללוייה



## At Home

- The children might want to take some time this week to write and decorate an Alleluia card or draw an Easter Candle, embellishing their work to show the joy of the Risen Light!
- Look up a Psalm in the Bible that uses Alleluia. Psalms 146-150 all begin and end with Alleluia. I wonder how many times we find it in the Psalms?
- Write or illustrate your own prayer of praise to God.
- The older child may want to copy the word Alleluia in a different language. The word Alleluia in Hebrew is available on our Covid-19 page under resources for children.

Sing some Alleluia songs today and throughout your week! We have been waiting so long to sing this beautiful word!

