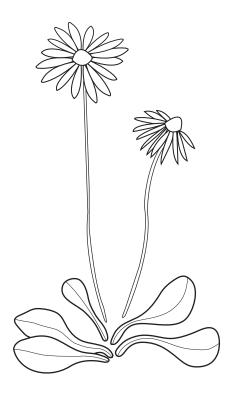
My Little Virtue Garden

Flower: Daisy Virtue: Generosity



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The Christian family, often called the Ecclesia clomestica (the Domestic Church), can be seen as centers of living, radiant faith. By word and example, the father and mother teach this first school of Christian life. Children learn love, divine worship, and prayer. They learn about endurance, sacrifice, and the joy of work. Family members learn patience and kindness. Within the family—these islands of radiant faith—members learn generous forgiveness. The Catholic Catechism states that, "everyone should be generous and tireless in forgiving one another for offenses, quarrels, injustices and neglect. Mutual affection suggests this. The charity of Christ demands it." (CCC #2227).

Angel's Prayer at Fatima

O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly.

I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended.

By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of sinners.

- 1. The Stems— Make two lines, one taller than the other suggesting the father and mother of the family. Daisy stems are tall and leafless.
- 2. The Leaves—The shape of a daisy leaf is like a small spoon. The leaves represent the children in the family. Draw the five shown here, or vary the number to match the number of children in your family.
- 3. The Islands of Radiant Faith—Draw a circle or cone shape for the center of the daisy (the island) and long, slender ovals for the petals (the radiant faith). As a whole, the two daisies and leaves represent the Domestic Church.

