

SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph was a humble carpenter chosen by God for the world's most important job: being the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. Joseph was a "quiet hero"—the Bible doesn't record a single word he spoke! Instead, he showed his love through **action**.

When an angel told him in a dream to protect Mary and Jesus, Joseph got up immediately to keep them safe. He worked hard with his hands to provide for his family and taught Jesus how to pray and build things from wood. He is the Patron Saint of Workers and Families.

Activity:

The Carpenter's Toolbox

Since Joseph used tools to build things, you can use "spiritual tools" to build a happy home!

What to do:

1. **Draw a simple toolbox** on a piece of paper.
2. **Draw three tools** inside (a hammer, a saw, and a ruler).
3. **Label your tools** with jobs you can do to help your family this week:
 - **Hammer:** "I will build up my family with kind words."
 - **Saw:** "I will 'cut out' complaining today."
 - **Ruler:** "I will measure my success by how well I obey my parents."