

RAINBOWS FORM

Dear Kids,

**Supposesomeone told you that you are special?
Yet, sometimes you feel sad because your family
changed.**

Or you are angry because you have so many chores....

Or feel out of place when you see friends with a Mom and Dad together.....

**Or you feel you must keep your parent happy, especially when they are sad?
Or there is some other painful loss in your family.**

**There is finally a time set aside just for you to get together with other kids
your age and talk about what is happening in your life.**

**Fill out the application form below if you would like to be a part of this
special group for all children just like you.**

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

School Attending _____

Address of Mother if applicable: _____

Address of Father if applicable: _____

Home Phone: (Mom) _____ (Father) _____

Cell Phone: (Mom) _____ (Father) _____

**Parent's Work Phone Number _____
(Mother) _____ (Father) _____**

E-Mail Address: (Mom) _____ (Father) _____

Signature (child) _____

Signature of Parent requesting Rainbows _____

Please check: My parent has died. _____

My parents are divorced. _____

**My loss is _____
(please explain)**

My child was in _____ group last year.

Dear Parents,

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death or divorce appears to be only a grown-up problem, it does have a profound effect on the children that it touches. If a parent dies or a divorce occurs, not only do the parents grieve, the children do also. Because of their age and short life experience, children find it extremely difficult to verbalize those feelings.

We have some very beautiful, sensitive, caring, trained adults who have said “yes” to helping these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in the family.

If your child is part of a single-parent family, has experienced the death of a loved family member, friend or sibling, or struggling through a painful experience, this will be an opportunity for him or her to share with a special someone on the outside what is happening on the inside.

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL CHILDREN: We would like to offer the support groups for St. George School children during school hours. Your child will be released from class, if necessary, on a weekly basis.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CHILDREN: We would like to offer the support groups for Parish School of Religion children during the classes on Tuesday afternoons from 5:00 – 5:30 P.M. This will facilitate children attending Religious Education classes. Those children enrolled in Religious Education classes would be excused from their regular classes during the Rainbow session regardless of which days their classes are held.

If this time is burdensome for your family, please indicate on your child’s registration form the day/time which is more convenient.

Rainbows sessions will last 6 weeks in the fall and 6 weeks in the spring. A wrap up “Celebrate Me” family day will be held in the spring to close the sessions.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 14th in the Parish Activity Center from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. to further explain the program in detail and answer any questions that you might have. Rainbows will begin October 11, 2010.

On the reverse side of this page is an application form for you and your child to fill out if your child wants to be part of these groups.

Please be sure and let us know if your child has been in a previous Rainbows Program group by indicating the facilitator’s name on our registration form.

If you have any questions or concerns before the parent meeting, please call Cherry Riggs at 293-2212.