

Benjamin and Katia Transcript

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Ben - My name is Benjamin and my wife and I live in Montréal.

Katia - My name is Katia. We have two children, Dylan and Talia. Dylan is 13 and Talia is 12.

Ben - We started the process to see if it was possible to launch a junior youth group in our neighbourhood, around our own children.

Katia –Yes

Ben - And we thought of some children of about the same age as our own, and their parents, who could be interested by these learning approaches. We had dinners, several neighbourhood dinners, to get to know the parents of our children's friends.

Katia - Then we invited our children's friends and their parents, but also some neighbours that we didn't really know all that well. It took a lot of courage to invite our neighbours, because we didn't know them, but we thought that it could be nice.

Ben - It is interesting to see that this junior youth group includes kids that are... French-Canadian, there are kids that are Arabs, from North Africa and there are Mexicans. So the group is quite diverse, but everybody gets along, the kids are learning about other cultures.

Katia - Seeing children that are radiant when they leave our house, seeing them transform and be happy makes us very happy. It gives me a lot of joy.

Ben - The activities that we have are interconnected. For example, at my mother's we have evenings of prayer and talks. They lead to a lot of discussions on spiritual matters. People come because they believe that others listen to them and, through this activity, we have invited them to participate in the study circles that were starting. Personally I had no experience with study circles so it was new for me too. It is interesting to be able to sit down... and everybody... we will study the sacred Writings... and everybody will contribute to the consultation. This process is very enriching.

Katia - I think that since we started our neighbourhood activities, as I was saying, it is very inspiring to open our house to our youth.