

St. John Neumann Youth Faith Formation - 2021-2022

Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 Lessons

A Family of Faith: The Profession of Faith

September – Onsite Lessons

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Sun, 9/12/2021 Wed, 9/15/2021	Family Faith Gathering (FFG) & Class	September Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books
Throughout month	Complete rest of chapter	September Chapter
Sun, 9/26/2021, 5pm	Family Mass and Food Truck	Join us for our first family Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month at 5pm, followed by dinner on the parish (a Mexican food truck) and some family faith activities. RSVP at: www.sjnstcharles.org/events-registrations/ .
Thur, 9/30/2021	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection: forms.gle/g6a6H3GHhs3V8uyT8 .

Prayers to Memorize throughout the Year: Sign of the Cross, the Lord’s Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Prayer to One’s Guardian Angel, Blessing Before a Meal, Act of Contrition, Apostles’ Creed.

Lesson Details

Key Ideas of our September Lesson:

- Introduce basic Catholic prayers, including Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Prayer Before Meals
- Introduce Bible basics
- Begin to build your Family Storybook

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Catechists and Children, complete in class:

- Grades 1 through 5: Goal is to meet your students, welcome them, help them feel loved and comfortable with you and each other.
 - **Before class**, place out Children’s Activity Book, Parent’s Guide, Bible Stories (grades 1 through 4) or Bible (grade 5) if applicable, Family Storybook binder, “All About Me” banner, and blank name card at each child’s seat. Note: Books and Bibles will be labeled with child’s name. All Books and Bibles go HOME with families at the end of the evening. And all Books and Bibles should come BACK with families next month.
 - **Meet students on upper level** (Sundays in Hoffman Center; Wednesdays in Hermes-Media Center) at about 10 minutes into the session. Ideally, catechists should be present at gathering time upstairs to greet and participate in family time. These will dismiss you to the lower level by grade. Lead students single file to lower-level classroom through stairwell by the nursery.
 - **Opening Prayer in Classroom** – Procession to set up prayer table; end with Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be (10 min)
 - **Discuss Classroom rules** (Bible-based rules poster is hanging in your classroom. In your in-box in Room 110, is a blank rules poster so that the children if they want can also create their own class rules.) (10 min)
 - **Complete name cards and “All About Me” banners** (copies in your in-box in Room 110) (10 min)
 - **Return to parents** on upper level no later than:
 - Sunday: 9:55 am – meet parents back in the Hoffman Center
 - Wednesday: 6:55 pm – meet parents in Guadalupe Chapel; students sit next to parents

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Parents and Children, complete at home: Both on-site and at-home families:

- Complete the activities below: “Your Family Storybook,” “Your Catholic Home – Praying Before Meals,” and “Basic Catholic Prayers”
- Complete the September monthly reflection at: forms.gle/q6a6H3GHhs3V8uyT8.

Activities:

Activity Title: Your Family Storybook



Activity to be Done: At home with parents

Ages: All ages

Focus: You will use and build upon the Family Storybook throughout the year. The storybook will help introduce your children to your own family story and how this story fits into God's story.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: page 3

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: n/a

Activity: Gather the materials for the storybook so that you can begin building the book in October. At our Family Faith Gathering or at book pickup, we will provide a 1/2-inch binder, with a front cover insert for a cover picture and card stock for the inside pages of your storybook. This month, decorate the cover of your binder.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Each month, we will learn about God's story. We will also learn about our place in God's story. Our family is part of God's family! We will use the storybook to help learn this.

Activity Title:

Your Catholic Home – Praying Before Meals



Activity to be Done: At home with parents

Ages: All ages

Focus: Giving thanks to God before meals.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: page 4

“Activity Book” pages: n/a

Activity: If you are not already, we encourage you to add the Prayer Before Meals before eating breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- We pause before eating to give thanks to God for what we have on our table.
 - Children can take turns leading the prayer and get practice praying out loud as a prayer leader.
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Activity Title: Bible Basics



Activity to be Done: At home

Ages: All ages

Focus: How the story of God is told in the Bible.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 5-6

“Activity Book” pages: pages 4-5

Activity: Walk through your Bible with your children to familiarize them with it (Grades 1, 3, and 4 have the *Book of Bible Stories*; Grade 5 has the *BreakThrough Bible*)

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- God gave us the Scriptures because He loved us and wanted us to know how much He did.
 - The Bible is the truth of God’s revelation. It is the Word of God.
 - The Bible is “inerrant” or “cannot go against the truth.”
 - God is the main author of Scripture.
 - The Holy Spirit inspired humans to write what God wanted them to write.
 - We call God’s Word: Scripture, the Bible, Revelation, Sacred Scripture, the Good News, etc.
 - The Bible is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament.
 - The Old Testament begins with creation and everything leading up to the coming of Jesus.
 - The New Testament starts with the coming of Jesus, the forming of the early Church, and beyond.
 - Reading God’s Word, or the Bible, can teach us, heal us, save us, inspire us by telling us who God is, change our hearts, and help us be more loving.
 - For older children:
 - The first 5 books of the Bible are called the Pentateuch.
 - The genres, or types of writing, in the Bible include historical books, wisdom books, prophetic books, the Gospels, the Letters.
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Activity Title: Basic Catholic Prayers



Activity to be Done: In the classroom / At home: please pray these prayers regularly and work toward memorization

Ages: All ages

Focus: Learning our Basic Catholic Prayers

“Parent’s Guide” pages: page 7

“Activity Book” pages: page 6

Activity in the Classroom: Praying the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be as part of the opening prayer.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Parents, please help children to memorize our heritage prayers. We will not work on memorization in the classroom.

Classroom Handouts for 9/12/2021 and 9/15/2021:

Note: Catechists, please get your copies of these handouts in your in-boxes in Room 110. If any child is absent, please save them for when the child is next in attendance.

“All About Me” Banner

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All About Me
My name is _____
My Birthday is on _____
I am _____ years old

This is Me

My Favorite

- Color: _____
- Food: _____
- Subject: _____
- Book: _____
- Sport: _____
- Hobby: _____

Some things I am really good at are... _____

Some things I would like to get even better at are... _____

I am looking forward to... _____

I am looking forward to... _____

Bible-based Classroom Rules Poster (blank poster for the children's rules has the border with no writing on it)

Our Classroom Rules



- Love the Lord Your God
Luke 10:27
- Respect others as
image-bearers of God
Genesis 1:26-27 Romans 12:10
- Work Hard At Everything
You Do
Colossians 3:23
- Watch Your Words
Ephesians 4:29
- Don't Blend In With the World
Romans 12:1-2

JOY IN THE JOURNEY