

St. John Neumann Youth Faith Formation - 2021-2022

**Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 Lessons**

**A Family of Faith: The Profession of Faith**

September – Lessons for Home Study

<u>Suggested Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Before beginning lessons with your child(ren)	Parent video	View parent video for September at: <a href="https://vimeo.com/channels/1730471">https://vimeo.com/channels/1730471</a>
Week of 9/12/2021 and throughout month	Lesson 1	September Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books
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: <a href="http://www.sjnstcharles.org/events-registrations/">www.sjnstcharles.org/events-registrations/</a> .
By Thur, 9/30/2021	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection: <a href="https://forms.gle/g6a6H3GHhs3V8uyT8">forms.gle/g6a6H3GHhs3V8uyT8</a> .

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**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.

*These “home study” guides will be posted to our website monthly.  
A Flocknote will be sent out when the guides are posted.*

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## 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

## **Activities:**

### **Activity Title: Your Family Storybook**

**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.
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## **Activity Title:**

### **Your Catholic Home – Praying Before Meals**

**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.

## **Activity Title: Bible Basics**

**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**

**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.