

St. John Neumann Youth Faith Formation - 2021-2022  
**Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 Lessons**  
**A Family of Faith: The Profession of Faith**

## October – Onsite/Home Lessons

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Sun, 10/3/2021 Wed, 10/6/2021	Family Faith Gathering (FFG) & Class	Lesson 1 in October Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books
Throughout month	Complete rest of chapter at home	October Chapter
Sun, 10/24/2021, 5pm	Family Mass and Potluck	Join us for our family Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month at 5pm, followed by potluck dinner and family faith activities. RSVP at: <a href="http://www.sjnstcharles.org/events-registrations/">www.sjnstcharles.org/events-registrations/</a> .
Thur, 10/31/2021	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection: <a href="https://forms.gle/2tKsGAS7PAIn35Eo6">https://forms.gle/2tKsGAS7PAIn35Eo6</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.

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## Lesson Details

**Key Ideas of our October Lessons:**

- Lesson 1: (covered in class)
  - Faith is to believe in God and is a gift from God.
  - The Church has summarized the great mysteries of our Faith in the Apostles’ Creed, which contains the most important truths about our Catholic faith.
- Lesson 2: (covered at home)
  - God is mystery, a truth that is above our ability to understand.
  - God has shown us truths about Himself through Divine Revelation, which are truths about Him that we could never know on our own.
  - The Trinity is the mystery that there are Three Persons in one God.
  - God’s great plan included He as the Creator and His creation.
- To work on all month: (at home and in class)

- Scripture verse of the month, saint of the month, Apostles' Creed memorization, Words to Know for the month, and Car Conversations (see pages 8 through 13 of the *Parent's Guide* for more info).



## Onsite Classroom Lesson

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Sun, 10/3/2021 Wed, 10/6/2021	Family Faith Gathering (FFG) & Class	Lesson 1 in October Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books

### Catechists and Children, complete in class:

- Grades 1 through 5: Goal is to communicate Lesson 1 Key Ideas using Lesson 1 age-appropriate activities.
  - **Before Class.** Set up your room as you want. If you are not doing the procession to set up your prayer table, please make sure the prayer table is set up before class. You can leave it set up after class too.
  - **Be on the upper level** for the Family Faith Gatherings (Sundays in Hoffman Center; Wednesdays in Hermes-Media Center) at the start time of the session. Once upstairs, get your grade-level sign, which will be in the white basket on a rolling cart. There will dismiss catechists and students to the lower level by grade about 10 minutes into the session. 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 the Act of Faith, on page 8 in the *Activity Book* (5 min).
  - **Activity 1 and 2.** (15 min)
    - **Grades 1 and 3:** Read the story book “What is Faith?” which will be in your in-box. Identify the key ideas in these activities and review the Lesson 1 Words to Know on page 16 in the *Parent's Guide*. Please return the book to the RE Office after class.
    - **Grades 4 and 5:** Be in the Youth Lounge by 9:20 am on Sunday and 7:20 pm on Wednesday to watch the video from Catholic Kids Media, titled “What is Faith?” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Slxlzo7DbEI>). Back in the classroom, identify the key ideas in these activities and review the Lesson 1 Words to Know on page 16 in the *Parent's Guide*.
  - **Activity 5.** (15 min). Complete this activity. In the blank space on page 13 in the *Children's Activity* book, have the children illustrate the first of the 12 doctrines in the prayer: God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth.
  - **Return to parents** on upper level by: Sunday by 9:50 am and Wednesday by 6:50 pm. *Return your grade-level signs to the white basket.*

### Classroom Handouts for 10/3/2021 and 10/6/2021:

- Grades 1 and 3: *What is Faith?* Book
- Grades 4 and 5: Video in the Youth Lounge at 9:20am and 7:20 pm



## Home Lesson

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Throughout month	Complete rest of chapter at home	October Chapter
Thur, 10/31/2021	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection: <a href="https://forms.gle/2tKsGAS7PAiN35Eo6">https://forms.gle/2tKsGAS7PAiN35Eo6</a> .

**Parents and Children, complete at home:**

Goal is to communicate Lesson 2 Key Ideas using Lesson 2 age-appropriate activities. Families can also review Lesson 1 if you have time.

- We suggest that you complete the “Your Family Genesis Story,” which is for your family storybook (the white binder provided to you).
- Complete other activities from Lesson 2 to help communicate the key ideas listed above on page 1 of this handout.
- Complete the October monthly reflection at: <https://forms.gle/2tKsGAS7PAiN35Eo6>.

### **Home Activity Options:**

#### **Activity Title:** How Can We Know God?

**Activity to be Done:** At home with parents

**Ages:** All ages

**Focus:** We can know God through reason, Divine Revelation, and His creation.

**“Parent’s Guide” pages:** pages 28-29

**“Children’s Activity Book” pages:** pages 14-15

**Activity:** Read and discuss with your family, “How Can We know God? Essay.”

**Key ideas to communicate to the children:**

- “Mystery” in our faith is OK and expected. We have truths in our faith that are above our reason, but not contrary to it.
- We can know God through reason, through his Divine Revelation, and through creation.

## **Activity Title: Who is God?**

**Activity to be Done:** At home with parents

**Ages:** All ages

**Focus:** God is holy, almighty, omniscient, eternal, and omnipresent.

**“Parent’s Guide” pages:** pages 30-31

**“Activity Book” pages:** pages 16-18

**Activity:** Share the five attributes of God and help your children understand them to the best of their ability. Page 16 of the *Activity Book* allows younger children to write or draw how they would describe God. Page 17 allows older children to consider Scripture passages in describing God. Page 18 allows the children some prayer time to acknowledge their worries and concerns and give these things over to God.

**Key ideas to communicate to the children:**

- The five attributes of God: Holy, almighty, omniscient, eternal/unchanging, omnipresent.
- With God, nothing is impossible. He is bigger than any of our concerns. We can gain comfort by asking God to help us through the tough times in life.

**Supplement:**

- **Grades 1, 3, and 4:** Read with your children, “Jesus is the Word of God,” in the *Book of Bible Stories*, pages 48-51. This story refers to the mystery of God and will help you discuss God’s Divine Revelation.
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## **Activity Title: The Blessed Trinity**

**Activity to be Done:** At home

**Ages:** All ages

**Focus:** God is one in Three Persons.

**“Parent’s Guide” pages:** pages 32-34

**“Activity Book” pages:** pages 19-20

**Activity:** Share the mystery of the Trinity and help your children understand this to the best of their abilities.

**Key ideas to communicate to the children:**

- Two bullet points on page 33 of the *Parent’s Guide*.

**Optional Activity:** The video excerpt at [sophiasketchpad.org](http://sophiasketchpad.org) is a free video. Just play the video that is embedded under the “Marriage” headline on the page.

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## **Activity Title:** The Story of Creation

**Activity to be Done:** At home

**Ages:** All ages

**Focus:** God created everything good.

**“Parent’s Guide” pages:** pages 35-37

**“Activity Book” pages:** pages 21-33

**Activity:** Reading passages from the Book of Genesis to understand the steps of God’s creation of the earth, animals, and human beings. To give thanks to God for creation.

**Key ideas to communicate to the children:**

- The steps of God’s creation, which are listed in the passages from Genesis
- Humans are the top of God’s creation. We were told by God to be fruitful and multiple. God made us stewards or caretakers of His creation.

**Supplement:**

- **Grade 5:** In the *BreakThrough Bible*, read Genesis 1:1 – 2:25. Complete the call outs on those pages: “Live It! And God Was Pleased” and “Study It! Uncovering the Truth.”
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## **Activity Title:** Your Family Genesis Story

**Activity to be Done:** At home

**Ages:** All ages

**Focus:** God has a plan for each one of us.

**“Parent’s Guide” pages:** pages 38

**“Activity Book” pages:** n/a

**Activity:** Share the story of the “genesis” of your family, how God began your family and has worked in your family’s life. Help your children capture this story in words and pictures in your family storybook (white binder). If you haven’t already, decorate the cover of your family storybook with your family’s last name and other images.

**Key ideas to communicate to the children:**

- Creation did not stop with the Book of Genesis. Each time a baby is conceived, God creates an immortal soul that gives life to that child. Thus we are all part of God's plan!