

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

November – Lessons for Home Study

(Also use this packet if you are registered for onsite, hybrid lessons and miss the onsite session for the month.)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Before beginning lessons with your child(ren)	Parent video	View parent video for November at: https://vimeo.com/channels/1730471 (Note: this will be posted on the first of the month)
Before beginning lessons with your child(ren)	Parent reading	Read the background to the chapter on pages 244-248 of the <i>Parents' Guide</i> .
November 1 through November 5	Thanksgiving Donations	Please bring in donations for the Thanksgiving Basket Donations *** See list below.
Sun, 11/28/2021, 5pm	Family Mass only	Join us for our family Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month at 5pm. During November, we will have only Mass, no dinner.
By 11/30/2021	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection: https://forms.gle/sRByaqTVreQtU8id7 .

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Youth Faith Formation classes will participate in our parish’s efforts to feed the hungry in our community with well-stocked Thanksgiving food baskets. We ask that each child bring the designated item to their Family Faith Gathering on the following dates. If you are a home study or special needs family, bring the items to church with you on the Sunday noted below and drop them off in room 216.

Wednesday, November 3
Sunday, November 7

Preschool/Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit or Vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Cereal	<input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter and Jelly
Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5/Special Needs
<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and Tooth Paste	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Detergent	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice or Canned Beans

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.

Key Ideas for the Month

Key Ideas of our November Lessons:

- Lesson 3:

- All people are made in the image and likeness of God, which means we have intellect, free will, and the capacity to love.
 - People have immortal souls.
 - Grace is God's own life within us.
 - Adam and Eve's sin, called Original Sin, means we are born without grace in our souls.
 - Lesson 4:
 - God did not abandon humanity after the Fall.
 - He entered into covenants with mankind.
 - God always keeps his promises.
 - Advent is a season of waiting and preparing for Jesus.
 - To work on all month:
 - Scripture verse of the month, saint of the month, Apostles' Creed memorization, Words to Know for the month, and Car Conversations.
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Lesson 3 Activities

Parents, choose two to three activities in this lesson to present to your children at home. Communicate the lesson's key ideas, listed above.

Note: We suggest that you complete Activity 2, "I Reflect the Image of God," which is for your family storybook (the white binder provided to you).

Activity 1: Made in His Image

Ages: 5-8 years old

Focus: Humans reflect God with our intellect, free will, and capacity to love. [Note the typo on page 49: "out" should be "our"]

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 51-52

"Children's Activity Book" pages: n/a

Activity: Use a mirror to lead a discussion of how we are made in God's image.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- As images of God, we teach others about God and how He loves us.
 - Since we are created in His image, we should try to be like God. When we choose to act like God, we are like mirrors—we reflect God.
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Activity 2: I Reflect the Image of God *Family storybook activity*

Ages: All ages

Focus: Review of what it means to be created in God's image.

"Parent's Guide" pages: page 53

"Children's Activity Book" pages: page 45

Activity: Adding pages to your Family Storybook by creating figures for each family member that shows how each reflect God.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Being made in the image of God, we have dignity.
 - We are capable of self-knowledge, self-possession, and of freely giving of ourselves.
 - We are called by grace into covenant with our Creator and to offer Him the response of faith that no other creature can give Him.
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Activity 3: Body and Soul

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Our bodies will die one day, but our souls will live forever.

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 54-55

"Children's Activity Book" pages: page 47 as an option

Activity: A family discussion on the differences between our bodies and our souls.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- We should honor and respect our bodies.
 - The soul reflects God's image in a special way because it is the part of us that allows us to know, choose, and love.
 - God created each person's soul!
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Activity 4: What is Grace?

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Grace is the life of God in our soul.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: page 56-57.

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: page 48.

Activity: A family discussion on God’s grace and how, through our actions, that grace within us can grow. Children will demonstrate this through a drawing activity.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Grace is the life of God in our soul.
 - Grace is a free gift from God.
 - Grace is necessary for anyone to live eternally with God in Heaven.
 - We receive grace at baptism. Grace continues to grow in our soul as we obey God, pray, and receive the Sacraments.
 - Grace decreases in our souls when we sin, choosing ourselves over God and others.
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Activity 5: Fall from Grace Scripture

Ages: All ages.

Focus: There were great consequences to the Original Sin of Adam and Eve.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 58 and 59

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: pages 49 and 50

Activity: Scripture reading and activity about how Adam and Eve were given the gift of free will and chose to rebel against God, there by losing Original Holiness and bringing Original Sin into the world.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Because of Original Sin, Adam and Eve lost their state of Original Holiness.
 - Without this grace, the gates of Heaven were closed to them. They had to leave paradise and live a life of ignorance, hard work, and suffering, and experience sickness and death.
 - As descendants of Adam and Eve, we all are born in the state of Original Sin.
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Activity 6: Fallen, but Loved by God

Ages: All ages.

Focus: God always loves us and always keeps His promises.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 60 and 61

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: not applicable

Activity: A family discussion of how God continued to love Adam and Eve even though they chose themselves over God.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Adam and Eve sinned when they chose themselves over God, but God continued to love them.
- God showed Adam and Eve love by the ways listed on page 61 in the *Parents’ Guide*.
- God shows all of us love by sending His Son to be with us and make it possible for us to go to Heaven.

Lesson 4 Activities

Parents, choose two to three activities in lesson to present to your children at home. Communicate the lesson’s key ideas, listed above.

Note: We suggest that you complete Activity 2, “God is a Promise Keeper,” which is for your family storybook (the white binder provided to you).

Activity 1: Covenants in Scripture

Ages: All ages

Focus: God entered into covenants with humanity through Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 64-65

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: pages 51-57

Activity: Discuss the covenants God made with his people; children will complete certain age-relevant activities.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Covenants are solemn agreements made between two parties.
- Covenants in Scripture are sacred agreements made between God and his people. It creates a sacred bond between God and us. God promises his grace and blessing and asks for our obedience in return.

- In the covenant with Adam, God shared his grace fully with Adam and Eve. This covenant was broken by Adam through disobedience. Yet God did not abandon Adam and Eve.
- In His covenant with Noah, God protected the family of Noah, keeping them safe from the flood, and promised to never flood the earth again.
- In His covenant with Abraham, God promised land (or a nation), a name (or a dynasty), and a worldwide blessing to Abraham and his descendants.
- In His covenant with King David and his descendants, God promised that God would establish an everlasting throne in the line of David. God was referring to his Son Jesus Christ.
- Through Jesus Christ, the New Covenant, we can have eternal life with God.

Supplement:

There are several stories in the Book of Bible Stories that share details about God's covenants in Scripture:

- "The Garden of Eden," beginning on page 134
- "Noah and the Flood," beginning on page 212.
- "Abraham and his Son Isaac," beginning on page 142.
- "God Calls Moses," beginning on page 66.
- "David, Israel's King," beginning on page 78.

Activity 2: God is a Promise Keeper *Family Storybook Activity*

Ages: All ages

Focus: Review of God's promises

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 66-67

"Activity Book" pages: pages 58-59

Activity: Recall God's promises made in Scripture and add these to your family's Storybook.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- In the covenants God made with us in Scripture, he promises to always love us and to send his Son to save us and give us eternal life with Him.
- He made these promises to each member of your family!

Supplement:

- Read with your older children, "Abraham and his Son Isaac," in the *Book of Bible Stories*, pages 142-. This story refers to the mystery of God and will help you discuss God's Divine Revelation.
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Activity 3: Bible Promises Stars *Advent Prep Activity*

Ages: All ages

Focus: Scripture tells us how God wants to care for us.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 68-70

“Activity Book” pages: pages 60

Activity: Write a prayer to God and a Scripture verse that helps us remember that God keeps his promises. Turn this into a craft to help prepare our hearts for Advent, which begins on Sunday, November 28.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Scripture helps us remember that God keeps his promises.

Additional Activities for the Month

Explore the additional activities: Saint of the Month, Verse of the Month, Car Conversations, etc.