

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

November – Hybrid Lesson Plans
 (On Site and At Home)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Wed, 11/3/2021 Sun, 11/7/2021	Family Faith Gathering (FFG) & Class	Lesson 3 in November Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books *** Also bring Thanksgiving Basket Donations please. See list attached. ***
Throughout month	Complete rest of chapter at home	Lesson 4 in November Chapter. Review Lesson 3 if you have time.
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 .
<u>Calendar Change for December</u>		
Wed, 12/1/2021 or Sun, 12/5/2021	Original schedule: Family Faith Gathering. New schedule: Class only for children	In December, we will have no Family Faith Gathering. Children from all grades should be dropped off in their classrooms for a full 75-minute class. On Wed, 12/1/2021, parents are encouraged to join the 6pm Advent parish Mass in the Chapel.

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: (mostly covered in class)

- All people are made in the image and likeness of God, which means we have intellect, free will, and the capacity to love (know, choose, and 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: (covered at home)
 - 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: (covered 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.



Onsite Classroom - Lesson 3

Catechists and Children, complete in class:

- Grades 1 through 5: Goal is to communicate the lesson's Key Ideas using age-appropriate activities.
 - **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. These 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 if you choose to do this; end with the Apostles Creed (5 min).
 - **Activity 1, “Made in His Image”** (5 min). Complete this activity. We will provide one mirror to each class. Be sure to communicate that (1) As images of God, we teach others about God and how He loves us; and (2) 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.
 - **Activity 2, “I Reflect the Image of God”** (10 min). Complete this activity, using the children’s *Activity Book*, page 45, and the art material in your supply bin. LEAVE THE PAGE INTACT IN THE CHILDREN’S BOOK, so that parents can cut the image out and paste it into their Family Storybooks at home. We will provide a small sheet of foil in everyone’s in-boxes.
 - **Activity 3, “Body and Soul”** (5 min.) Complete this activity. For older children (grades 4 and 5), you can have them complete page 47 in the *Activity Book*.
 - Be sure to communicate that (1) We should honor and respect our bodies; (2) 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; (3) God created each person’s soul!
 - Also connect these messages to All Souls’ Day, which the Church just celebrated on Tuesday, November 2. Hand out the All Souls’ Prayer Card. Invite children to write the names of their loved one’s whose bodies have died, but whose souls are still alive! Encourage the children to add this card to their Family Storybook.
 - End by praying the prayer on the card together as a class.
 - **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 11/3/2021 and 11/7/2021:

- One handheld mirror per class. Please return these to your in-boxes after class.
- Small sheet of foil.
- Extra photocopied pages of pages 45 and 47 in the *Activity Book* – in case children leave these books at home.
- All Souls’ Prayer Cards.



Home – Lesson 3

Note: In class the children completed a portion of Activity 2, “I Reflect the Image of God,” which is for your Family Storybook (the white binder provided to you). We encourage you to complete a paper figure on page 45 of the children’s *Activity Book*, one for each family member. Add all the figures into your Family Storybook.

The children will also be bringing home a All Souls' Prayer Card, used to help teach Activity 3 "Body and Soul." We encourage you to add this Prayer Card into your Family Storybook.



Home – Lesson 4

Parents and Children, complete at home:

Goal is to communicate the lesson's Key Ideas using age-appropriate activities. Families can also review Lesson 3 if you have time.

- We suggest that you complete Activity 2, "God is a Promise Keeper," which is for your family storybook (the white binder provided to you).
 - Complete other activities from this lesson to help communicate the key ideas listed above.
 - Complete the monthly reflection at: <https://forms.gle/sRByaqTVreQtU8id7>.
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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.
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Additional Activities for the Month

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