

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

January – 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 January 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 251-254 of the <i>Parents' Guide</i> .
Throughout month	Complete chapter at home	Lessons 6 and 7 in January Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books
Sunday, January 23, 2022, 5pm	Family Mass and Potluck	Register for our Family Mass and Potluck at: www.sjnstcharles.org/events-registrations/ .
By 1/31/2022	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection https://forms.gle/vFXjiGUNJT NabZFp6 .

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 January Lessons:

- Lesson 6: Through His life, Jesus revealed:
 - The truth of who He is
 - The life He has planned for us
 - The way to live in order to spend eternity with Him in Heaven
- Lesson 7:
 - When we are baptized as Christians, all our sins are forgiven
 - Baptism makes us God’s adopted children.
 - Baptized Christians are no longer the lost descendants of Adam but are children of God
- 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 6 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 either Activity 3, "Jesus' Miracles," or Activity 4, "I am the Truth," which are for your family storybook (the white binder provided to you).

Activity 1: Who is Jesus?

Ages: All ages

Focus: Jesus is God, our Savior, and a model for how we are to live.

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 107-109

"Children's Activity Book" pages: pages 85-86

Activity: Read and have a family discussion of the essay, "Who is Jesus?"

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Jesus is our Savior: "the way, the truth, and the life."
 - Jesus is a model for how we are to live.
 - Jesus is God – the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. We know this because of revelation in Scripture, the miracles Jesus performed, and His power to forgive sins.
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Activity 2: Miracles of Jesus

Ages: All ages

Focus: Jesus' four types of miracles show that He is God.

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 110-113

"Children's Activity Book" pages: pages 87-91

Activity: Read Scripture passages about Jesus' miracles with your children. Discuss these passages. Children will also draw these miracles. Older children will summarize the miracles and categorize them by type.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Jesus performed many signs or miracles, some of which are not even written about in the Gospels.
 - Jesus performed the signs so that we might believe in Him, that He is the Messiah and the Son of God, and that through this belief we might have eternal life through Him.
 - Jesus wants us to believe in Him and have eternal life because He loves us.
 - Learn about several specific miracles that Jesus did.
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Activity 3: Jesus' Miracles
Storybook Activity

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Review of Jesus' miracles

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 114

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

Activity: Create a Family Storybook page focused on Jesus' miracles.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Jesus healed the sick, had power over nature, brought the dead to life, and forgave sins.
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Activity 4: I Am the Truth
Storybook Activity

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Jesus reveals himself to our families.

"Parent's Guide" pages: page 115.

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

Activity: Create a Family Storybook page focused on how God has revealed himself in your family.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- God reveals the truth of who He is to you and to your family personally.
 - Review examples of when and how this has happened in your family.
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Lesson 7 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.*

Activity 1: I Am the Way

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Jesus defeated death and sin so we would not have to suffer eternal separation from God.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 118-121

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: pages 92-96

Activity: Play a Redemption Game, in which each family member gives up something important for the duration of the game. This important thing is won back, or redeemed, by the actions or prayers of another family member. You can supplement this discussion with a fill-in-the-blank worksheet and a creative project based on John 3:16.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- God became man and freely suffered the consequences of our sin. Jesus redeemed us – He conquered the power of death by rising from the dead, defeating sin so we would not have to suffer eternal separation from God.
- Christ’s Death and Resurrection restored our true inheritance as children of God: eternal life with Him in Heaven.

Activity 2: Baptism: The First Step on the Way

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Jesus forgives our sins and recreates us as children of God in Baptism. We need Baptism to go to Heaven.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: page 122-125

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: pages 97-98

Activity: Discuss with your children how water is a fundamental part of life on earth. Discuss how God uses water in a special, grace-filled way during Baptism. Read and discuss a family essay on Baptism.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Baptism is God’s way of cleansing our Original Sin. In Baptism, we die to our sins and are reborn as a child of God.
- Jesus commanded the Apostles to baptize people “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”
- Baptism is necessary to open the way to Heaven for us.

Supplement for Older Children:

- Watch and discuss with your child ren a Sophia SketchPad video on Baptism: <https://youtu.be/wv5GyWJaQ-Q>.

Activity 3: I Am the Life

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Jesus calls everyone to the Kingdom of God.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: page 126

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: page 99

Activity: Work with your child to complete a matching activity that helps your child identify the qualities of the Kingdom of God.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Jesus shows us the life he has planned for us. This is the Kingdom of God.
- The Kingdom of God has these qualities:
 - It is both within us, and yet is to come in eternity.
 - It is a priceless treasure.
 - It is knowledge of God.
 - It is abundant, full life.
- We have the responsibility to share the Good News of the Kingdom of God, make disciples of all people, and bring them into the Kingdom through Baptism.

Bible Stories:

- For younger children, read “Jesus Gives the Great Commission and Ascends into Heaven,” on pages 238 to 242 in the *Book of Bible Stories*.
- For children in Grade 5, read Matthew 28: 16-20, and read the “Catholic Connections: Holy Trinity” on those pages of the *BreakThrough Bible*.

Additional Activities for the Month

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