

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

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

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Sun., 1/9/2022 Wed., 1/12/2022	Family Faith Gathering and class	Lesson 6 in the January Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books
Before beginning lessons with your child(ren) at home	Parent video and reading	Parents are invited to view the parent video for January at: https://vimeo.com/channels/1730471 (Note: this will be posted on the first of the month) and read the background to the chapter on pages 251-254 of the <i>Parents' Guide</i> .
Throughout month	Complete lesson at home	Lesson 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 .
Note: Calendar Change for February 2022 Classes		
Wed., 2/2/2022 Sun., 2/6/2022	Family Faith Gathering and class	Change: Sunday's Family Faith Gathering has been changed from 2/13/2022 to 2/6/2022.

See our posted calendar for the full February calendar:
www.sjnstcharles.org/2021-2022-program-materials-lower-grades/

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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Onsite Classroom - Lesson 6

Catechists and Children, complete in class:

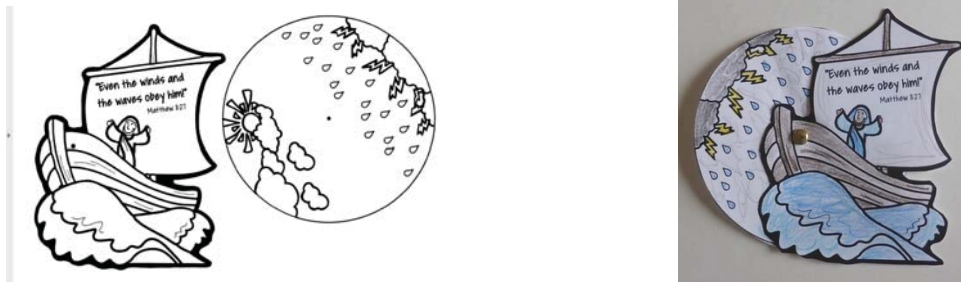
Grades 1 through 5: Goal is to communicate the lesson's Key Ideas using age-appropriate activities.

- **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. 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 if you choose to do this; end with the Apostles Creed (5 min).
- **Activity 1: Who is Jesus (10 min).**
 - Share with the students that you will read a passage from their books that asks the question: Who is Jesus? Let them know that you want them to listen for the answers in what you read.
 - Read the two paragraphs labeled, "Who is Jesus?" from the [Who Is Jesus Essay](#) on pages 85 and 86 of the *Children's Activity Book* or on pages 108 and 109 of the *Parents' Guide*.
 - Ask: Based on what I just read, who is Jesus? Answers from the passage include God, the Son of God, and Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.
 - Write down all children's answers on the classroom white board as they are given. Then go back and ask the students to judge whether each of the answers is correct. You may want to read the passage one more time now that the answers are written on the board.

- For younger children, start out with right and wrong answers written on the white board. After reading the passage, have the children tell you which answers are correct and which are wrong. See example below.

Who is Jesus?	
<i>Right and Wrong Answers</i>	
God	Just a human being
Not God	Second Person of the Trinity
Son of God	Not related to God

- Suggest one additional answer to the question: Who is Jesus? ... Jesus is our Savior: Jesus said in John 14:6, that he is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Explain that this means that Jesus is a model for how we are to live.
- **Activity 2: Miracles of Jesus (30 min).**
 - Walk through the discussion on page 111 in the *Parents’ Guide*. Be sure the children understand that Jesus performed miracles (called signs in John 20:30-31) because he wanted us to believe in Him and that He is the Messiah and the Son of God, and that by believing this we might have eternal life through Him.
 - **For Grade 1:**
 - Complete the activity on page 111 titled “Activity for Children Ages 5-8,” in the *Parents’ Guide*, using the Hunting for Miracles pages (87-88) in the *Children’s Activity Book*.
 - Complete the Craft of Jesus Calming the Storm: Prep the craft by cutting the images out before hand for the children. Have each color the scenes for the craft. Each child should use a brad to attach the boat on top of the wheel of weather. Turn the wheel to show the storm and the calm. Reread the Scripture passage after the craft is complete and have the children turn their wheels at the appropriate time.



- **For Grades 3 through 5:**
 - Complete the activity on page 112 in the *Parents’ Guide* titled, “Activity for Children Ages 8 and Up,” using the Jesus’ Miracles pages (89-90) in the *Children’s Activity Book*.

- Complete the Scripture Play “The Wizard of Eyes” (the catechist version of lesson plan contains the play at the end of the file / the version of this lesson plan printed for parents will not contain the play)

Supplies in your In-boxes for Sun., 1/9/2022, and Wednesday, 1/12/2022:

- Extra copies of pages 85-90 of *Children’s Activity Book* in case anyone forgets their book.
 - For Grade 1:
 - Sheet with images for the Jesus Calming the Storm craft – one per child
 - Brads for the craft – one per child
 - For Grades 3, 4, and 5:
 - Pair of sunglasses for Scripture play
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Home – Lesson 6

Note: In the classroom, children completed Activities 1 and 2 of Lesson 6. We suggest that you complete at home 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 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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Home – Lesson 7

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.
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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*.
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Home – Additional Activities for the Month

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



Activity for Grades 3, 4, and 5 in Classroom

Spontaneous Melodrama: The Wizard of Eyes

From *Spontaneous Melodramas*, by Doug Fields, Laurie Polich, and Duffy Robbins, Zondervan.