

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

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

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Sun., 2/6/2022 or Wed., 2/9/2022	Family Faith Gathering and class	Lesson 8 in the February 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 February 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 255-258 of the <i>Parents' Guide</i> .
Throughout month	Complete lesson at home	Lesson 9 in February Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books
Sunday, February 27, 2022, 5pm	Family Mass and Potluck	Register for our Family Mass and Potluck at: www.sjnstcharles.org/events-registrations/ .
By 2/28/2022	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection: https://forms.gle/dYnmRLUL5JeYc8St5 .

March 2022:
Family Service Week for Grades 5 and Under

Visit the following link to sign up your family for one service project:
<https://tinyurl.com/5t2ty2rf>

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 February Lessons: (see page 162)

- Lesson 8: "He is Not Here; He has Risen!"
 - Jesus descended into Hell after his death. There he preached the Gospel to the holy souls in the realm of the dead. He saved the souls of God's friends who had died before Him.

- On the third day after his death, he rose from the dead. This is the Resurrection of Jesus.
 - The Paschal Mystery is the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.
 - Lesson 9:
 - Forty days after he rose from the dead, Jesus ascended into Heaven.
 - Jesus is the only intercessor between God and man.
 - He is seated at the right hand of the Father in Heaven.
 - We look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus, when he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.
 - 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 8

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.
- **Video to be Shared with Everyone during the FFG.** Before you are dismissed to your classrooms, we will all view the following video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YjxwVzSOo0>. We will begin at about the 4:15 minute mark. This video is in preparation for the activities to be done in the classroom.
- **Opening Prayer in Classroom** – Procession to set up prayer table if you choose to do this; end with the Apostles Creed (5 min).
- **Lesson Introduction:** Share with the children that in class today you will talk about three things that happened at the end of Jesus' life: His Death, His Resurrection, and His Ascension. Make use of the white board and perhaps some graphics to point out these three things. As you talk about each event, refer back to the board to guide the children through the lesson.
- **Lesson 8, Activity 1:** "Did Jesus Really Die?" (10 min)
 - Catechists, review this activity on pages 139-141 of the Parents' Guide. Note: When talking to the children about death, be sensitive to the innocent hearts you have in your class. Use concrete words like "dead" and "death," rather than "sleep" or "pass away." Acknowledge that sadness is OK, but Jesus does not want us to be afraid when we talk about death.
 - With the children explore the meaning of the line from the Apostles' Creed: "He descended into Hell." Use a painting in the Children's Activity Books on page 107 to talk about the meaning. Refer also to the video we all watched with the children's parents.

- Key ideas to communicate:
 - Jesus did really die.
 - Jesus' body was laid in a tomb. During the days between Good Friday, when he died, and Easter Sunday, when he rose from the dead, Jesus' soul was in the realm of the dead.
 - Jesus saved the souls of the dead who died as God's friends. He kept the promise that God made to humans, starting with Adam, to open Heaven to all of God's friends.
- **Lesson 8, Activity 2: "The Resurrection" (10 min)**
 - Catechists, review this activity on pages 142-144 of the Parents' Guide.
 - With the children, read the Scripture accounts of Jesus' Resurrection and appearance to His disciples from the Parents' Guide on page 143 and 144. Discuss the truths present in the accounts.
 - Key ideas to communicate to the children:
 - Jesus rose from the dead. His disciples did not immediately understand and believe that this was Jesus. They needed to rely on faith to understand and believe in God's plan.
 - Jesus was not a ghost when we rose from the dead. His body was real. Jesus proved this by eating with His disciples and allowing them to touch Him. One day our bodies will also rise from dead at Jesus' Second Coming.
- **LESSON 9, Activity 2: "The Ascension" (10 min):**
 - Catechists, review this activity on pages 152-154 of the Parents' Guide.
 - With the children, read the scripture account of Jesus' Ascension and discuss the event. While the children color the picture of page 112 of the Children's Activity Book, guide the students in retelling the story. For younger children, read/summarize "Jesus Gives the Great Commission and Ascends into Heaven," on pages 238-242 in the *Book of Bible Stories*. For children in Grade 5, read Luke 24:36-52 in the *BreakThrough Bible*. Note: The children do not need their Bibles from home; catechists should read from their copies of the Bible or Bible Stories.
 - Key ideas to communicate to the children:
 - After Jesus' Resurrection, He spent 40 days with His disciples. After 40 days, He ascended into Heaven.
 - Because Jesus ascended into Heaven, we have the hope that we too can someday go to Heaven. We can get to Heaven only through Jesus.
 - At His Ascension, Jesus' friends must have been saddened that Jesus would no longer be on earth with them and also afraid to be on their own.
 - Jesus gave his Apostles the mission to spread the Gospel. He also told them that He would send the Holy Spirit to them to enable them to fulfill their mission.

Supplies in your In-boxes for Sun., 2/6/2022, and Wednesday, 2/2/2022:

- Extra copies of pages 107 and 112 of *Children's Activity Book* in case anyone forgets their book.
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Home – Last Half of Lesson 8

In the classroom, children completed Activities 1 and 2 of Lesson 8. If you would like to complete other activities in this lesson, please use the following to guide your family.

Activity 3: Salvation is a Process

Ages: Ages 8 and up.

Focus: Salvation is both a free gift of God and something we must work for throughout our lives.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 145 and 146

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: page 108

Activity: Learn that salvation is a process by examining scripture passages

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Catholics believe that salvation is not a single event that happens to us. It is a process in which we must cooperate with the grace God offers us.
- Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection makes it possible for us to go to Heaven, but it is not a guarantee.
- Salvation is a free gift, but we must also work for it throughout our lives.

Activity 4: Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday

*In 2022, Fat Tuesday is on March 1, 2022, and Ash Wednesday is on March 2.
Save these activities to do with your family on those days.*

Ages: All ages.

Focus: We should ask God to unite our desires with His as we enter into Lent.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: page 147

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: pages 109-110

Activity: Mark and celebrate the days of Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Lent is the liturgical season in which we prepare to enter into the Paschal Mystery via the celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

- The Tuesday before Lent is often called Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras. People would traditionally eat all the food on this day that they planned to give up for Lent.
 - On Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, we receive ashes on our forehead in the shape of a cross to remind us that we will one day die and that we are completely dependent on the saving work of Jesus Christ.
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Home - Lesson 9 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. Your children did complete Activity 2 of Lesson 9 in the classroom.

We encourage you to complete Activity 4 of Lesson 9, "These Least Brothers of Mine," which will add a page to your Family Storybook/white binder.

Activity 1: Te Deum Prayer and Discussion

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Review of our learning to this point.

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 150-151

"Children's Activity Book" pages: page 111

Activity: Review the year's lessons so far using the words of the fourth-century Christian hymn *Te Deum*.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- See the lesson review on page 151 of the "Parents' Guide"

Supplement: With your family, view a video of the *Te Deum* hymn at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSnowlEA08o>. Or listen to the Latin version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Diqtm6J3 E>.

Activity 2: The Ascension

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Jesus' Ascension is our hope that we too may go to Heaven one day.

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 152-154

"Children's Activity Book" pages: page 112

Activity: Read the scripture account of Jesus' Ascension and discuss the event as a family. While coloring a picture, guide your child in retelling the story.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- After Jesus' Resurrection, He spent 40 days with His disciples. After 40 days, He ascended into Heaven.
- Because Jesus ascended into Heaven, we have the hope that we too can someday go to Heaven. We can get to Heaven only through Jesus.
- At His Ascension, Jesus' friends must have been saddened that Jesus would no longer be on earth with them and also afraid to be on their own.
- Jesus gave his Apostles the mission to spread the Gospel. He also told them that He would send the Holy Spirit to them to enable them to fulfill their mission.

Bible Stories:

- For younger children, read "Jesus Gives the Great Commission and Ascends into Heaven," on pages 238-242 in the *Book of Bible Stories*.
- For children in Grade 5, read Luke 24:36-52 in the *BreakThrough Bible*.

Activity 3: Last Days and Last Judgment

Ages: All ages.

Focus: At the end of the world, Jesus will return to earth to judge the living and the dead and to bring His Kingdom to its fullness.

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 155-156

"Children's Activity Book" pages: pages 113-114

Activity: Read the essay in the parents' guide or children's activity book and discuss the last days.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Be sure to discuss the main points on page 155 of the Parents' Guide.

Activity 4: These Least Brothers of Mine

Storybook Activity

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Jesus will judge us on the basis of how we treat the poorest of our fellow man.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 157-158

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: pages 115

Activity: Read the story of the last days in the book of Matthew and discuss it. Create a family storybook page showing how your family commits to treating others as though they were Jesus Christ.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- In this passage of Matthew, Jesus is talking about people. The sheep are the people who have followed His commands, and the goats are those who did not.
- Jesus tells us that we will be judged on the how we treat others who are poor and marginalized. When we see a hungry, thirsty, or lonely person, we should see Jesus.

Additional Activities for the Month

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