

**ASSUMPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FIRST GRADE CALENDAR OF LESSONS 2019-2020
FRIDAYS, FAITH & FAMILY**

TEXT: Finding God: God Found Everything Good; God & Creator

The Faith of a First Grader: On a journey of faith, first graders are active learners who want a sense of consistency and ritual. They learn through discovery, movement, and active involvement. You can expect your first grader to:

- Delight in Bible stories and interpret stories literally
- Understand right and wrong based on consequences of fairness
- Appreciate prayer experiences, ritual, and ceremony
- Experience life with wonder and awe
- Recognize Church through the experiences of home and parish
- To grow in religious imagination, imagining God as human.

This calendar of lessons is being provided to you so you will know what will be discussed each month. It will also guide you in completing lessons at home if your son or daughter is absent.

DATE: TOGETHER TONIGHT: AT HOME, BEFORE NEXT MONTH: FOCUS:

9/27/19	Welcome Unit One: God, Our Creator & Father Session 1: God Makes Everything	Session 2: God Cares for Us	God looked at and loved everything he had made and proclaimed it very good. The Bible tells us that we are created in God's image and likeness.
10/25/19	Session 3: God is Our Father	Session 4: God Gives Us Peace	We know of God's love for us as our Father through his Son, Jesus. The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, helps us know we are loved.
11/22/19	Unit Two: Jesus, Our Lord and Savior Session 6: God Sends Jesus	Session 7: Jesus Teaches Us	God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, to save us. Jesus placed his trust in the Father and taught us to pray by saying the words "Our Father."
12/6/19	Session 8: Trust in God Session 9: Jesus Rises from the Dead	Session 10: Celebrating Advent Session 15: Celebrating Christmas	The second part of the Lord's Prayer contains petitions for our needs. After the Resurrection Christians began to refer to Jesus a Christ, meaning "the anointed one."
1/10/20	Unit Three: The Church, Our Community in the Spirit Session 11: Following Jesus	Session 12: Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit	Jesus chose people like Peter, Andrew, James and John to be his followers. Jesus sent the Holy spirit on the Feast of Pentecost.

2/7/20	Session 13: Jesus Teaches Us to Share Unit Four: Sacraments, Our Way of Life Session 16: Jesus in Our Lives	Session 17: Joining God's Family	Jesus calls us to share his love. Jesus shows children how special they are by giving the signs of his love. Children learn to become followers of Jesus through the waters of the Sacrament of Baptism.
2/22/20	<i>Pasta Supper & Basket Raffle Religious Education Fundraiser</i>		<i>School Cafeteria. Seatings at 5 & 7 p.m. Take-out Available Purchase Tickets on Parish Website</i>
2/26/20	<i>Ash Wednesday Prayer Service</i>	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church. Masses 7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:30 p.m.</i>
2/28/20	Session 18: Celebrating Jesus	Session 19: Listening to Our Father	Children learn about a special meal Jesus had with his friends – the Last Supper. We need to be quiet to hear God talking to us.
3/20/20	<i>FFF goes to the Interfaith Food Pantry, Morris Plains</i>	Session 20: Celebrating Lent & Holy Week Session 25: Celebrating Easter	Children learn the meaning of the Easter season, why we celebrate it, and how Easter is celebrated in our Church.
4/5/20	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
4/12/20	<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
4/17/20	Unit Five: Morality, Our Lived Faith Session 21: Making Good Decisions	Session 22: Jesus Cares for Us	The Ten Commandments teach us to worship God, to speak God's name with love and respect, and to take part in Mass. Children explore God's forgiveness and love, both greater than any sin.
5/8/20	Session 23: Jesus Loves Families Session 24: God Loves the World		This session teaches children that God wants us to obey our parents. God made a beautiful world and continues to care for all he creates. We learn how to do our part.

Please Note: As participants in Fridays, Faith and Family, it is expected that your family will make every effort to attend every session and will keep up with the assigned lessons to be completed "at home, before next month." If not, a large portion of information necessary for continuing faith formation is lost. Irregular attendance and assignments that are left incomplete will automatically prevent your family from participating in FFF next year. If you find this too difficult to adhere to, please speak with Linda as soon as possible.