

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

TEXT: Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts

The Faith of a Fourth Grader: In their faith journey, fourth grader enjoy learning about the heroes of the Bible and the stories of the People of God. They have a strong desire to learn about people, past and present, and their differences. Because they value the attitudes and habits of important adults in their lives, learning about virtues and moral habits is critical at this stage of faith formation. They begin to realize that true happiness comes from knowing and loving God. They develop a deeper appreciation of Scripture, liturgy, community and prayer. You can expect your fourth grader to:

- Enjoy having a role in liturgical experiences and participating in ritual actions
- Delight in retelling and acting out stories from the Bible
- Have an increased awareness of right and wrong based on fairness
- Appreciate and understand at a deeper level the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
- Strive to incorporate good works into daily living
- Like participating in community service

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 Opener Session 1: God Creates the World	Session 2: Our Father in Heaven	God created the world and the human family. Learn about psalms. In the Bible God is revealed as the Trinity.
10/25/19	Session 3: God's Plan for Salvation	Session 4: God Calls Us to Obey	Adam and Eve harmed their relationship with God when they chose to give in to temptation. As a result of Original Sin, resisting temptation can be difficult.
11/22/19	Unit 2 Opener Session 6: Jesus' Law of Love	Session 7: The Beatitudes	Jesus gave us a new commandment to help us understand the deepest meaning of the Torah. Jesus gave us the Beatitudes as a model for how we are to live a life pleasing to God.
12/6/20	Session 8: Jesus Our Redeemer Session 9: Jesus Sends the Spirit	Session 10: Celebrating Advent Session 15: Celebrating Christmas	God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus shares his new life with us through the power of the Holy Spirit, which makes it possible for us to continue Jesus' ministry in the world today. Works of Mercy.

1/10/20	Unit 3 Opener Session 11: The People of God	Session 12: The Church Teaches Us	Jesus wants everyone to be part of his community – the Church. Sacraments of Initiation. To explore how, after Jesus died and ascended into Heaven, the apostles continued Jesus' mission.
2/7/20	Session 13: God Is Our Friend Unit 4 Opener Session 16: Celebrating Reconciliation	Session 17: The Sacrament of the Eucharist	When we sin, we damage our relationship with God and with others. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, rejoices over our repentance and calls us back to his flock. Jesus invites us all to share the Eucharist with him on Sunday, the Lord's Day
2/22/20	Pasta Supper & Basket Raffle Religious Education Fundraiser		School Cafeteria Seatings at 5 & 7 p.m. Take-out Available Purchase Tickets on Parish Website
2/26/20	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service	4:00 p.m.	Church. All Are Welcome. Masses 7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
2/28/20	Session 18: Anointing of the Sick	Session 19: Sacraments of Service	Through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church continues Jesus' healing ministry in the world today. Sacraments of Service prepare people for service to the community.
3/20/20	<i>FFF goes to the Interfaith Food Pantry, Morris Plains</i>	Session 20: Celebrating Lent and Holy Week Session 25: Celebrating Easter; pgs. 169-172	To explore how Lent and Holy Week and Easter are celebrated in our Church.
4/5/20	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
4/12/20	<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
4/17/20	Unit 5 Opener Session 21: The Ten Commandments	Session 22: Loving God Above All	Jesus' commandment to love one another reveals the deeper meaning of the Ten Commandments. The first three commandments address loving God above anyone or anything else. Divine praises.
5/8/20	Session 23: Loving Our Family Session 24: Jesus Calls Us to Love others		The teaching of the Fourth through Sixth Commandments speaks to relationships within families. Commandments Seven through Ten help us live in harmony with others.

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.