

ASSUMPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Fourth Grade 2019-2020 Calendar of Lessons
Sundays 6:30-8 p.m.

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

The Faith of a Fourth Grader: In their faith journey, fourth graders 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 week. It will also guide you in completing lessons at home if your son or daughter is absent.

DATE	IN CLASS TODAY	AS A FAMILY	FOCUS
10/6/19 CLASS 1	Welcome Unit 1 Opener Session 1: God Creates the World <i>Winged Migration (film clip)</i>	Pg. 8	God created the world and the human family. Learn about psalms.
10/13/19 CLASS 2	Session 2: Our Father in Heaven Session 3: God's Plan for Salvation <i>Adam and Eve (30 mins.)</i>	Pg. 14, 20	In the Bible God is revealed as the Trinity. Adam and Eve harmed their relationship with God when they chose to give in to temptation.
10/20/19 CLASS 3	Session 4: God Calls Us to Obey Unit 2 Opener Session 6: Jesus' Law of Love <i>Because of Winn Dixie (film clip)</i>	Pg. 26, 38	As a result of Original Sin, resisting temptation can be difficult. Review how to make an examination of conscience. Jesus gave us a new commandment to help us understand the deepest meaning of the Torah.
10/27/19 CLASS 4	Session 7: The Beatitudes <i>Close Encounters w/Beatitudes (15 mins.)</i>	Pg. 44	Jesus gave us the Beatitudes as a model for how we are to live a life pleasing to God.
11/3/19 CLASS 5	Session 8: Jesus Our Redeemer Session 9: Jesus Sends the Spirit	Pg. 50, 56	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.
11/10/19	<i>Teacher's Convention. No Class</i>		
11/17/19 CLASS 6	Unit 3 Opener Session 11: The People of God <i>The New Birthday Club: A Video on Baptism(12 mins)</i>	Pg. 68	Jesus wants everyone to be part of his community – the Church. Sacraments of Initiation.
11/24/19 CLASS 7	Session 12: The Church Teaches Us Session 14: Serving God and Others	Pg. 74, 86	To explore how, after Jesus died and ascended into Heaven, the apostles continued Jesus' mission. Precepts of the Church. Mary is the first and greatest of Jesus' disciples.
12/1/19	<i>Happy Thanksgiving! No Class</i>		
12/8/19 CLASS 8	Session 13: God Is Our Friend Session 16: Celebrating Reconciliation Review the steps of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Role play receiving the sacrament.	Pg. 80, 98	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.
12/15/19 CLASS 9	Reconciliation Prayer Service Session 10: Celebrating Advent Session 15: Celebrating Christmas	Pg. 90	

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December 22 & 29, 2019

No Classes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

1/5/20 CLASS 10	Unit 4 Opener Session 17: The Sacrament of the Eucharist	Pg. 104	Jesus invites us all to share the Eucharist with him on Sunday, the Lord's Day.
1/12/20 CLASS 11	Session 18: Anointing of the Sick <i>Teaching Touch Safety</i>	Pg. 110	Through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church continues Jesus' healing ministry in the world today. <i>A Diocesan program intended to create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.</i>
1/19/20	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend. No Class</i>		
1/26/20 CLASS 12 10-11:30 a.m.	Fourth Grade Family Day. Parents & 4 th graders attend class together. Session 19: Sacraments of Service		Focus: Sacraments Sacraments of Service prepare people for service to the community.
2/2/20 CLASS 13 10-11:30 a.m.	Unit 5 Opener Session 21: The Ten Commandments <i>Close Encounters w/the Commandments (20 mins.)</i>	Pg. 128	Jesus' commandment to love one another reveals the deeper meaning of the Ten Commandments.
2/9/20 CLASS 14	Session 22: Loving God Above All Session 20: Celebrating Lent and Holy Week	Pg. 134, 120	The first three commandments address loving God above anyone or anything else. Divine praises. To explore how Lent and Holy Week are celebrated in our Church.
2/16/20	<i>President's Weekend. No Class</i>		
2/22/20 Sat.	Pasta Supper & Basket Raffle Religious Education Fundraiser		Cafeteria. Seatings at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Take out is available. Purchase tickets or make a donation on the parish website.
2/23/20 CLASS 15	Session 23: Loving Our Family Continue to discuss Lent and Holy Week pgs. 161-168	Pg. 140	The teaching of the Fourth through Sixth Commandments speaks to relationships within families.
2/26/20 CLASS 16	Attend Ash Wednesday Mass or Prayer Service		All families are expected to attend one of our Ash Wednesday Masses (7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:30 p.m.) or the 4:00 p.m. Prayer Service.
3/1/20 CLASS 17	Session 24: Jesus Calls Us to Love others Session 25: Celebrating Easter; pgs. 169-172	Pg. 146, 150	Commandments Seven through Ten help us live in harmony with others. To explore how Easter is celebrated in our Church.
Confession CLASS 18	Go to confession on any Monday evening, 7-8:30 p.m. or Saturday 4:15-5 p.m.		<i>Family members who can receive the sacrament will serve as a witness for those who cannot.</i>
Stations of the Cross CLASS 19	Attend Stations of the Cross any Friday at 5:30 p.m. OR Good Friday at 8:00 p.m. OR for Families with Young Children on Friday, March 27 at 4 p.m. OR for families on Friday, February 28 at 7 p.m.		
3/8/20 OR 3/15/20 CLASS 20	Family Faith Event for Kdg. – 8th Grade Families		10-11:30 a.m. OR 3:45-5:15 p.m. To allow us to plan accordingly, families must sign up online ahead of time using the link that will be sent via email.

4/5/20 Palm Sunday

4/12/20 Easter

In order to cover the same amount of material as the 4th grade morning and after school classes, your 4th grader needs to attend class on the morning of February 2, 2020 (Super Bowl Sunday) and with you on the morning of January 26, 2020 for Family Day.

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