

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

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

**The Faith of a Fifth Grader:** On their journeys of faith, fifth graders want to belong and relationships are important to them. These young persons are growing spiritually in their prayer lives, their sense of right and wrong, and their ability for deep religious feelings. This is a formative time in their lives, especially in their relationships with Jesus Christ and the Church. As these relationships are developed, so are their responses to the call of discipleship. You can expect your fifth grader to:

- Have an increased ability to distinguish between right and wrong
- To have a greater sense of justice
- To enjoy service activities
- To have a heightened awareness of the Church as a community of believers
- To have a heightened understanding of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
- To desire to participate in liturgy in a more meaningful way
- To enjoy group prayer experiences
- To be interested in learning more about the human life of Jesus
- To be attracted to role models through the Saints and Bible stories

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 1 Opener Session 1: God Creates Us	Session 2: God Saves Us	All that exists is the work of the Trinity: God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This session focuses on the story of Adam and Eve's fall.
10/25/19	Session 3: God's Revelation	Session 4: God Directs Our Lives	The Old Testament is a record of the Covenant that God made with the human family through Abraham and Sarah. God's direction for our lives is revealed in the Ten Commandments. Beatitudes.
11/22/19	Unit 2 Opener Session 6: New Life in Jesus	Session 7: Meeting Jesus	Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to give us new life. To fulfill God's plan of Salvation, the Son of God became man. Jesus healed people and brought them life and peace. Jesus is present in our lives. The Sacraments.
12/6/19	Session 8: Baptized into Christ Session 9: Growing in the Spirit	Session 10: Celebrating Advent Session 15: Celebrating Christmas	In Baptism we enter into life in Christ. As members of the Church, we share our time and talent for the good of the community. Confirmation calls us to accept more responsibility.

1/10/20	Unit 3 Opener Session 11: The Church Is One	Session 12: Called to Holy Orders	The Church is united through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To explore the Sacrament of Holy Orders.
2/7/20	Session 13: The Domestic Church Session 14: God Calls Us	Session 16: The New Passover	To explore the home as the domestic church. To explore how we use our talents for service. Focus on the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Catholic life.
2/22/20	<b>Pasta Supper &amp; Basket Raffle Religious Education Fundraiser</b>		<b>School Cafeteria Seatings at 5 &amp; 7 p.m. Take-out Available Purchase Tickets on Parish Website</b>
2/26/20	<b>Ash Wednesday Prayer Service</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Church. All Are Welcome. Masses 7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:30 p.m.</b>
2/28/20	Session 18: Celebrating Reconciliation Session 19: Jesus Heals Us	Session 17: Celebrating the Eucharist	Jesus helps us stay friends with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus unites our suffering with his Passion and Death. In our Eucharistic celebration, the bread and wine are consecrated, and become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
3/20/20	<i>FFF goes to the Interfaith Food Pantry, Morris Plains</i>	Session 20: Celebrating Lent & Holy Week Session 25: Celebrating Easter	
4/5/20	Palm Sunday		
4/12/20	Easter Sunday		
4/19/20	Unit 5 Opener Session 21: Making Moral Decisions	Session 22: Living a Moral Life	As Christians we are called to make moral choices that influence our relationship with God and with others. This session explores how Christian life commits us to truth in deeds and words.
5/8/20	Session 23: Growing in Holiness Session 24: The Way to Jesus		The sacraments help us make good moral choices. God will judge each of us based on whether we have lived a life of good deeds and loving kindness to our neighbors. Works of mercy.

*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.*