

**ASSUMPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**Third Grade 2016-2017 Calendar of Lessons**  
**Mondays 4-5:30 p.m.**

**TEXT: Be My Disciples**

**The Faith of a Third Grader:** In their journey of faith, third graders enjoy learning about the heroes of the Bible and the stories of the people of God. 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. Third graders begin to realize that true happiness comes from knowing and loving God. You can expect your third grader to:

- Appreciate and want to participate in the community dimension of sacramental celebrations
- Enjoy having a role in liturgical experiences
- Delight in learning about Biblical saints and persons of faith in the Church
- Relate to saints as role models who stand for morality, justice and faith
- Like to participate 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
10/10/16 SESSION 1	Welcome. Unit 1 Opener Ch. 1: God Speaks to Us	Pg. 18	To explore Sacred Scripture as God's Word
10/17/16	No Class. Miss Audrey's Wedding Weekend!		
10/24/16 SESSION 2	Ch. 2: God the Creator	Pg. 26	To discover God as the loving Creator who cares for all his creation.
10/31/16	<i>Halloween. No Class</i>		
11/7/16	<i>Teacher's Convention Week. No Class</i>		
11/14/16 SESSION 3	Ch. 3: Mary Trusted God	Pg. 34	To discover ways Mary responded to God in faith and trust.
11/21/16	<i>Happy Thanksgiving! No Class</i>		
11/28/16 SESSION 4	Ch. 4: Jesus, the Son of God Ch. 5: Jesus is Risen	Pg. 42, 54	To explore Jesus' command to help those in need. To explore the hope found in the Paschal Mystery.
SUNDAY 12/4/16	<i>Breakfast With Santa</i>	<i>8:30 a.m. – Noon</i>	<i>Families are invited to attend the Breakfast in the Cafeteria.</i>
12/5/16 SESSION 5	Ch. 6: The Gift of the Holy Spirit Ch. 7: The Church	Pg. 62, 70	To discover that the Holy Spirit, who came to the disciples on Pentecost, is with the Church today. To explore what it means to belong to the Church.
12/12/16 SESSION 6	Ch. 8: The Communion of Saints	Pg. 70, 78	To explore what it means to say that the Church is the Communion of Saints and the Body of Christ.

*December 19, 2016 – January 2, 2017 No Classes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

1/9/17 SESSION 7	Ch. 9: A People of Prayer Ch. 11: Celebrating God's Love	Pg. 90,106	To discover the five traditional expressions of prayer. To discover how celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation bring us closer to God.
1/16/17	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend. No Class</i>		

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1/23/17 SESSION 8	Ch. 12: God's Healing Love Ch. 13: The Word of God	Pg. 114, 126	To explore the power of forgiveness. To discover more about the Liturgy of the Word
1/30/17 SESSION 9	Ch. 14: The Bread of Life Review the steps of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.	Pg. 134	To discover what we do in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
2/6/17 SESSION 10	Ch. 15: The Sacrament of Matrimony Ch. 16: Called to Serve	Pg. 142, 150	To explore human examples of selflessness.
2/13/17 SESSION 11	Ch. 17: Happiness with God	Pg. 162	To discover that God shares his grace with us and calls us to be with him in Heaven.
2/20/17	<i>President's Weekend. No Class</i>		
SUNDAY 10-11:30 a.m. 2/26/17 SESSION 12	Third Grade Family Day. Parents & 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders attend class together.		Focus: Lent
2/27/17 SESSION 13	Ch. 18: God's Laws of Love Ch. 19: Love One Another	Pg. 170,178	To discover the meaning of the First, Second, and Third Commandments. To explore the power of respect.
WED. 3/1/17 SESSION 14	Attend Ash Wednesday Mass or Prayer Service	Pg. 241,242	All children and youth 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 with their families.
<b>SATURDAY 3/4/17</b>	<b>Pasta Supper &amp; Basket Raffle Religious Education Fundraiser</b>		<b>Cafeteria. Seatings at 5:00 &amp; 7:00 p.m.</b>
3/6/17 SESSION 15	Ch. 20: The Great Commandment Ch. 21: Witnesses of Faith	Pg. 186, 198	To explore how Jesus showed his love for his Father and all people. To explore the power of faith.
3/13/17 SESSION 16	Ch. 22: The Creeds Ch. 23: Living Our Faith	Pg. 206,214	To discover that the creeds of the Church help us express our faith in God. To discover and explain the true happiness the Beatitudes describe.
Confession SESSION 17	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 can not.</i>
Stations of the Cross SESSION 18	Attend Stations of the Cross any Friday at 5:30 p.m., Good Friday at 8:00 p.m., for Families with Young Children on Friday, March 10 at 4 p.m. or for families on Friday, March 31 at 7 p.m.		
SUNDAYS 3/12/17 OR 3/19/17 SESSION 19	<b>Family Faith Event for Kdg. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families</b>		<b>10-11:30 a.m. OR 3:45-5:15 p.m.</b>

**4/9/17 Palm Sunday**

**4/16/17 Easter Sunday**

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