ASSUMPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Kindergarten 2016-2017 Calendar of Lessons
Sundays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

TEXT: Stories of God's Love

The Faith of a Kindergartner: Kindergarten is a wonderful time to celebrate simple rituals and the traditions of the Church. It is a time to introduce children to a brimming faith vocabulary and provide a readiness for future catechesis in the faith of the Catholic Church. You can expect your kindergartener to:

- Have a natural sense of wonder and awe that fosters sensitivity to the sacred
- Imagine God as a human person
- Experience God's love through parents or guardians and other family members
- Have a natural tendency for prayer and enjoy ceremony and ritual
- Be comfortable with both formal and spontaneous prayer
- Interpret Bible stories and other stories literally, be unable to derive the symbolic meaning

This calendar of lessons is being provided to you so you will know what will be discussed each5week. It will also guide you in completing lessons at home if your son or daughter is absent.

DATE	IN CLASS TODAY	FAITH FOCUS
10/9/16 SESSION 1	Welcome Ch. 1: God Created the World *The Amazing Book* (25 mins.)	The Bible is a special holy book from God. God is the Creator.
10/16/16 SESSION 2	Ch. 2: We Care for Creation *The Story of Creation* (30 mins.)	God said, "Let people take care of all the creatures I made."
10/23/16 SESSION 3	Ch. 3: God's Promise to Noah *The Story of Noah's Ark* (30 mins.)	God made a special promise to Noah and through him to all humankind.
10/30/16 SESSION 4	Ch. 4: We Share God's Love *Franklin Learns to Share* (30 mins.)	God always shares his love with us.
11/6/16 SESSION 5	Ch. 5: Jesus Welcomes the Children Ch. 6: We Are Children of God	Jesus taught that everyone is to live as a child of God. God loves us.
11/13/16	*Teacher's Convention. No Class*	
11/20/16 SESSION 6	Ch. 8: We Care for Others Ch. 23: Thanksgiving Day *Bob Lends a Helping Hand* pt. 1 (20 mins.)	We share God's love for other people when we are there for them.
11/27/16	*Happy Thanksgiving! No Class*	
12/4/16 SESSION 7	Ch. 7: Jesus Is the Good Shepherd *The Lost Sheep* (20 mins.)	Jesus is the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for his sheep.
12/4/16	*Breakfast With Santa. 8:30 a.m. – Noon. Families are invited to attend the Breakfast in the Cafeteria before or after class.*	
12/11/16 SESSION 8	Ch. 9: Jesus Lived in a Family Ch. 10: My Family Is a Sign of God's Love *Jesus for Kids* pts. 1 & 2 (20 mins.)	God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus.My family is a gift from God. My family helps me to show my love for God.

December 18, 2016 – January 1, 2017 No Classes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

1/8/17 SESSION 9	Ch. 11: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray Ch. 12: We Pray Every Day *Prayer Bear* (30 mins.)	Jesus prayed to God the Father and taught us to pray to God the Father too.
1/15/17	*Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend. No Class*	

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1/22/17 SESSION 10	Ch. 13: Jesus Has Many Friends Ch. 14: We Belong to the Catholic Church *Madame Blueberry* (30 mins.)	The friends of Jesus are called the Church. Baptism makes us members of the Church.
1/29/17 SESSION 11	Ch. 15: Jesus Feeds Many People Ch. 16: We Thank God at Mass *Gratitude Attitude* (30 mins.)	Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves of bread and two fish. The Church family gathers to celebrate Mass.
2/5/17 SESSION 12	Ch. 17: Zacchaeus Listens to Jesus Ch. 18: We Listen to Jesus *Follow the Leader* (30 mins.)	Jesus teaches us to be kind and fair. We show God's love to other people.
2/12/17 SESSION 13	Kindergarten Family Day – parents and children attend class together	Praying as a Family
2/19/17	*President's Weekend. No Class*	
2/26/17 SESSION 14	Ch. 19: The Good Neighbor *Compassion* (30 mins.)	Jesus taught us to love one another.
3/1/17 SESSION 15	Attend Ash Wednesday Mass or Prayer Service	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.
3/4/17 Sat.	**Pasta Supper & Basket Raffle Religious Education Fundraiser**	**Cafeteria. Seatings at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.**
3/5/17 SESSION 16	Ch. 20: The Holy Spirit is Our Helper	The Holy Spirit helps us live as children of God.
Confession SESSION 17	Go to confession on any Monday evening, 7-8:30 p.m. or Saturday 4:15-5 p.m.	*Family members who can receive the sacrament will serve as a witness for those who can not.*
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 4 at 4 p.m. or for families on Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m.	
3/12/17 OR 3/19/17 SESSION 19	**Family Faith Event for Kdg. – 8th Grade Families**	**10-11:30 a.m. OR 3:45-5:15 p.m.**

4/9/17 Palm Sunday

4/16/17 Easter Sunday

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