

**ASSUMPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FIRST GRADE CALENDAR OF LESSONS 2017-2018
FRIDAYS, FAITH & FAMILY**

TEXT: Be My Disciples

The Faith of a First Grader: On a journey of faith, first graders are active learners who want a sense of consistency and ritual. They learn through discovery, movement, and active involvement. You can expect your first grader to:

- Delight in Bible stories and interpret stories literally
- Understand right and wrong based on consequences of fairness
- Appreciate prayer experiences, ritual, and ceremony
- Experience life with wonder and awe
- Recognize Church through the experiences of home and parish
- To grow in religious imagination, imagining God as human.

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:

9/15/17	Welcome Unit One Opener Ch. 1: The Bible	Ch. 2: God Loves Us	The Bible is God's Word to us. God's gift of faith helps us to know him and believe in him.
10/13/17	Ch. 3: God, Our Father and Creator	Ch. 4: Jesus, the Son of God	God is the Creator who made the whole world out of love.
11/17/17	Ch. 5: Mary, the Mother of Jesus	Ch. 6: Jesus Shares God's Love	Jesus is the Son of God and the only son of Mary. God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Jesus loved us so much that he gave his life for us.
12/15/17	Ch. 7: The Holy Spirit, Our Helper	Ch. 10: Signs of God's Love Ch. 11: We Follow Jesus	The Holy Spirit helps and teaches us to pray. In Baptism, God shares his love and life with us. The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus told about God's love.
1/5/18	Ch. 13: We Pray	Ch. 14: We Are Peacemakers	Prayer is listening and talking to God. Sin hurts our relationship with God and others.
2/2/18	Ch. 15: We Go to Mass	Ch. 16: Jesus Show's God's Love	The Mass is the most important celebration of the Church. Jesus saw that the people were hungry and gave them all enough to eat.

2/14/18	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.
2/23/18	<i>FFF goes to the Interfaith Food Pantry, Morris Plains</i>	Ch. 18: We Love God	The Ten Commandments teach us to worship God, to speak God's name with love and respect, and to take part in Mass.
2/24/18	<i>Pasta Supper & Basket Raffle Religious Education Fundraiser</i>		<i>Cafeteria. Seatings at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.</i>
3/16/18	Ch. 19: We Love Others	Ch. 20: We Live as a Community	We are to treat ourselves and others as children of God. The Great Commandment teaches us to love God and to love others as we love ourselves.
3/25/18	Palm Sunday		
4/1/18	Easter Sunday		
4/13/18	Ch. 21: Jesus and the Children	Ch. 22: We Are Children of God	God loves all people. God created all people in his image.
5/11/18	Ch. 23: Jesus Teaches about Love	Ch. 24: The Our Father	Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan to help us live as his followers. Jesus taught us to pray the Our Father.

***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.*