

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

TEXT: Be My Disciples

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 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: God's Word to Us	Ch. 2: I Will Be Your God	God is the author of Sacred Scripture. God revealed himself most fully in Jesus Christ.
10/13/17	Ch. 3: The Mystery of God	Ch. 4: God's Promise	God is the Creator of all that is seen and unseen. God has a plan for the salvation of people.
11/17/17	Ch. 5: The Son of God	Ch. 6: The Death and Resurrection of Jesus	God the Father's promise was fulfilled in his Son, Jesus. Jesus' Passion and Resurrection are the great signs of God's love for us.
12/15/17	Ch. 7: Receive the Holy Spirit Ch. 8: The People of God	Ch. 9: People of Prayer	The Holy Spirit is the Advocate promised by Jesus. The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Communion of Saints. We profess our faith when we pray the creeds of the Church.

1/5/18	Ch. 11: Sharing in Christ's Life and Work	Ch. 12: Responding to God's Call	To understand that sacraments are celebrations of our faith. Jesus calls each of us to love and serve others.
2/2/18	Ch. 13: Jesus Feeds Us Ch. 14: Jesus Forgives	Ch. 15: Jesus Heals the Sick	Jesus, the Bread of Life, gave the Church his own Body and Blood at the Last Supper. The Church continues Jesus' work of forgiveness and healing. Jesus' ministry of healing continues in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.
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. 16: Signs of God's Love	The Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony are Sacraments at the Service of Communion.
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. 18: The Beatitudes	Ch. 19: Living a Holy Life	Jesus taught that real happiness is being one with God. To learn that the Cardinal Virtues help us to live a holy life.
3/25/18	Palm Sunday		
4/1/18	Easter Sunday		
4/13/18	Ch. 20: Living God's Covenant	Ch. 21: Love God with All Your Heart	To discover the Ten Commandments, given to Moses. The first, second and third commandments.
5/11/18	Ch. 22: Love Your Neighbor as Yourself	Ch. 23: Love One Another	The fourth thru tenth commandments.

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.