

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

TEXT: Be My Disciples

The Faith of a Second Grader: On a journey of faith, second graders especially enjoy learning through Bible stories. They interpret stories literally with little symbolic meaning. They embody a natural sense of wonder, which fosters sensitivity to the sacred. Their hearts are touched through prayer experiences. They have a strong spiritual sense about God and imagine God as a human person. This is an exciting time to watch children grow in their relationship with God as they learn to answer Jesus' call to *Be My Disciples*. You can expect your second grader to:

- Delight in Bible stories and interpret stories literally
- Appreciate prayer experiences, ritual, and ceremony
- Experience life with wonder and awe
- Grow in their understanding of community
- Grow in their religious imagination
- Imagine 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: We Know and Love God	To explore how God speaks to us through the Bible. Creation helps us come to know and believe in God.
10/13/17	Ch. 3: The Holy Trinity	Ch. 6: Jesus, Son of God Ch. 9: We Celebrate God's Love	To discover what Jesus told us about who God is. To discover how Jesus showed that God always loves people. The Sacraments.
Sunday 10/15/17	Ch. 4: God, Our Father Ch. 24: The Our Father Parent Orientation for First Communion and First Reconciliation Prep in school cafeteria while children are in class.	<i>10:00-11:30 a.m. Assumption School Cafeteria. 2nd graders will go to Mrs. Grilli's classroom.</i>	To explore how we respond to God's love by honoring his Creation. To decide on a way to live the Our Father.
11/17/17	Mary, the Mother of Jesus.	Ch. 10: Our Church Welcomes Us	God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. To discover what happens at Baptism.
Sunday 11/19/17	Parent/Child Session Celebrating God's Forgiveness	<i>10:00-11:30 a.m. Assumption School Cafeteria. 2nd graders will go to Mrs. Grilli's classroom.</i>	To discover why it is important to make wise choices.

12/15/17	Ch. 12: We Celebrate Forgiveness	Ch. 19: We Love God Ch. 20: We Love Others	Sacrament of Reconciliation. To discover how the first three commandments help us to love God. To explore how followers of Jesus are to treat others.
1/5/18	We Pray	Review Chs. 12, 19, 20	
Sunday 1/21/18	Parent/Child Session How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>10:00-11:30 a.m. Assumption School Cafeteria. 2nd graders will go to Mrs. Grilli's classroom.</i>	
Wed. 1/31/18	First Reconciliation		7:00 p.m. Church
2/2/18	Ch. 13: We Gather for Mass	Ch. 14: We Listen to God's Word	To discover what happens when we gather for Mass. To explore how followers of Jesus hear and keep God's Word.
Sunday 2/11/18	Ch. 15: We Give Thanks; Bread Party; Hosts Parent/Child Session	<i>10:00-11:30 a.m. Assumption School Cafeteria. 2nd graders will go to Mrs. Grilli's classroom.</i>	To discover what happens when we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
2/14/18	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	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. 6: Jesus, the Savior	To discover why we call Jesus Christ the Savior of all people.
2/24/18	<i>Pasta Supper & Basket Raffle Religious Education Fundraiser</i>		<i>Cafeteria. Seatings at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.</i>
Sunday 3/11/18	Ch. 16: We Live as Disciples of Jesus Ch. 17: In God's Image Parent/Child Session Ceramic Chalice	<i>10:00-11:30 a.m. Assumption School Cafeteria. 2nd graders will go to Mrs. Grilli's classroom.</i>	To explore ways to share the message of God with others. To discover what we do to live as children of God.

3/16/18	Ch. 16: We Live as Disciples of Jesus	Ch. 17: In God's Image	To explore ways to share the message of God with others. To discover what we do to live as children of God.
3/25/18	Palm Sunday		
4/1/18	Easter Sunday		
4/13/18	Jesus and the Children	Review Chs. 13, 14, 15	
Sunday 4/15/18	Final prep and review for First Communion.	10:00-11:30 a.m. Assumption School Cafeteria. 2nd graders will go to Mrs. Grilli's classroom.	2nd graders arrive at 10; parents return at 11. All are dismissed at 11:30.
<i>Weekend 4/21-22/18</i>	<i>Bread Prayer and Share</i>	<i>Refer to handout/email attachment.</i>	<i>For All 2nd Graders of the Parish. At all weekend Masses.</i>
Wed. 4/25/18	First Communion Rehearsal for Mrs. Humbert's, Mrs. Grilli's, and FFF 2 nd Graders	4:00-5:30 p.m. Church Children Only	
Sat. 4/28/18	First Communion for Mrs. Humbert's, Mrs. Grilli's, and FFF 2 nd Graders	10 a.m.	
Sunday 5/6/18	May Crowning	10:00 a.m. Mass	All 2 nd graders of the parish are invited to participate.
5/11/18	Review/share the experiences of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist		

***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.*

Fridays, Faith and Family 2nd graders are invited to join Mrs. Christine Grilli's class when attending the Sunday Parent/Child sessions. Please be sure to bring your workbook.