

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

TEXT: Be My Disciples

The Faith of a Fifth Grader: On their journeys of faith, fifth graders want to belong and relationships are important to them. These young persons are growing spiritually in their prayer lives, their sense of right and wrong, and their ability for deep religious feelings. This is a formative time in their lives, especially in their relationships with Jesus Christ and the Church. As these relationships are developed, so are their responses to the call of discipleship. You can expect your fifth grader to:

- Have an increased ability to distinguish between right and wrong
- To have a greater sense of justice
- To enjoy service activities
- To have a heightened awareness of the Church as a community of believers
- To have a heightened understanding of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
- To desire to participate in liturgy in a more meaningful way
- To enjoy group prayer experiences
- To be interested in learning more about the human life of Jesus
- To be attracted to role models through the Saints and Bible stories

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: Speak, Lord	Ch. 2: The Word of God	We come to know God through the world around us. The Old Testament tells about God's Covenant with his people.
10/13/17	Ch. 3: The Holy Trinity	Ch. 4: Great is the Lord	Jesus revealed the mystery of the Holy Trinity. God the Father loves us and knows each of us by name.
11/17/17	Ch. 5: Jesus Christ, Son of God	Ch. 6: The Paschal Mystery	The Church names the mystery of the Son of God becoming man the Incarnation. The Paschal Mystery describes the final events in the life and saving work of Jesus on Earth.
12/15/17	Ch. 8: Thy Kingdom Come Ch. 9: Celebrating the Liturgy	Ch. 10: Joined to Christ	The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. The yearly cycle of celebrating the liturgy every day is the liturgical year. The effect, or special graces, of Baptism are gifts from God.
1/5/18	Ch. 11: We Celebrate the Holy Spirit	Ch. 12: One Bread, One Cup	Laying on of hands and anointing with Chrism are key elements in the Rite of Confirmation. The names for the Eucharist reveal the meaning of this great mystery of God's love.

Sunday 1/28/18	ACRE for all 5th graders.	10:00 a.m. Assumption School	An assessment used to evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of our youth.
2/2/18	Ch. 13: Jesus Heals the Sinner Ch. 14: Jesus Heals the Sick	Ch. 15: The Sacrament of Holy Orders	Jesus continues his healing work through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The Church celebrates the rite of the Anointing of the Sick. Bishops, priests and deacons serve the Church.
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: The Sacrament of Matrimony	The couple celebrates the Rite of Marriage in the presence of a priest or deacon.
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: Making Moral Decisions	Ch. 19: Living the Covenant	Moral decisions help us grow as followers of Jesus. Jesus is the new and everlasting Covenant.
3/25/18	Palm Sunday		
4/1/18	Easter Sunday		
4/13/18	Ch. 20: The Beatitudes	Ch. 21: Love of God	The Beatitudes are Jesus' teaching on what it means to be truly blessed by God. We are in a covenant with God.
5/11/18	Ch. 22: Love of Neighbor	Ch. 23: Living a Just and Truthful Life	Living the fourth, fifth, sixth, and ninth commandments. To discover the teachings of the seventh, eighth, and 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.