

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

TEXT: Christ in the New Testament

TOPIC: Jesus invites you to be his disciple. He wants you to know him better, to understand his message, and to follow his way of life. During this course of study, you will explore God's Word in the New Testament.

Faith of a Seventh Grader: Twelve -to Fourteen-year-olds are able to think abstractly than in previous years. They now have the capacity for critical reflection on their faith experiences. Faith tradition and moral guidance of the Church offer this age group the structure and security they need during this turbulent time.

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| 09/15/17 FRIDAY | Ch. 1: "Introduction to Sacred Scriptures" | Ch. 2: "Proclaim Boldly" | -To explain the purpose of the Bible in our lives. -To understand why each Gospel account was written. |
| 10/08/17 SUNDAY | Mental Health Matters PARENT/CHILD PROGRAM | MANDATORY | An overview of mental health and teen issues presented in the church to 7 th -10 th graders and their parents. |
| 10/13/17 FRIDAY | Ch. 3: "The Gospel of Mark" | Ch. 7 "Evangelizing the World " | -To describe the basic message of the Gospel of Mark. -To learn that the Church proclaims Jesus to the ends of the Earth. |
| 11/17/17 FRIDAY | Ch. 4: "The Gospel of Matthew" | Ch. 8 "The Letter to the Romans" | -To describe the basic message of the Gospel of Matthew. -To describe the importance of grace in our lives. |
| 12/15/17 FRIDAY | Ch. 5: "Luke & Acts" | | - To describe the basic message of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. |
| 01/05/18 FRIDAY | Ch. 6: "The Gospel of John" | | -To describe the basic message of the Gospel of John. |
| 02/02/18 FRIDAY | Ch. 9: "The Letter to the Philippians" | | --To learn how God's peace within us helps our lives. |
| 02/14/18 WEDNESDAY | Ash Wednesday Family Worship Mass or Service | | -Our families are expected to attend one of our Ash Wednesday Masses or our 4 p.m. Prayer Service. |

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| 02/23/18 FRIDAY | FFF Goes to the Interfaith Food Pantry, Morris Plains | | |
| 02/24/18 SATURDAY | Pasta Supper | 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM [Sign up to earn service hours] | Assumption School Cafeteria |
| 03/16/18 FRIDAY | Ch. 10: "The Letter to the Colossians" | | -To learn what it means to be chosen by God. |
| 03/25/18 SUNDAY | Palm Sunday | | |
| 04/01/18 SUNDAY | Easter Sunday | | |
| 04/13/18 FRIDAY | Ch. 11: "The Letter to the Hebrews" | | -To learn why faith is important to our lives. |
| 05/11/18 FRIDAY | Ch. 12: "The Book of Revelation" | | -To describe the fulfillment of the Christian message in the world. |

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.

Community Service - A very important component to our program is Community Service. Each year our 6th, 7th & 8th graders are required to perform 10 hours of community service. Any service performed between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018 will count. Hours are to be recorded and handed in to your catechist on a monthly basis. Specific opportunities are frequently forwarded via email. You also need to be responsible for finding opportunities on your own.