

**ASSUMPTION FAITH FORMATION**  
**Second Grade 2023-2024 Calendar of Lessons**  
**Assumption School**

**Mass & Class: Attend 10 a.m. Mass as a Family, followed by Grade Level Instruction at the School. Dismissal at 12 Noon**

**TEXT: Signs of Grace: You Are Forgiven; You Are Loved**

**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 that God is “rich in mercy” and has infinite love for them. 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

DATE	IN CLASS TODAY	AS A FAMILY	FOCUS
9/17/23	<b>Parish Fall Festival. Celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish</b>	<b>Noon Mass outside followed by food, games &amp; fun!</b>	
10/1/23	Introduction to <i>You Are Forgiven</i>  Session 1: God is Our Loving Father	Discuss: How can you show your love for God and appreciate the goodness of his creation?	Relationship with God the Father and our happiness.
10/8//23 Parent Orientation	Session 2: God Reveals His Saving Plan	Discuss: How can you listen to God and trust in his promises better?	God’s commands/laws are intended to show us the ways to be happy.
10/15/23	<i>No Session</i>	Review Sessions 1 & 2	<i>School not available because of Oktoberfest the night before.</i>
10/22/23	Session 3: Jesus Comes to Save Us	Discuss: Why did God send his Son? What does the name “Jesus” mean?	Christ dies for us to save us from our sins.
10/29/23	Session 4: The Church Continues	Discuss: What was Jesus’s mission on earth?	The Church continues Jesus’s mission.
11/5/23 Parent/Child Session	Session 5: Life in Christ	Discuss: How does sin hurt us? How might it hurt the people around us?	God’s laws show us the path to happiness.
11/12/23	<i>No Session</i>		<i>NJ Teachers Convention Weekend</i>

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11/19/23	Session 6: The Sacrament of Reconciliation  Session 7: Celebrating Reconciliation.	Discuss: What does it mean to be reconciled to God? Discuss: Why does an examination of conscience help us make a better confession?	Christ forgives us. How to make a good confession.
11/26/23	<i>No Session</i>		<i>Thanksgiving Weekend</i>
12/3/23	<b>Family Session: Parents &amp; children grades 1-8</b>	<b>Class &amp; Mass 8:30-9:45 followed by 10 a.m. Mass OR Class 10:15-11:30 p.m. followed by Mass at noon.</b>	
12/10/23 12/17/23 12/24/23	<i>No Session</i>		
1/7/24	<b>Family Session: Parents &amp; children grades 1-8</b>	<b>Class &amp; Mass 8:30-9:45 followed by 10 a.m. Mass OR Class 10:15-11:30 p.m. followed by Mass at noon.</b>	
1/14/24	<i>No Session</i>		<i>MLK Weekend</i>
1/21/24 Parent/Child Session	Meet in church, following 10 a.m. Mass. Review of sessions 1-7.		Continuing preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
1/24/24 <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>First Reconciliation</b>		<b>7:00 p.m. Church</b>
1/28/24 Parent/Child Session	Introduction to <i>You Are Loved</i>  Session 1: Preparing the Way for Christ	Discuss: Why are the events of the Bible important for us today?	God saves his people.
2/4/24	Session 2: The Last Supper  Session 3: The Death and Resurrection of Jesus	Discuss: How do you think the apostles felt at the Last Supper?  Discuss: In what ways can you be a witness of Christ to your family and friends?	Christ can do anything.  Jesus's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension into Heaven opened the gates of Heaven for the salvation of all God's children.
2/11/24	Session 4: The Sacrament of the Eucharist  Session 5: Receiving Holy Communion	Discuss: How does the Eucharist unite us to Jesus Christ?  Discuss: What does reverence mean?	The Real Presence is the teaching that Jesus is really and fully present in the Eucharist.  Receiving the Eucharist at Mass is so important that we should do some special things to prepare our bodies and our souls.

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2/14/24	Attend Ash Wednesday Mass or Prayer Service		All children and youth are expected to attend one of our Ash Wednesday Masses (7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:30 p.m.) or the 4:00 p.m. Prayer Service with their families.
2/18/24	No Session		Presidents Weekend
2/25/24 Parent/Child Session	Session 6: The Liturgy of the Mass Unconsecrated Hosts	Discuss: How can you show respect and reverence when you receive Holy Communion?	The Liturgy of the Mass is our public worship and participation in the work of God. <i>Bread Party</i>
3/3/24	Session 7: The Liturgy of the Word	Discuss: How are the readings at Mass like letters from God?	The Mass is one act of worship with two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
3/10/24 Daylight Savings Time	Session 8: The Liturgy of the Eucharist	Discuss: At what point in the Liturgy of the Eucharist do the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus?	The second part of the Mass is called Liturgy of the Eucharist.
3/17/24 Parent/Child Session	Ceramic Chalices.		
3/24/24	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
3/31/24	<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
4/7/2024	No Session		
4/13-14/2024	<i>Bread Prayer Share for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at all Masses</i>		
4/21/2024	No Session		
4/28/24 Parent/Child Session	Final Review of the Mass & how to receive Jesus in Eucharist.		
5/1/24 Wednesday	First Communion Rehearsal for 10 a.m. Mass. Mrs. Grilli & Mrs. Fugger's Classes	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Children Only. Church.
5/2/24 Thursday	First Communion Rehearsal for 12 noon Mass. Mrs. Bongo & Mrs. Snowden's Classes	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Children Only. Church.
5/4/24 Saturday	First Communion Mass	10 a.m. Mrs. Grilli & Mrs. Fugger's Classes  12 Noon Mrs. Bongo & Mrs. Snowden's Classes	

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