



St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church

Family of Faith Session #1

October 8 & 10, 2024

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Verse of the Month:

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."
~Hebrews 11:1

Saint of the Month: St. Francis of Assisi

KEY: PG = Parent Guide / SAB = Student Activity Book

Basic Prayers found in PG (p.6)

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Children's Session - Presenter: Mrs. Carolyn Lapham, Family Ministries Coordinator

-Topics to be Covered:

- What does it mean to believe & trust?
 - **(Lesson 1, Activity 1 - PG pp.17-18 - Trust Activity)**
- What is Faith?
 - **(Lesson 1, Activity 2 - PG pp.19-20/SAB p.10)**
- Who is God? (Divine Revelations; Creator) - What is a mystery?
 - **(Lesson 2, Activities 1&2 - PG pp.28-31/SAB p.14-16)**
- What is the Trinity? (Sign of the Cross)
 - **(Lesson 2, Activity 3 - PG pp.32-34/SAB p.19-20)**

Parent Session - Presenter: Michelle Pirraglia, DRE

I. Getting Started with the "Family of Faith" Program:

- **KEEP IT SIMPLE!** - Goal = 2-4 Activities per month based on the topic
 - Each month typically contains two lessons based on the topic.
- **USE OUR WEBSITE: sjecmff.blogspot.com**
 - Grade-Level Guide & Resources + Monthly Google Form
 - A Google Form is posted each month on our website to complete as a family.
- **WORK WITH OTHER FAMILIES!**

II. Using the books!

- Check the "Quick Start Guide" (iii) and "Making the Most of Activities" (iv) at the very beginning of the Parent Guide.
- Overview of the Lessons: - see PG pp.8-9
- Monthly Goals: "Fridge Page" - see PG p.11
- Tools for YOU - Monthly Summary of Topics - PG Essay Appendix (p.239)
(Overview of month - the same text is found in the activities themselves).

• Engaging Kids!

- Student Activity Book - Pick 1 or 2 activities per lesson (connects w/PG)
- See Monthly overview page each month (see PG p.8-9)
- Saint of the Month - (see PG pp.39-40 & SAB pp.34)
- Car Conversations - (see PG p.13)
- Get out of the house! -Go to the Shrine, to the Church, our parish grounds, etc!

(Examples: Visit our Prayer Garden on Campus (next to the school); October is the Month of the Rosary - Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville and go on the Rosary Walk together! Or go on the Nature walk (Lesson 2, Activity 4 (SAB pp.30-31).

○ **PRAYER CORNER:** Create a sacred space using the family prayer jar as a start. Set aside time to pray as a family & read/go over the Bible passages each month. Print out the Apostles Creed & Grace Before Meals prayer cards on our website!

III. **BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF FAITH! - DON'T BE A STRANGER** 😊 **COME TO MASS! (OF COURSE!)**

SJE Mass Times

Saturday Evening: 5PM or 7:30PM (Spanish

Sunday: 8AM, 10AM*, 12 Noon & 6PM

***Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 10AM Mass (Open House: Sun., 10/20 after 10AM Mass in Auditorium)**

GET INVOLVED - UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 @ 6:15PM, AUDITORIUM**
***FREE EVENT-Come together for a little spooky fun before Halloween as we watch the family-friendly movie "MONSTERS, INC."
- **SANDWICH SUNDAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 after the 10AM Mass, SCHOOL CAFETERIA** - We make sandwiches for those in need in our community. Bring a loaf of bread & small jar of peanut butter & jelly (or cold cuts).
- **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY** - They are in need of more ADULT volunteers to help with our Street Ministry & Food Pantry - email socialministry@sjecm.org

THIS YEAR: VOLUME I: The Profession of Faith (The Creed)

Key Points for October (see pp. 9 & 41 in the PG)

- A. Faith is: A gift from God; Necessary for salvation and requires that we follow God's commandments; Summarized in the Apostles' Creed (p.13 in SAB)
- B. Faith is not a blind leap.
- C. We can know God through Divine Revelation and through His creation.
- D. Unlike any other creatures, human beings are made in the image of God. This means we are created with intellect, free will, and the capacity to love.
- E. God is the Blessed Trinity – one God in three Divine Persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is the central mystery of our faith.
- F. God the Father is the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR GRADE-LEVEL AND FAMILY ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS!

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