

Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of April 24, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter
(Weekly dated May 1)

Opening Prayer



+ Our Savior Jesus help us to recognize you in the people we see each day. Enable us to truly believe in your True Presence in the Eucharist.

Thank you for...
We are sorry for... and we ask for your help with...
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen +

Jesus Appears to His Friends John 21:1-14 (Overview for Adult Leader)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reveals himself to seven disciples. The disciples were fishing on the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus appeared on the shore, they did not immediately recognize him. Only after their empty fishing nets which were suddenly weighed down with a large catch did they recognize the Risen Lord. Jesus called them to shore and invited them to breakfast. He shared fish and bread with them. This meal calls to mind the miracle of the loaves and fishes and recalls the Last Supper. Thus the recognition depicted in the Scripture is twofold: That of the truth of the Resurrection and of Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist.

QUICK CONNECT (10 min)

Begin by each child completing the front cover of *their* Gospel Weekly (3 min)

Catholic Faith Word: A great way to start your Scripture time together is to do hangman with the Catholic Faith Word. Choose one word if you have multiple children or if time permits do multiple words!

NOTE: Families with **ONLY PROMISE** children, please go [HERE](#) for your Parent Teaching Guide which includes opening story, Gospel, & questions. You may look at this Family Guide for extra resources.

DO ALL TOGETHER - READ A OPENING STORY & Do the Questions This is a quick opportunity for everyone to listen to ONE story which will prepare them for the Gospel. (If you have students in different levels, pick just one story.) Promise found at **RED** link above.

Short on time? Skip the story & pick from the discussion starter questions below to make a quick connection with family members & move on to the Gospel Reading.

Questions: Pick 1 or 2 that apply to your child(ren)

- Why is it important to share meals with friends or family?
- Is there a particular meal/celebration that our family shares that you love? (Birthdays, Big breakfast after church, Thanksgiving, etc)





Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

(Overview for Adult Leader) Just as Jesus was with the disciples following his Resurrection, he continues to work in our lives and be in our midst. "The Paschal mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past, because by his death he destroyed death, and all that Christ is---all that he did and suffered for all men---participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all;" (CCC, 1085) Jesus has returned to Heaven, so his followers are the way he is present in our world. We are Jesus' helping hands, kind words, and loving hearts for the people in our world.

Read the Gospel (in Bible) OR read/act out the Gospel Play from ONE of the printed Pflaum Weeklies - John 21:1-14



TOGETHER do the Gospel Reflection Questions found in your child's Weekly. (in yellow boxes), except Promise & most explained below.

You might want to review the events of Holy Week.

ASK: What was very special about the Last Supper? How was it different than an ordinary meal?

We believe Jesus' words at the Last Supper when he said the bread is his Body and the wine is his Blood. the bread and wine still look and taste like bread and wine, but they become the body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We call this the Real Presence.

How did Jesus' friends feel when he died? *Sad and confused as they thought he was going to be a political savior.*

How did Jesus' friends feel when they saw him alive again? *So happy!*

What words did Jesus say to his friends when he saw them again? *Peace be with you.*

How did Jesus' friends know it was Jesus? *He invited them to share a meal and the miraculous catch of fish. Jesus performs a miracle, prepares a meal for his disciples, breaks the bread, and says, "Come and eat."*

When did Jesus take bread and give it to his friends during Holy Week? *At the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. Emphasize that Jesus is really with us when we celebrate his holy meal---Holy Communion (Eucharist).*

What other meals did Jesus share with his disciples? *The multiplication of the loaves and fish.*

How does John recognize Jesus in Sunday's Gospel? *John remembers the other time Jesus made a great catch of fish for Peter. (Luke 5:1-110 He recognizes Jesus as source of the miracle.*

What actions of Jesus in this Gospel do we remember at every Eucharist? *We read stories of our ancestors in faith and of Jesus; we do what Jesus told us to do by sharing bread and wine; we sing songs that remind us of God's care for us' and we celebrate saints who have shown us what being Christian means.*

Have each child work on ***their*** pages in What the Church Believes & Teaches (WCBT)
Each child will work individually in their book as they may not be covering the same content.

Promise students will do The Lord's Prayer (p 29)

Good News students will do I Believe in ...Communion of Saints (p 13);
Praying with the Communion of Saints (p 40)

Venture students will do What is the Mission of the Church? (p 120)

Visions students will do The Church's Mission (p 12)





Go Live It!! (10 min)

Make the time this week to eat a family meal together. Perhaps include someone who doesn't have family to share a meal with.

Don't forget to be sharing your highs & lows for the day; what you're thankful for AND what you are sorry for.

Closing Prayer:

Use the prayer found in your Gospel Weekly to close your time together. It can be found in the Family Corner (Promise/Good news) or With My Family & Friends section (Venture/Visions).



Show us what you've learned or how you've lived your faith this week!

Together, let's take one step closer to God!

**Find the Assignment Form HERE.
Due Next Sunday**

Car Rides Review Questions!

Can you tell me what the Gospel was about?
Why do you think this story is in the Bible?
What did we learn from the Gospel?

**INTERESTED IN A LITTLE MORE
ADVENTURE?! CHECK OUT
THESE ADDITIONAL
RESOURCES!!**



To receive weekly tips from Pflaum Weekly click here

Learn about the Eucharist

In an ever-changing world the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God's changeless love. –Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Kolkata)

Our modern world is a fast-moving place. Communications, technology, and relationships move more quickly than they ever have before. Nothing seems to stay the same. "Love" seems to come and go. "Love" based on transient feelings or physical attraction is not real love. The Eucharist is an expression of the love of God for humanity. This love never changes. The Eucharist, therefore, constantly reminds us that the love of God for each of us can never fail. It will never go away. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). And the Son so loved the world that he gave his very life. The Eucharist perpetuates that sacrifice and makes it present— showing us that true love never changes.

Saint of the Week -

- St. Athanasius (May 2)

Younger Students

- Bible Bag Story
- Gospel with Miss Heidi

Older Students & Adults

- What is the Communion of Saints

