

# Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of Jan. 23, 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Weekly dated Jan. 30)

## Opening Prayer



+Forgiving God, we praise you for creating us, even when we doubt and don't believe. Help us to follow you.

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

## Jesus is Rejected - We believe in Jesus

Luke 4:21-30

(Overview for Adult Leader)

In Sunday's Gospel, we see the continuation of the story began last week. Last Sunday Jesus told the people in his hometown synagogue that God had sent him to bring the Good News. This Sunday, the people do not believe or accept him. Jesus, they are certain, is *just* Joseph's son.

## 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)

- Have you ever seen someone being teased or picked on and you stepped in & helped the person?
- Have you ever made a right decision that caused your friends to be angry with you?



## Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

(Overview for Adult Leader) We are all called to be prophets by our Baptism. "Anyone who preaches the Gospel must have a profound respect for the truth. Prophets must be people of integrity & share only what they deeply believe. The truth is always promoted above one's personal desire to please any others even if suffering or reject result. God's Word is to be shared with all peoples, and the true prophet will never deny transmitting that light to others even at risk of personal harm." (Evangelii Nuntiandi, 78) Jesus is the ultimate innocent prophet who saved us because he stood up for what was right and laid down his life for his friends.

**Read the Gospel (in Bible) OR read/act out the Gospel Play from ONE of the printed Pflaum Weeklies - Luke 4:21-30**



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

**What is a Gospel?** *A Gospel is a book in the Bible that tells us the Good News about Jesus. We listen to a Gospel reading at every Mass. (They are Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) We study next week's Gospel reading each week.*

**Why didn't some people believe that God had sent Jesus?** *Some people didn't believe God had sent Jesus because they had known Jesus as a boy. They thought God would send someone very powerful to them, not someone from their own town.*

**Who has God sent to tell you the Good News?** *Parents, grandparents, religion teachers, relatives, priests, friends.*

**Who does Jesus say He is?** *In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus said he was the one sent from God to bring the Good News & announce a year of favor from the Lord. This mean he is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah.*

**Who do the people of Nazareth say Jesus is? Why don't they want to find out more about him?** *Joseph's son. They don't believe he's anything more than a carpenter's son.*

**What does Jesus mean when he says that a prophet is never welcome in his hometown?** *Jesus means that because people know someone as a person who grew up in their hometown they find it hard to accept that person in a new role, especially that of a prophet.*

**Why did the people reject Jesus? Why do people reject prophets?** *Israelites reject Elijah & Elisha: two non Israelites--a widow from Sidon and Naaman from Syria---accept them. Prophets challenge us and ask us to take risks, to think of others, not only ourselves.*

**Christians in some parts of the world risk their safety for their belief in Jesus. Why do you think they continue to believe?** *They may be very afraid, but they trust in Jesus, despite the danger.*

**How do your actions and words show that you believe in Jesus? Think of a specific example.** *We show in ways we treat other & through our actions; we may show it in outward ways such as wearing a cross or crucifix or attending Mass.*

**What are you willing to risk to be a Christian?** *Perhaps, you risk doing the right thing instead of the popular thing.*

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 Sign of the Cross, Blessed Trinity, Holy Spirit (p 29,31,32)

**Good News** students will do The Apostles' Creed (p 6) & I Believe (15)

**Venture** students will do The Mass; Liturgy of the Eucharist, Communion Rite & Concluding Rites (p 48) 24-25)





## Go Live It!! (10 min)

**Be on the look out for a way to take a risk and support someone in your life. (Think playground, lunch table, work meeting.)**

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

The Eucharist is the summit of God's saving action: the Lord Jesus, by becoming bread broken for us, pours upon all of us his mercy and his love, as to renew our hearts, our lives, and our way of relating to him. –Pope Francis

A summit is a high point. Jesus, through his Death and Resurrection, showed us the saving action of God—he saved us from our sins. This was the summit of God's love for us.

And that love is re-presented each time we celebrate the Eucharist. The bread and wine become Jesus' Body and Blood. When we receive Holy Communion, Christ's mercy and love are poured out on us. We can relate to him in a different way because he is truly present. This relationship renews us every time we receive him.

### Saint of the Week

- St. Timothy

### Younger Students

- Bible Bag Gospel

### Older Students

- St. Maximilian Kolbe
- Anointing of the Sick

### Adults

- Jesus is Rejected Check out this page for many resources to use with your families on this week's Gospel!

