

Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of Feb. 20, 2022

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Weekly dated Feb. 27)

Opening Prayer



+Dear Lord, Thank you for creating us to be good, kind and loving. Help us to always be this way in our daily lives.

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

A Tree is Known by its Fruit Luke 6:39-45

(Overview for Adult Leader)

Sunday's Gospel includes several sayings of Jesus that are vivid word pictures. The blind cannot lead the blind without both falling in a ditch. We should not focus on the splinter in our brother's eye when we have a log in our own. A good tree produces good fruit. They are easy to remember and reflect common sense. They offer us practical help in living as Jesus' followers.

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)

- How easy is it for you to pick out another person's faults?
- How easy is it for you to admit that you are wrong?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you knew someone was wrong but they refused to admit it?





Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

(Overview for Adult Leader) The education of the conscience is a lifelong task...Prudent education teaches virtue; it prevents or cures, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings and complacency, born of human weakness and faults. The education of the conscience guarantees freedom and engenders peace of heart" (CCC, 1784.) "In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path? (CCC, 1785)

Read the Gospel (in Bible) OR read/act out the Gospel Play from ONE of the printed Pflaum Weeklies - Luke 6:39-45



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

Have you ever had something stuck in your eye? How did that feel? Irritating, hurt
How did it feel when it was out of your eye? It felt better.

What does it mean to see "a splinter" in your brother's eye? *To point out when someone else is wrong or has done something wrong.*

How can we remove "the log" from our eye? *Admit when we're wrong or that we have done something wrong. Sin is like having something in your eye, it bothers us until we deal with it once and for all. We can do that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and making amends with person we hurt or who has hurt us.*

How can your life grow good fruit? *Following Jesus, using kind words and actions, being generous and not selfish, showing respect, etc.*

Did you know that God has planted goodness in your heart? When did God do that? *At Baptism, God made you a part of his family and gave you the Holy Spirit and all His good gifts.*

How do you show that goodness? *In kind and loving words and actions*

What is a hypocrite? *A hypocrite is someone who says or believes one thing but acts in a way that contradicts what they say.*

Where do you see people being hypocrites? Why can it be so easy to fall into this trap? *We need to be strong in our faith and have well developed moral standards to fight against this trap. It is very hard.*

Think of a time you have criticized someone for something you have also done. How can we avoid being hypocrites? *We can be kinder, more patient with ourselves and with others.*

What does it mean that a good tree produces good fruit? *It means that a good person tends to behave in a good manner. If we work to develop good habits, we will tend to act consistently in the way that God wants.*

What does Jesus mean when he ask, "Won't they both fall into the ditch?" *If we are not strong in our faith & beliefs, we are more tempted or swayed.*

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

Promise students will do God Makes Promises (p 8)

Good News students will do The Ten Commandments (p 31)

Venture students will do What is the Liturgy? (p 16)

Visions students will do The Eucharist (p 23)





Go Live It!! (10 min)

As a family, identify one or two ways you can grow good fruit. For example, treat each other with extra respect this week.

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

What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body of Christ and the chalice is the blood of Christ. -Saint Augustine

Things are not always what they look like. Within something that looks very simple can be something profound. That is the way it is with the Eucharist. To our eyes, the bread and wine simply look like bread and wine. But Jesus tells us that after the words of consecration, they are no longer bread and wine, but his Body and Blood. Saint Thomas Aquinas, in his hymn for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), said that only by our hearing—not by sight, taste, or touch—can we come to believe in the reality of the Eucharist. What our physical eyes tell us is no longer real. What we have heard and what our eyes of faith show us is the deeper reality.

Saint of the Week -

- St. Polycarp

Younger Students

- Love Your Enemies (5 min)
- Miss Heidi loveeveryone (5 min)

Older Students

- Fannie Lou Hammer
- Medgar Evers

