

# Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of Feb. 27, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent  
(Weekly dated March 2)

## Opening Prayer



+Jesus, our brother and our Savior, be with us as we enter this 40 days of Lent... help us to grow closer to you by praying, fasting & giving more.

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

## Jesus Resists Temptation Luke 4:1-13

(Overview for Adult Leader)

On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus faces temptations, but He refuses to become a divine show-off. Instead, He remains our brother who comes to be among us to show us the power of love. Jesus insists people need more than bread to live: They need love and hope. In Jesus, we see God living a human life, showing us the power of love, forgiveness, and sharing. This Gospel challenges us to accept and work with our own humanity, just as Jesus chose to do in his life on the earth.

## 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 been tempted to do something wrong? Like may have an extra cookie? Or something you wanted very badly?
- Is being tempted a sin?
- What types of things tempt you in your life? (talking about people, things on the internet, et)





## Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

(Overview for Adult Leader) The event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life" (CCC, 1085). "Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year. It reflects the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (CCC, 540 & 1438). "The Lord's Prayer is 'truly the summary of the whole Gospel" (CCC, 2761). Even Jesus was tempted by the Devil to choose what he wanted instead of following God's way. Each of us faces temptation every day. Every time we give in to our selfish wants, we are choosing our way over Jesus'

**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.

**Make sure your children understand that feeling tempted to do something wrong isn't a sin. It's a sin when we know it's wrong and choose to do it anyway.**

**What did the Devil want Jesus to do?** *He wanted Jesus to turn stones to bread, worship the Devil, throw yourself off the top of the Temple.*

**What did Jesus choose to do?** *He didn't do anything the Devil wanted.*

**Why didn't Jesus turn stones into bread? He was very hungry.** *Jesus knew people need more than food to be happy. We need God too.*

**Why didn't Jesus become the ruler of the world?** *Jesus knew God is ruler of all.*

**Why didn't Jesus jump from the tall Temple?** *Jesus knew that God loved him and didn't need God to prove it.*

**Why did the Gospel end by saying the Devil went away "for a while."** *The Devil keeps trying to tempt us--even Jesus--to make unloving choices. God helps us when we show love and pray.*

**Why did Jesus refuse to turn stone into bread?** *Jesus wants to be fully human so he can show us that, with God's help, temptation can be overcome, and we, too, can resist evil.*

**What does Jesus mean when he says people do not live on bread alone?** *People need nourishment for their souls, minds, and spirits, as well as bodily food.*

**Who is Jesus if he is not a magician who turns stones into bread, a warrior conqueror who rules the world, or a divine show-off who jumps off buildings and lets angels catch him?** *Jesus is fully human as well as fully divine. He will live as a human to show us how to come to God.*

**What exactly does Jesus do in this Sunday's Gospel to resist the devil's temptation? How can this practice help you?** *Jesus used God's word to refute what the Devil had said. Spend more time learning God's word so that it is always tucked in our hearts.*

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 Holy Seasons: Lent, Easter ( p 18)

**Good News** students will do What Would You Do? (p 33), Lent (57 & 18)

**Venture** students will do Jesus Taught Us How to Pray (p 45) & The Seven Petitions of the Lord's Prayer (p 45)

**Visions** students will do Forms of Prayer & Quiz (p 40, 45); God Listens & Responds (p 42)





## Go Live It!! (10 min)

Attend Ash Wednesday Mass: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, noon & 7:30 pm

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 meant to be God's regular nourishment for us, daily manna to keep us alive within the desert of our lives. -Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In the Old Testament, when the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt, they wandered in the desert for forty years. God gave them a food called manna, which kept them alive in the desert.

Only through this miracle were they able to live. It was their regular nourishment. Our spiritual lives can be like deserts too. Sometimes we wander, looking for what God wants us to do. We need nourishment as well, and that is where the Eucharist comes in. Just like the manna was the Israelites' physical food, so the Eucharist is our spiritual food that strengthens us for our Christian mission. Without it, we are weaker people, and it is more difficult to live Christian lives.

### Saint of the Week -

- St. Casimir - Saint of Russia
- Younger Students
- Bible Bag Story Always Great!
- The Temptation of Jesus (3 min)

### Older Students

- Our Father explained (3 min) Excellent!
- Intro to the Examen



### Adults/Everyone

- A Daily Examen (3 min) If you have never tried this type of prayer, watch this!