

# Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of Feb. 6, 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Weekly dated Feb. 13)

## Opening Prayer



+Dear God of surprises,  
Help us learn to love everyone,  
especially those people that we  
think are unlovable. Give us a  
kind & loving heart. Give us the  
courage to be your followers.

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

## Jesus Teaches Us the Beatitudes

Luke 6:17, 20-26

(Overview for Adult Leader)

The Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel confront us & confound us with hard-to-believe statements: Happy are the poor, the sorrowing, the hungry and the persecuted. In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches clearly that the poor, the sorrowing, the hungry & the persecuted have a place in God's kingdom. Jesus' teaching asks us to reassess our notions of success. Sharing what we have' comforting people who are sad; and laughing with not at, people---these are the signs of success in God's eyes.

## 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)

*Can you remember a time when you were the recipient of a kind act?*

*When have you done a kind act for someone else? How did that make you feel?*

*Have you ever comforted someone who was hurting?*

*Do you know anyone who might be hungry? (And maybe not physically but emotionally?)*





## Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

(Overview for Adult Leader) The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ & portray his charity. "Whatever you wish that people would do to you, do so to them; this is the law and the prophets" (CCC, #1970). Jesus wants us to have happiness that lasts. He shared the Beatitudes with his followers. These attitudes and actions are like a map that will lead us to true happiness in this life and help us get to Heaven. "The Beatitudes confront us with decisive choices concerning earthly goods; they purify our hearts in order to teach us to love God above all things." (CCC, #1728)



**Read the Gospel (in Bible) OR read/act out the Gospel Play from ONE of the printed Pflaum Weeklies - Luke 6:17, 20-26**

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

**What is Jesus' attitude toward poor, hungry, sad and rejected people?** *He loves them, cares about them and tells them they will be happy in Heaven. God wants all people to be happy & there is room for everyone in God's family.*

**Why does Jesus tell the poor, hungry, and sorrowful that they are blessed?** *They are blessed by God's promises for their future. They suffer now, but God is with them. In a practical way, sorrow can make a person more sensitive to others' pain & help them appreciate the importance of family, friends, and faith; going hungry and being poor can make us more aware of others' needs, more dependent on God, and grateful for simple things.*

**How can you share the happiness of God's love? Do you know other people who bring happiness? What are their names and what do they do? How do you bring happiness?**

**How can you help the poor? The hungry? Those who are sad? Those who are rejected or made fun of when they do the right thing?** *We should love everyone and not leave anyone out of our community. Then we will all be happy together.*

**What do the Beatitudes tell you about Jesus' attitude toward people who are poor, hungry, sorrowful or persecuted?** *He loves them.*

**How is the way Jesus looks at success and happiness different from the way many people see it?** *Jesus turns our usual way of thinking upside down in the Beatitudes.*

**How is leading with kindness perhaps different than the way some people act? Why is a kind act so extraordinary?**

**Who in our society would Jesus say is blessed?** *People who are poor or homeless, those who deal with mental or physical illnesses, the elderly.* **Who would Jesus warn today?** *Jesus would admonish those who ignore people in need. He would challenge those who don't question injustices around them.*

**Think of a tough situation you have faced. How might you look at this situation as a blessing? Have you helped someone this week or made them feel as though they belong? Name a way you can become more aware of others' needs.**

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 God Shows His Love (p 7)

**Good News** students will do The Beatitudes (p 44)

**Venture** students will do What does the New Law Ask Us? The Beatitudes (p 36-37)

**Visions** students will do The News Law, The Beatitudes (p 35-36)





## Go Live It!! (10 min)

As a family, identify the poor (not just financially), hungry (not just physically), sorrowful or rejected in your life. How can you help ONE of them?

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 bathes the tormented soul in light and love. —Saint Bernadette Soubirous

The spiritual life is not easy. It is a continuous battle between good and evil. Sometimes we fall into evil thoughts, words, and actions. We call that sin. And sometimes, our spiritual life is just difficult. Perhaps we do not feel close to God or are having trouble praying. When these things happen, the Eucharist can bring us comfort and consolation. Our souls can feel tormented by an absence of God or by our sin. And along with the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, receiving Holy Communion can restore our souls to a good place. Jesus is always there for us to receive. Even when our souls don't feel him, he brings us grace.

### Saint of the Week -

- St Paul Miki (Feb. 6)

### Younger Students

- Bible Bag Story (8 min)
- God's Story: Sermon on the Mount

### Older Students

- The Beatitudes (2 min) Watch this together!

### Adults

- The Sisters of Selma (4 Min) Excellent for older students as well.

