

Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of Jan. 9, 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Weekly dated Jan. 16)

Opening Prayer



+God of miracles, We thank you for the daily miracles (the God-incidents) in our lives. Please help us to be still and see the daily miracles in our lives.

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

Jesus is Born for All People - John 2:1-11
(Overview for Adult Leader)

In Sunday's Gospel, Mary points out to Jesus that the bride and groom at Cana have run out of wine to serve their guests. Jesus acts. He makes a big difference for one Galilean couple and gives us all a sign of what he has come to be ---food and drink for God's people.

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)

- What is the most joyful celebration you have been to? Why was it filled with joy?
- Have you ever been at a gathering where they ran out of food or drink?
- How do you think you would feel if that happened at your party?





Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

(Overview for Adult Leader) Jesus' miracle at the wedding in Cana was a sign of his power. The words and actions of the Seven Sacraments are also signs. They show us what Jesus is doing in our lives today. The sacraments celebrate God's love and grace at special times in our lives. Sacraments are powers that come forth from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving. They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in his Body, the Church" (CCC, 1116)

Read the Gospel (in Bible) OR read/act out the Gospel Play from ONE of the printed Pflaum Weeklies - John 2:1-11



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

What human problem do Mary and Jesus meet in this Gospel? *The embarrassment of running out of refreshments for guests at a wedding.*

Whom does Jesus want to be full of joy? *Everyone Who is with Jesus? Jesus, Mary, the apostles, the guests, the bride and groom*

Is Jesus more like a guest at the wedding or more like the bridegroom who hosts the wedding? Why? *Jesus is more like the bridegroom because he draws everyone together with a grand gesture of hospitality.*

What sign does Jesus give us at the wedding? What does this show us about who he is and why he has come? *He changed water into wine, a sign that he is the new wine, the Messiah whom people have been waiting for. Jesus' actions show his concern for people's feelings, his regard for the value of celebration, his generosity.*

Who asks him to make more wine? Mary How did Mary make a difference at the wedding? Mary noticed what was wrong and told Jesus.

What does the sign of the abundant wine show about Jesus? *He values marriage and celebration, and wants people to be happy. He gathers people together in joy and gladness.*

What does the headwaiter mean when he says, "You have kept the best wine until now"? *Jesus himself is the best wine, who comes among us to reveal God's love and begins the Messiah's banquet for all people.*

How did Jesus make a difference? *Jesus took action to help make the wedding celebration a happy time for everyone, especially the bride and groom.*

How does Jesus make a difference today at every Mass? *Jesus gives himself to us. He gathers us together to listen to his Word, pray together, remember how much he loves us and what he did for us, and share a meal--his Body and Blood. We who receive Christ's Body and Blood are sent out to be Christ's Body in the world.*

How does receiving a sacrament inspire you to act? Be specific. *Receiving the Eucharist could inspire you to be a better, more generous or thankful person; receiving Reconciliation could inspire you to be more forgiving of others.*

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 Do What Jesus Says (p 23)

Good News students will do the Sacraments (p 21) & Liturgy (24)

Venture students will do What happens in the Sacrament of Matrimony (p26)
Quick Quiz (26-27)

Visions students will do Anointing of the Sick (p 24-25)





Go Live It!! (10 min)

Take time come to Adoration some time this week. Sit with the miracle of Jesus' present to us always in the tabernacle. Children supplies for Adoration can be found on the bottom of the usher table to the left as you walk into church.

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

Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so it is. I fear the day when I do not receive Holy Communion. The bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry on my mission and to do whatever the Lord asks of me.

—Saint Faustina Kowalska

Our spiritual life is a series of battles. Every day brings its own challenges—opportunities to do good and temptations to do wrong. Receiving Holy Communion is a source of strength for us. It gives us the grace we need to do battle with evil. It assures us that we can overcome the temptations we encounter. And it also gives us the strength that we need to do the will of God in our lives. Every one of us has a mission from God. If we don't fulfill our mission, it does not get done. The Eucharist empowers us to know and complete our mission each and every day.

Younger Students

- [Bible Bag Story \(8 min\)](#)
- [Jesus Turns Wine in Water \(92 min\)](#)

Older Students

- [Anointing of the Sick \(4 min\)](#)

