

# Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of Nov. 7, 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Weekly dated November 14)



## Opening Prayer



**+Jesus, you are the light of the world. Your light is so bright that it takes away all darkness. Help us when we are afraid to turn toward your loving and guiding light.**

**Thank you for...**

**We are sorry for. . . and we ask for your help with . . .**

**In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen +**

## Jesus Will Come Again - Mark 13:24-32

(Overview for Adult Leader)

This Sunday's Gospel, and the two that follow prepare us for Jesus' Second Coming. As Christians we are encouraged to live our life with the expectation of meeting God at any moment. "If we were to concern ourselves only with things of this world that are temporary, it would be easy to fall into the traps of earthly luxury and fleeting pleasures. But reflecting on the end times allows us to enter into the mystery that death presents. We see a glimpse of how our lives in this world relate to eternity, and we can help build a world rooted in spiritual wisdom and the things of heaven rather than those things that will pass away.

(Gaudium et Spes, 18)

## 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 THE OPENING STORY** 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 story found at [Pflaumweeklies/parent-teaching-guide](https://www.pflaumweeklies.com/parent-teaching-guide)



**Do the Know/Think questions (pick appropriate question for each child's age **OR** if you are short on time, skip the story & pick from the optional questions below to make a quick connection with family members & move to the Gospel Reading.**

### OPTIONAL Starter/Discussion Questions:

- When have you been surprised? Was it a good surprise or a bad surprise?
- What are some signs you see in your daily life? (Stop, beware of dog, no talking, etc.)
- When has someone warned you about something by saying be careful or this could happen?



## Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

**(Overview for Adult Leader)** Jesus, the Son of Man and Son of God, will come again to take his followers to Heaven. We will be ready to greet him if we have faith in God and making loving choices. As members of God's family it is important to pay attention to our relationship with God. Prayer helps us communicate with God. We can pray together in community (Mass, family Rosary/prayer) or in private personal prayer. As we develop a deeper relationship with God, we become more attune to His will for our lives. Then, we can live in anticipation, not anxiety but in hope that when Jesus comes, we will be found ready and waiting.

**Read the Gospel (find in their Bible) OR read/act out the Gospel Play from ONE of the printed Pflaum Weeklies - Mark 13:24-32**



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

**Have you ever been in a very dark place? What was that like? How did you feel when someone turned on a light or flashlight?** *This scripture tells us about a dark time, the sun and moon will go dark but Jesus will come in brilliant glory. He is the light of the world. He brings us hope and light in our dark times.*

**Who is the Son of Man that Jesus talks about?** *Jesus is the Son of Man of Son of God. Both titles tell us Jesus was fully human and fully divine. Explain understanding this is impossible for us to understand. We accept this as a mystery of our faith.*

**What lesson can we learn from the fig tree?** *The fig tree can teach us to pay attention and be ready for Jesus' return. This is a warning. Perhaps, talk about times when you give warnings. EX: Brush your teeth or else they will rot. Warnings are meant to encourage good habits. Jesus is warning us to be ready for his coming. Take the time NOW to get to know Him through participation in Mass, prayer and Scripture study.*

**What is scary about Jesus coming again?** *The sun and moon will grow dark, the stars will fall from the sky.*

**What words of Jesus get us through these scary events?** *Jesus says he will gather his chose ones when he comes in glory. If we are working on our relationship with Jesus then His coming isn't as scary but is viewed with anticipation. We are awaiting our dear friend, our beloved. That is why prayer is so important.*

**If no one knows when Jesus will come again, how should we live our lives?** *We should live life as Jesus taught-- by loving, forgiving, healing, helping, caring, keeping the Ten Commandments, living the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) and practicing the Works of Mercy.*

**How will Jesus' friendship with his disciples last after his Death & Resurrection?** *The disciples will continue to tell the stories & lessons of Jesus. They will spread the Good News.*

**Who is Jesus relying on TODAY to tell His stories and lessons of the Good News?** *Each one of us!*

**There will be many fearful things we must deal with in our lives. What dangers in our world scare you?**

**How can you help yourself & others with the scary things you/they may face?** *Simply be there for them, to listen or offer advice, pray for them.*

**What helps you have hope when you are frightened? What makes you hopeful? How do you share hope?**

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 at Jesus Makes Promises (p 28, bottom)

**Good News** student will look at Creed: ...will come to judge the living & the dead (p 11) & ...in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting (p 40)

**Venture** students will look at What Do Catholics Believe about Death and Resurrection? (p 13)

**Visions** students will look at Believe on the Nicene Creed (p 6) and Forms of Prayer (p 40)





## Go Live It!! (10 min)

As a family, fill out your Prayer for the Faithful Departed prayer card (in your packet) with names of your loved ones who have died. Place it on your Home Altar.

Don't forget to be sharing your highs & lows for the day. Here's an additional question: What are you most thankful for today?

### Closing Prayer:

+ Father in Heaven, Thank you for this time to learn about your Son Jesus and his brilliant glory. This week I will remember to talk to you about anything that is bothering or worrying me.  
Amen. +



Show us what you've learned or how you've lived your faith this week!

Our homework options have changed for this second unit. 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](#)

## Saint of the Week - St. Martin of Tours

### Learn about the Eucharist

Check out Eucharist Quote by St. John Chrysostom in your Gospel Weekly!

"When the priest prays over the bread and wine, they truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. That means that we truly do see him. We don't have to wish that we could see him—we do. We need to see with the eyes of faith. While we don't see Jesus' arms or legs or face, we truly do see him. His glorified body, the body that exists in Heaven, is able, through a miracle, to be present in what looks like bread and wine. Our natural eyes can't see it. Only our eyes of faith can. Christ's Body and Blood become our food, our spiritual nourishment. We just need to see.

## Younger Students

- [Bible Bag Story of Jesus' Coming](#) (8 min)

## Older Students

- [How are we going to be Resurrected?](#) (2 min)
- [What is World Day of the Poor?](#) (2 min)

## Adults

- [The Greatest Surprise: Jesus' Second Coming](#) (5 min) Fr. Mike Schmitz
- [Ten Ways to Strengthen Your Eucharistic Belief](#) (1 page article)

