

# Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of Oct. 3, 2021

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Weekly dated October 10)



## Opening Prayer

+Almighty Father,

We praise you for our beautiful world. We thank you for your son, Jesus, who taught us how to serve and love others. Today, we are sorry for. . .and we ask for your help with . . .

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen +

## Jesus & the Rich Man - Mark 10:17-30

(Overview for Adult Leader)

Sunday's Gospel is about how easy it is for the things we own to rule our lives. Jesus compares the rich man in the Gospel to an overloaded camel. The rich man sadly walks away when Jesus calls him to sell his possessions and give the money to the poor. This Gospel is deeper than just the man's possessions. It is about what he loves most in his heart.

## QUICK CONNECT (10 min)

Begin by each child completing the front cover of *their* Gospel Weekly (3 min)

**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 (yellow boxes) pick appropriate question for each child's age **OR if you are short on time**, skip the story & pick from the optional questions below

**OR** in the Discover God's Love section (on page 3) to make a quick connection with family members & move to the Gospel Reading.

**OPTIONAL Starter Questions:** Pick 1 or 2 that apply to your child(ren) OR Use the

- How many stuffed animals do you have? pairs of shoes? jeans? Are you/we rich?
- What do we do with clothes we have outgrown or toys we no longer want? Is this easy or hard for you to do? What if you were asked to give away your favorite toy, outfit, etc?
- Where do you spend most of your time (not including school/sports)? What do you spend your money on?

**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!



## Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

*(Overview for Adult Leader)* Jesus invites us to share our treasures and include all people in the common good. This Gospel asks us to see how we share riches in our daily lives and how we keep God's commandments. Our belongings won't help us get to heaven, but a heart that is following God will certainly help us.

**Read the Gospel (find in their Bible) OR read/act out the Gospel Play from ONE of the printed Pflaum Weeklies - Mark 10:17-30**



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

**What does the man want to learn from Jesus? What is the rich man searching for?** He's searching for the way to get to Heaven.

**How does the man show he is a friend of God?** He comes to Jesus and asks how to follow Him. He is faithful in following the 10 Commandments but not faithful in noticing the needs of others.

**Why does he walk away sad?** In Jesus' time, most people were poor. Jesus invites the man to sell his possessions and help the poor people. He doesn't want to sell his stuff & give the money to the poor; it's not the answer he was hoping for and right now he can't do what Jesus' is asking. Sometimes we can do what Jesus asks of us and sometimes we are not ready.

**Why might rich people have a hard time being Jesus' disciples?** Rich people have more things which means more to let go of. It *may* be easier if one doesn't have so many material items. Jesus calls us to share everything because God gives us everything. Belongings are just things and will not help us get to Heaven.

**Do you know anyone who has given up everything to follow Jesus?** (A priest, religious brother, sister or a missionary)

**Is there anything you could give up in order to help others?** Perhaps, look at outgrown clothes or toys that could bless another.

**How do you/your family show that they treasure things of Heaven over things on Earth?** For example, showing love, valuing friends & family, sharing with siblings, being kind & helping others.

This Gospel is deeper than just what the man owns. It is NOT telling us we have to be poor to follow Jesus. Jesus sees the man's heart and that his possessions are loved more than God and the poor. If we are to follow Jesus we must love God, who is the source of all good and love our neighbor as ourselves. Relationships are more important than our possessions. Our lives reflect what we truly value (spend our time & money on).

**Have each child work on their pages in What the Church Believes & Teaches (WCBT).**

However, this Gospel lends itself well for an introduction/review of the Ten Commandments. Remind children that they first three commandments all relate to loving God. Commandments, God's rules, are not to restrict us but rather to give us the safest and best life. Example: Fence on a playground. It allows children to play freely without the danger of going into the road. Good choices lead to true freedom.

Another concept that could be covered with older ones is the *common good*. This is one of the foundations of Catholic social teaching. We are to form a society that helps all persons become all that they can be. (See WCBT Book Venture-p. 32; Visions p. 31)



## Go Live it!! (10 min)

Brainstorm on how you can serve someone this week as a family or as individuals! (Think neighbors, friends, teachers, relatives.)



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

**Due Next Sunday**

**Find Assignment Form [HERE](#)**

Encouraging our students/families to be actively involved in growing their faith is one of our goals this year. You will notice our homework options include many different experiences. Together, let's take one step closer to God!

### 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?

### Closing Prayer From St. Teresa of Avila:

Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing away:  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things  
Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices. Amen

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 Teresa Avila cartoon video \(20 min\)](#)

### Learn about the Eucharist

"The Eucharist is the secret to my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world."

~Saint John Paul II

[Click for a very short powerful way to help you explain the true presence of the Eucharist](#)

[L-O-V-E song](#) from Family Gathering

### Younger Students Videos

- [Sign of the Cross song](#)
- [The Ten Commandments AWESOME!](#)



### Older Students Videos (2-3 min)

- [Hannah's Lunchbox](#) - The new American Dream
- [Church Tour](#) done by teens (10 min) Excellent
- [This is Discipleship](#) - We are all called to be disciples!

### Adult Resources

- [What is the Eucharist?](#) (4 min) Great video
- [The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist video](#) (1 hour) by Bishop Barron

### **Discover God's Love**

This year we will use Scripture to discover God's love as created in our body! What things in your life do you love? Who are some people that you love? Why are people more important to love than things?