

# Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of Oct. 10, 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Weekly dated October 17)



## Opening Prayer

+Dear Jesus,

Thank you for coming into our world and showing us how to love people by serving them. Help us to find someone to serve this week. We are sorry for . . . and we ask for your help with . . .

In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen +

## Jesus Calls Us to Serve - Mark 10:35-45

(Overview for Adult Leader)

In Sunday's Gospel, James & John ask for special places in Jesus' kingdom. They want to show Jesus they are loyal followers; they want to be the best. Jesus challenges them. He asks if they are prepared to suffer & die as He will. Jesus defines himself as one who serves, & who gives His life to redeem all. Are we prepared to offer our lives in humble service? That is still Jesus' call to all Christians.

## QUICK CONNECT (10 min)

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

**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.)



**Do the Know/Think questions (yellow boxes except Promise) OR if you are short on time, skip the story & pick from the optional questions below OR pick from questions in the Discover Love section (on page 3) to make a quick connection with family members & then move to the Gospel Reading.**

**OPTIONAL Starter Questions:** Pick 1 or 2 that apply to your child(ren) (Listed from easy to advanced)

- Name some times when you have been a good helper. What does Jesus tell us about helping others?
- Who is most important to you? Why are people who serve most important to Jesus?
- How can kids help others? How does Jesus want his followers to become great?
- In what ways do you serve others? What must James & John do to drink the cup Jesus drinks?

**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!

**Remember don't let them see the word in the Gospel Weekly!!**



## Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

*(Overview for Adult Leader)* As faithful believers, we are given a choice to take paths that lead to life or to death. A culture that chooses wealth, power, and instant gratification over God is one that leads to dissatisfaction and death (*Documento conclusivo de aparecida, 13*) The path to eternal life is filled with humility, patience, service and love. Jesus urges us to choose life. ~Celebrating the Licitonary

**Read the Gospel (find in their Bible) OR read/act out the Gospel Play from ONE of the printed Pflaum Weeklies - Mark 10:35-45**



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

**Who is important? How would Jesus answer this question?** Everyone has dignity in Jesus' eyes, The most important are those who help/serve others.

**Why are people who serve most important to Jesus?** Because Jesus cares for everyone and those who serve are following Jesus' example.

**How did Jesus teach us about serving?** He taught about God, had compassion for people, healed sick people, was patient with his disciples when they asked questions, gave people a second chance.

**Why do you think James and John want the most important places in the kingdom? What do they think is important?** Maybe they want to be in charge or want people to notice them or obey them.

**How do the other disciples feel about James & John's request?** They become angry that they want to become leaders & claim power positions in the Kingdom.

**How does Jesus want his followers to become great?** By being humble & serving people.

**What does it mean to drink the same cup as Jesus?** It means suffering as Jesus would suffer & die on the cross.

**How does Jesus' idea of greatness compare with your own?** A great opportunity to talk with your children about true greatness; the kind that will have eternal rewards. This is not our home! Heaven is!

**Name a person who is great according to Jesus' definition.** Encourage them to think about school, in the classroom, on the playground or in the lunchroom. Perhaps, it is someone they have seen do kind things in the neighborhood or community.

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

**You could do this work at a later time as they may not be covering the same content.**

This Gospel lends itself well for a review of the last 7 of the Ten Commandments. Remind children that they first three Commandments all relate to loving God and the last 7 refer to loving people. Commandments, God's rules, are not to restrict us but rather to give us the safest and best life. Or, you could talk about how good habits lead to good virtues which lead us home to Heaven. A good example are the Saints. Take some time this week to look at St. Therese who showed us her 'little way' of loving others. She lived to 24 and is a Doctor of the Church! Read this very short page on how a Saint becomes a Doctor or how this article on how Therese is one of four women Doctors of the Church. (Click on links)



## Go Live It!! (10 min)



Be on the look out this week for people you encounter who serve others! (Think neighbors, friends, teachers, relatives.)

### Closing Prayer:

Have each person share what was a high for this past week and what was a low. Share your own. Close by thanking God for *all* of the experiences in our lives.

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. **Choose only ONE!**

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?

INTERESTED IN A LITTLE MORE ADVENTURE?! CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES!!



To receive weekly tips from Pflaum Weekly click [here](#)

### Saint of the Week

Blessed Carlo Acutis -Dont miss this amazing video!

### **Learn about the Eucharist**

"The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven." ~Blessed Carlos Acutis  
Click for a very short powerful way to help you explain the true presence of the Eucharist

### Adults

- Sacrament 101: How to Receive the Eucharist (5 min)
- What is the Eucharist? (4 min) Great video
- The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist video (1 hour) by Bishop Barron

### L-O-V-E song from Family Gathering

### Young Students

- Jesus Teaches about True Greatness (8 min) She does a very good job of telling the Gospel story using visuals.



### Older Student Videos

- Catholic Social Teaching.(3 min)

### **Discover Love - "Love people, use things versus love things, use people"**

In what ways do you serve others? When have you sacrificed yourself in order to serve another? How are people used as objects in this world? (Think advertisements or work conditions)