

# Faith on Fire

Family Guide

Week of Feb. 13, 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Weekly dated Feb. 20)

## Opening Prayer



+Gracious, Loving God, Thank you for making all people in your image. Help us to especially love those people that are sometimes difficult to love. Help us to chose to love.

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

## Jesus Teaches Kindness Luke 6:27-38

(Overview for Adult Leader)

Sunday's Gospel contains the Golden Rule: Treat others the way you want to be treated. Jesus asks us to love our enemies and to do good to those who treat us badly. Treating others the way we want them to treat us sums up what Christian morality is.

"We who are made in God's image share God's communal, social nature. We are called to reach out and to building relationships of love and justice" (National Directory for Catechesis, 43)

## 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)

Has someone ever treated you unfairly? How did that make you feel? How did you respond back?

Is there someone at school who just rubs you the wrong way?

Have you heard of the Golden Rule?





## Discover the Gospel TOGETHER - 20 min

(Overview for Adult Leader) Older students will be looking at the Ten Commandments. The first three Commandments deal with our relationship with God. The last seven deal with our relationships with each other. I like to think of the commandments as the fence on the playground. They keep us safe and allow us to live a happy God centered life. They keep us focused on the best life and away from things that will harm us. "The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our enemies, to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ himself." (CCC, 1825)



**Read the Gospel (in Bible) OR read/act out the Gospel Play from ONE of the printed Pflaum Weeklies - Luke 4:21-30**

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

**How do you feel inside when you do or say something kind?** *Good, happy, joyful. These good feelings help you know you did the right thing even if people aren't kind to you.*

**How do you like to be treated? Do you treat others that way? Who do you know that acts this way?**

**What is your favorite teaching from Sunday's Gospel? Why?**

**How should we treat people who hurt us?** *We should love and do good to them, bless and pray for them, offer them still more of what we have. It means more than just playing fair. It means kids should reach out to those who are mean to them.*

**How does Jesus say God will treat us?** *God will measure out blessings to us in just the same way we measure them out to other people.*

**Think of a time when you saw someone as an enemy (or you didn't like them) but you no longer do. What changed?** *It can be easy to misjudge someone if we don't know them well.*

**Who do you see as an enemy? How might you change your view?**

**What makes it easy to like someone? What can make it hard to like someone?** *It is easy to like someone who shares our interests and views; conversely, it can be harder to build a relationship with someone who is different from us or even holds opposing views or is a member of a different religion.*

**What advice would you give to friends who are now enemies?** *It's worth working it out for a good friendship try to see things from another person's point of view.*

*Who do you know that loves their enemies?*

**When someone hurts us, it can be hard not to react in anger. What can you do to prevent yourself from lashing out?**

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 Short Prayer of Love (p 30)

**Good News** students will do Making Choices, You Can Choose, The Choice is Yours (p 27-29)

**Venture** students will do Commandments 4-10 (p 33-35)

**Visions** students will do The Ten Commandments (p 33-34)





## Go Live It!! (10 min)

As a family, identify an unlikely candidate to receive a random act of kindness from you! Maybe a neighbor that isn't friendly or a schoolmate that isn't kind.

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 Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man. -Saint Maria Goretti

Saint Maria Goretti was a young girl who gave her life for the faith at age twelve. She knew Jesus in her heart from an early age. She loved him enough to give her life for him. But she knew that giving her life was only a reflection of the love that Jesus showed for her, and for all of us, by giving his life for us. Jesus never sinned. His giving of his life was a perfect expression of love. He paid the price for our sins. And the Eucharist makes that sacrifice of the Cross present again. We are given the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood as a constant reminder of how much he loves humanity.

### Saint of the Week -

- [St. Polycarp](#)

### Younger Students

- [Bible Bag](#)
- [Gospel with Miss Heidi](#)

### Older Students

- [Fannie Lou Hamer](#)
- [Medgar Evers](#)

