

# SAINT ANNE CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

## Missed Session Planning Guide - Tuesday/Wednesday

Even the most diligent family will miss a session now and again for a variety of reasons. Making up the session provides you the opportunity to be your child's catechist, sharing the gift of faith with them as you deepen your own faith. As you answer this call, know that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide you along the way!

There are three distinct parts to a Children's Faith Formation session:

- Scripture reading and reflection
- Session content from your child's *Finding God* book
- Prayer

When a session is missed, all three parts should be made up in order for the absence to be excused. Even if you miss more than one session, you should commit to making up **only one session per week**; otherwise it is too much information for your child to absorb.

All of the information needed to complete a session can be found on the Saint Anne website: [www.stannebarrington.org](http://www.stannebarrington.org)

Go to Faith Formation & Education/Children/Children's Faith Formation and the link for the calendar is in the Informational Links section near the bottom of the page.

The link to **Missed Session Information** contains the following:

- Missed Session Planning Guide
- Scripture Reflection Response & Prayer sheet
- A scripture reflection calendar with links to the reflections
- Information on Navigating the Bible to help your child locate scripture

### **SETTING THE STAGE FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER**

Gather a pencil, a Scripture Reflection & Prayer sheet, the scripture reflection for the day, your child's *Finding God* book, and any other items you may need for activities you have planned to do to accompany the session.

If you are able, set up a prayer table which can be as simple as placing a Bible and a candle on a table near you, or you can make it more elaborate by adding a plant or flowers, a cross or other religious symbol, and a cloth on the table in the liturgical color for the day. To check the day's liturgical color, go to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop's web site, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), and the Daily Readings calendar on the right side will show the day's color in the box for that date. Ask your child to help create this table.

## **SCRIPTURE READING AND REFLECTION**

Begin with the scripture reflection which includes some information on the reading along with discussion questions. This is a good opportunity to help your child learn how to look up scripture in the Bible (see instructions in **Navigating the Bible**). If you don't have access to a Bible, go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and look up the reading in the Books of the Bible section of that website.

First, read the scripture together and share in the reflection. There are several reflection questions provided so that if your child does not connect with one, there are others that may help spark thought. The goal is a meaningful discussion, not a response to each and every question. When your discussion concludes, ask your child to take a few minutes to write what they heard and thought on the **Scripture Reflection Response & Prayers** sheet in the area that begins with **"Today I heard the Word of God and..."**

At this time, set this sheet aside and complete the missed session from ***Finding God*** as follows.

## **FINDING GOD SESSION CONTENT**

Please use the Children's Faith Formation calendar to guide you to the proper Session to cover for the week missed.

After reviewing the chapter yourself, sit down with your child and teach and discuss the workbook session content and complete the activities together. Allow your child to complete the Reflect portion of the lesson on their own before discussing as this section helps the child to internalize what has been learned.

## **PRAYER**

Please return to the **Scripture Reflection Response & Prayer** sheet to complete this section.

The focus here is two-fold, one to learn to pray and the other to learn prayers. Learning to pray allows the children to think about the needs of others along with their own needs, similar to the intercessions offered at Mass. They are encouraged to think about people in need of prayer and to offer their prayers to God, both during their time with you and, hopefully, every other day on their own. Prayers can be written on the **Scripture Reflection Response & Prayer** sheet in the area that begins with **"My heart tells me to pray for..."**

There are also prayers to be learned at each grade level which are outlined below in the **Prayer List by Grade** section. Ask your child which prayer they are working on in their group. This is a perfect way to conclude your time together by saying the prayer aloud. Repetition is, of course, the most effective way to learn prayers. Try to incorporate those already learned to aid retention.

## **RETURNING YOUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION RESPONSE & PRAYER SHEET AND SESSION QUIZ**

**Scripture Reflection Response & Prayer Sheet** - please be sure to write your child's full name, grade and the title of the reflection. Without this information, we have no way to know who it is from and which week the sheet belongs with.

Return the Scripture Reflection and Prayer sheet in any of the following ways:

- Scan or photograph the document(s) and email them, putting your child's full name in the subject line, to [StAnneFaithFormation@stannebarrington.org](mailto:StAnneFaithFormation@stannebarrington.org)
- Turn them in to the Children's Faith Formation office in the school building the next time you are with your group at Saint Anne
- In the church building, drop it in the Faith Formation basket under the missal table to the right of the worship space doors as you enter
- Bring it to the Faith Formation or Rectory office in the Parish Center
- Put in postal mail addressed to Marianne Bondi, Saint Anne Faith Formation, 120 North Ela Street, Barrington, IL 60010

**Finding God Workbook** - after completion of the **Finding God** session activities, your child should then complete the **Interactive Session Review** as follows:

- Go to: [www.LoyolaPress.com](http://www.LoyolaPress.com)
- Choose **Faith Formation**
- Under Faith Formation Programs for Grades K-8 choose **Finding God**
- Click on the orange banner for **Finding God 2013**
- Choose **Family Resources**
- Select your child's grade level, scroll past the At-Home Edition to the grade-level resources, choose the missed session number, complete the **Interactive Session Review**
- **After completing the online review, please return the results as follows:**
  - **"To" E-mail Address:** - the system can send to up to two email addresses, therefore please address to yourself and Saint Anne Faith Formation as follows **using a comma and no space:**  
youraddress@xxx.xx,stannefaithformation@stannebarrington.org
  - **"From" (first and last name):** include both the **first and last name of the child**
  - **If you do not receive the confirmation email,** it likely means that we did not either. Please let us know that a situation occurred and ask your child to take the quiz again, following the above procedures. Perhaps wait a while before the second try in the hope that the glitch will work itself out.

## **PARENT RESOURCES**

The Loyola Press website has different types of resources. By grade and session they include the Interactive Session Review, Study Guide, Living My Faith and Raising Faith-Filled Kids. Each unit also includes the Fishers of Faith. To access parent materials go to:

- [www.LoyolaPress.com](http://www.LoyolaPress.com) and click on the Faith Formation Programs tab and then choose Finding God/Family Resources
- Choose your child's grade level

## Prayer List by Grade

All prayers, except the Serenity Prayer, can be located in the Prayers and Practices of our Faith section of the children's books.

### First Grade

Sign of the Cross  
The Lord's Prayer  
Glory Be to the Father  
Mealtime Prayers  
Morning and Evening Prayers

### Second Grade

#### ***Review from Prior Years***

Sign of the Cross  
The Lord's Prayer  
Glory Be to the Father  
Mealtime Prayers  
Morning and Evening Prayers

#### ***New***

The Hail Mary  
Act of Contrition

### Third Grade

#### ***Review from Prior Years***

Sign of the Cross  
The Lord's Prayer  
Glory Be to the Father  
Mealtime Prayers  
Morning and Evening Prayers  
The Hail Mary  
Act of Contrition

#### ***New***

The Apostles Creed  
The Rosary (*use textbook*)

### Fourth Grade

#### ***Review from Prior Years***

Sign of the Cross  
The Lord's Prayer  
Glory Be to the Father  
Mealtime Prayers  
Morning and Evening Prayers  
The Hail Mary  
Act of Contrition  
The Apostles Creed  
The Rosary

#### ***New***

The Beatitudes  
The Ten Commandments

### Fifth Grade

#### ***Review from Prior Years***

Sign of the Cross  
The Lord's Prayer  
Glory Be to the Father  
Mealtime Prayers  
Morning and Evening Prayers  
The Hail Mary  
Act of Contrition  
The Apostles Creed  
The Rosary  
The Beatitudes  
The Ten Commandments

#### ***New***

The Serenity Prayer  
The Nicene Creed