

	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
4-Oct	Kick-Off Mass: Pick up materials at this event - or stop by the main office during office hours M-Th (9am - 4pm). Contact us for alternate time.					
14-Oct	Session 1 : God Creates the World	Session 1: God Makes Everything	Session 1: God Creates Us	Session 1: Created to Be Happy	Session 1: God Creates the World	Session 1: God Creates Us
A Step further...	Creative Activity: Ask your kids - if I gave you a blank canvas to create the whole world - what would it look like. Forget what it looks like now. They can draw this. Write about it. Discuss it. Afterwards discuss what you think are some of the most beautiful things about the world our God created. How creative is our God!? Prayer Focus: This week focus on our most foundational prayer: The Sign of The Cross. Focusing on making sure our hand motions are correct. Making sure we're beginning to understand The Holy Trinity as 3 - in - 1.					
21-Oct	Session 2: God Creates People	Session 2: God Cares for Us	Session 2: God Gives us Jesus	Session 2: Created to Be Together	Session 2: Our Father in Heaven	Session 2: God Saves Us
A Step further...	Creative Activity: Read together Genesis 1:27 - "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." We were made in the image of God. Have students sit in front of a mirror and write a list of affirmations. Encourage them to write affirmation in the way they reflect God. "I am kind" "I am strong" "I am capable." Prayer Focus: Using the affirmations they created, have them repeat these in the mirror each morning or evening giving thanks to God. "Thank you God for making me kind. Thank you God for making me strong..." Close with Psalm 139: 14 - "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."					
28-Oct	Session 3: Adam and Eve Make a Choice	Session 3: God is Our Father	Session 3: God is Our Father	Session 3: God is Our Father	Session 3: God's Plan for Salvation	Session 3: God's Revelation
A Step further...	Creative Activity: Have students brainstorm all the words they can think of to describe a "perfect dad." Ask: What makes a good dad? Have them write all the words out. Afterwards they can cut each word out. On a separate board have them tape whatever words they came up with that they would also use to describe God Our Father. What similarities does God our Father have with our idea of a "perfect dad." Afterwards, what words would you add. What things does God our Father possess that make him even more incredible than a perfect dad. Prayer Focus: Work on memorizing the Our Father. In addition consider taking some time for silent prayer and reflection while listening to the song Good Good Father - Chris Tomlin.					
4-Nov	Session 4: God Promises a Savior	Session 4: God Gives Us Peace	Session 4: God's Life for Us	Session 4: Jesus is With Us	Session 4: God Calls Us to Obey	Session 4: God Directs Our Lives
A Step further...	NO IN-PERSON SESSION FOR K-8					
11-Nov	Session 5: Celebrating Ordinary Time	Session 5: Celebrating Ordinary Time	Session 5: Celebrating Ordinary Time	Session 5: Celebrating Ordinary Time	Session 5: Celebrating Ordinary Time	Session 5: Celebrating Ordinary Time
A Step further...	Creative Activity: Have students go on a scavenger hunt outside to see how many things they can find that are still green. This might be tricky in MN :) . Afterwards talk about why we use the color green in Ordinary Time. What does it symbolize? What do you think of when you think of the color green? Why do you think the church would have picked this color for this liturgical season? Prayer Focus: Using the leaves the students found on their scavenger hunt, make simple leaf impressions by covering the leaf with a piece of paper and gently coloring over it with crayon. Cut out each leaf impression and write a short prayer on the backside. Keep them in a box and take one out each day during Ordinary Time to pray. At Mass have kids take note off all the places where green or living things are used in The Church.					

18-Nov	Session 6: Mary Says Yes to God	Session 6: God Sends Jesus	Session 6: Jesus is Faithful	Session 6: Jesus' Good News	Session 6: Jesus' Law of Love	Session 6: New Life in Jesus
A Step further...	<p>Creative Activity: Gather things from your recycling/trash/items around the house that students can use to create a manger. Give them a doll (or supplementary item) that is their "challenge item." Using random materials (newspaper/tape/egg cartons/sticks) challenge them to create something that can hold their doll above the ground (make it more or less challenging depending on the age.) After they've done so begin to talk about the story of Mary and Joseph and how humble the surroundings were for Our King. Take it a step further and bring out old baby photos of them and discuss how they were welcomed into the world and how different that was. Prayer Focus: Work on memorizing the Hail Mary.</p>					
25-Nov	<p>Thanksgiving Break: we encourage families to find ways to serve one another in the spirit of living like Jesus. Encourage your kids to brainstorm creative ways to give-back.</p>					
A Step further...	<p>Ideas to Give Back: Create Christmas Cards for a nearby nursing home/hospice care. Shovel neighbors driveways. Create signs of encouragement to put in your front lawn. Pick a day to serve at Feed My Starving Children.</p>					
2-Dec	Session 7: Joseph Says Yes to God	Session 7: Jesus Teaches Us	Session 7: Jesus Saves Us	Session 7: Following Jesus	Session 7: The Beatitudes	Session 7: Meeting Jesus
A Step further...	<p>In-Person Session: K-8 families, join us for our in -person session at 5:00pm in the main church.</p>					
9-Dec	Session 8: Jesus is Our Friend	Session 8: Trust in God	Session 8: Jesus Calls Us to Love	Session 8: Jesus Gathers Disciples	Session 8: Jesus Our Redeemer	Session 8: Baptized into Christ
A Step further...	<p>Creative Activity: (Supplies will be provided - or you can use any craft materials you have at home.) Using the materials and guide provided have students string together their own personal rosary. By this time students should know the prayers that are said for the Rosary. Prayer Focus: Pray the Rosary</p>					
16-Dec	<p>Advent Celebration: More information regarding an Advent Celebration will be communicated via email as date gets closer.</p>					

WINTER BREAK