

September LIFT 2018-19

Level 6-8 Home Assignment

Directions: Work with your child through the take home assignment. It isn't a writing assignment but an opportunity to experience together what we discussed at LIFT. Jot down notes about the things you talk about and email me a summary to dremaley@holyeucharist.org.

Theme: I Believe in God

- Objectives:**
1. Consider how what they believe affects how they behave, how they think even what they pay attention to
 2. Be able to retell the creation story and consider what it explains about how and why we were created.
 3. Know that they are created by God in His image and are loved by God
 4. Know that by virtue of their baptism, they are adopted sons and daughters of God

Activities

Liturgical Calendar Connection

Questions to consider: Remind them that the church uses different colors to show what church (liturgical) time of year we are in. What color did we see in church today and on the vestments of the priest and deacon? (green) What is the liturgical time of year we are in? (We are in Ordinary time.) Ordinary usually means "regular" or "plain" but the way that we are using it here means "order" as in the order of counted weeks.

What is the next liturgical season? (Advent)

What Does it Mean to Believe?

What does it mean to believe something?

Another word for believing is trusting. We are going to do a trust walk to see how this works. [To do this... One person closes their eyes and is lead by the other for 2-3 minutes around the room; then have them switch.]

Questions to consider when they are seated again:

- When you had your eyes closed, how did you feel? Were you confident? Worried? Why?
- Was it hard to trust? If so, why?

When we were doing the trust walk, it can be difficult to trust because what if our partner makes a mistake and we bump into something. Human beings can fail even when they are doing their best and we know this to be true. However we know that we can place all of our trust in God.

Also, it can be difficult to trust on the trust walk because we didn't know if our partner would take good care of us. The more that we come to know God, the more we realize and come to believe that we can trust in Him to take good care of us. This year, we are going to explore what we believe as Catholic Christians through a close look at the Creed.

What we believe effects what we do

In pairs, write down two scenarios...something kind and something unkind. After you come up with the two scenarios, consider this...what does this action show about what the actor believes in?

For example, a girl laughs at another girl with a big hole in her sneaker and posts a picture of it on SnapChat. What does she believe in? Putting other people down gets her ahead in the popular kids crowd. She values popularity over another's feelings. Or maybe she is insecure and she believes that if she directs the attention towards someone else, people won't look at her. [You can see where this could go. If we believe in a God who loves us and wants to be in relationship, we would act in a certain way. We need to learn to live in a way that shows the world what we believe]

Apostle's Creed Introduction

This year we are going to learn about a prayer that we say in church called the Apostle's Creed. It is what we believe as Catholic Christians.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Today, we are going to concentrate on the first line "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth." To do this, we are going to read a story from the Bible but...

The Bible

The Bible is a collection of stories about how God has loved his people from the beginning of time until today.

Watch this video by Matthew Kelly: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-5/>

To find something in the Bible: we write it like this: Book Chapter: verse Practice finding and reading a few verses in the Bible:

Deut 6:4-9

John 3:16

Philippians 4:4-7

So today we will be starting with the first book of the Bible, Genesis. It will be in the very front of the Bible: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3. So we will be reading Genesis Chapter 1: Verse 1 to Chapter 2: Verse 3 ... the first story of creation in the Bible.

You can also use a website like Biblehub.com to find the verse. Just type in “Genesis 1:1” and it will pop up. In church, we use the New American Bible Revised Edition translation. It will sound familiar to you as you read it.

God the Father Almighty Creator of Heaven and Earth

Now I am going to read the creation story from the Bible. As you listen and follow along in your Bible, think about what this story says about how God creates.

- How does God create? (Uses his Word)
- What does God think about His Creation? (It is good)
- Let's look back at the Bible and see what he creates on each day...Day 1, Day 2, Day 3 etc.
- Why do you think God created people last? (think of eating a sundae and saving the cherry for last) God created us out of love and wants to be in relationship with us.

Closing prayer “Our Father”