

Lesson for Sunday, March 21, 2021 (The 5th Sunday of Lent)

Dear K-1 Promise Students and Families,

Blessings to each of you. I am praying that you are well and having a good week. Please find below the outline to this week's lesson for your child. Do not hesitate to reach out if you are having difficulty with anything or need clarification.

- We are working this week on the March 21st Pflaum Gospel weekly lesson.
- The complete lesson can be found by going to the Holy Family website at holyfamilyrockland.org. Hover over the Menu button on the right corner of the main landing page and then Click on Faith Formation. Next, choose your child's grade level, **Grade K-1 Promise**. Everything you need for the week is found there: (Remember, I will always give you lots of options – you do what you can get to each week based on your family's schedule and your child's abilities.)
 1. Links to the Parent Teaching Guide pages to help you help your children each week.
 2. A digital copy of their lesson (they have the hard copy that you picked up for them)
 3. A video clip and activities to support the lesson.
 4. Prayers: Please continue to focus on the Lenten plan that you made with your child at the beginning of Lent. Each night when you say your prayers together spend time reviewing the day – what did you do well – what can you do better tomorrow. Say the Act of Contrition. Discuss your Lenten plan: did you **FAST** from what you said you would, did you make time for more **PRAYER**, did you **GIVE** of yourself generously to others?

This Sunday's Gospel: John 12:20–33 In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus faces religious leaders who are plotting against him. Many Jews and Greeks in Jerusalem were coming to him, believing that he was indeed the Messiah, and this angered Jesus' opponents. Jesus explains his fate by using the parable of a grain of wheat falling to the ground. Unless it dies, it remains a single grain. But, if the seed dies, it will produce a rich harvest. Through His death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. Through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Promise (Grades K–1) Lesson Summary: (The complete lesson can be found on your child's webpage under Parent Guide.) You and your child will explore how seeds grow and the ways children can grow in love. Read with your child the story, "Hooray for Spring!" Have them share it with the family. Read together with your child the stories of the four saints who gave their lives to God. Talk about ways your family grows in love for God and for one another.

Pray Together: One evening before the family meal this week, stand around the table and give each person a small piece of bread. Ask each person to imagine how simple seeds planted in the soil became this delicious bread. Let each member of the family say a simple thank-you prayer for the life and Death of Jesus. Then pray the Lord's Prayer together, eat the pieces of bread, and enjoy the meal.

Lastly, and most important: Please make a point of signing up to attend 4:00 PM Saturday Mass or 10:00 AM Sunday Mass in person (if your family is comfortable with that) or watching Mass together as a family this week (preferably on Sunday). The easiest way to access the Mass recording is on our website. It is also showing on local cable WRPS. We always want our children to make the connection, like the great Road to Emmaus story in the Bible (Luke 24: 13-35), that we learn the scripture readings and then we celebrate Eucharist in the Mass – even if it is Spiritual Communion during this time of the pandemic.

We miss you! We love you! Please let us know if we can help in any way to make this process as smooth as possible for your family. We continue to pray for the health and safety of all our families and offer prayers of

gratitude for all those that are working here in our area and around the world to administer vaccines and aid those affected by the Coronavirus. **God bless you!**

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Liz Davis