

Lesson for Sundays, April 4 and 11, 2021 (Easter Sunday and the 2nd Sunday of Easter)

Dear K-1 Promise Students and Families,

Happy Easter. I am praying that you are well and having a good week as many of you return to school full time. Please find below the outline to this week's lesson for your child. (We took Easter Sunday week off as you will see their lesson for this week covers April 4th and 11th.)

- We are working this week on the April 4th and 11th Pflaum Gospel weekly lesson. It is one 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 make sure to work on a morning prayer and an evening prayer with your child. It is important to develop this practice of starting and ending your day speaking to Jesus. It can be a simple "Thank You" to the Lord for waking up and asking for a good day at school or at home. In the evening, it could be a review of the day: what did you do well and what could you do better on the next day.

Easter Sunday Gospel: John 20:1–9 (April 4, 2021) and the 2nd Sunday of Easter Gospel: John 20:19–31 (April 11, 2021) Easter Sunday celebrated the core of our Catholic faith—that God raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus promised that all who believe in Him will have new life with God. The Gospels for both Sundays covered in this double lesson (April 4/11) tell the story of Easter—first through the eyes of Mary Magdalene arriving at the empty tomb on Easter morning and next through the eyes of the Apostles, especially doubting Thomas. The apostle that Jesus invited to touch his wounds and believe. The Gospels in the children's lessons include the bridge between these two Gospels: John 20:10– 18.

Promise (Grades K–1) Lesson Summary: (The complete lesson can be found on your child's webpage under Parent Guide.) Children of this age love to tell stories. This week, you and your child will learn about the greatest story of all—God raising Jesus from the dead. Ask your child to share this wonderful story with the whole family in their own words. Find a place to hang the Alleluia butterflies in your home.

Pray Together: Please make sure to work on a morning prayer and an evening prayer with your child. It is important to develop this practice of starting and ending your day speaking to Jesus. It can be a simple "Thank You" to the Lord for waking up and asking for a good day at school or at home. In the evening, it could be a review of the day: what did you do well and what could you do better on the next day.

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