



A FAMILY OF
Faith

November Adult Meeting

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

And may the souls of all the faithful departed,

Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



Agenda

October Review

November Overview

Covenant vs Contract

Adam and Eve Readers Theater

Salvation History

Suggestions for November



October Overview

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

Practice the Sign of the Cross

St. Francis of Assisi

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and
evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:2



November Overview

Know: We are made in God's image and have a part in Salvation's story.

Pray: The Eternal Rest Prayer

Celebrate: The Old Testament Patriarchs

Memorize:

Grace- The life of God in our soul. It is a free gift from God.

Covenant- A solemn relationship agreement between two parties.

Providence- God's loving watch-care over us.



Opening Questions

- If you contracted with a painter to paint your house, and he didn't paint it, what would happen?
- If you contracted with caterers to serve filet mignon at a party, and they showed up with hamburger helper, what would happen?



- If your child breaks a house rule, what would happen?
- If your spouse agrees to pay a bill promptly and doesn't, what would happen?



A Covenant with God

God is LOVE. We are made in His image.

We are made to be in an

Eternal Relationship with God.

A Covenant is a “Relationship Agreement”.



What is a Contract?

A Contract is an transactional agreement.
This is what you get. This is what I get.
We sign our names to the agreement.
We make the exchange.
We are free to go.



But with a Covenant?

A Covenant is an relational agreement.

I am yours. You are mine.

We invoke God's name.

Everyday we do our best by the other
because of our mutual love.

We are free to love and trust.



In the Garden of Eden,
Adam and Eve were in
a Covenant Relationship with God
and lived in perfect peace
and communion with God, one another,
and all of creation. They were in a State
of Grace, in “Original Holiness”.



[Link to script.](#)



God created us to be in Covenant Relationship with Him and with one another.

Ever since the sin of Adam and Eve, our loving God has been reaching out to restore that Covenant Relationship with us.

We call this Salvation History.



Salvation History is our story.

It is the story of God's merciful love toward us.

At the moment of man's Fall, God promised salvation.

He continually calls us back to Him.



[Link to Bishop Hying's Echo 6 Video.](#)

Begin at 2:45. End 4:47



The word Testament means Covenant.

In the Old Testament, God entered into many covenants with His people. God was always faithful. His people were not.

Steps to a Covenant With God

1. An Act of Merciful Love by God toward His People
2. The People Promise to Live in God's Love
3. We Express God's Love in Word and Deed



Adam and Eve- One Holy Couple
Noah- One Holy Family
Abraham- One Holy Tribe
Moses- One Holy Nation
David- One Holy Kingdom
Jesus- One Holy Catholic Church



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Week of November 1

- ❑ Parent Advisory Session for November
- ❑ Print off this [table topper](#) for the [Eternal Rest](#) prayer and Covenant components.
- ❑ Watch this video on [Noah and the Ark](#).
- ❑ Watch this [video on Halloween and All Saints](#) and pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those in Purgatory (a period of purification).
- ❑ Plan for Family Time: Considering your own family situation, use your Parent's Guide.

Keep it Simple!

Only have time for one activity above? That's fine. Can make time for two? Fabulous! Kids restless? Ask them to cut out and place the car conversation hanger from your book. Still restless? Let them watch the video on Noah linked above. You can listen in and talk about it afterward. Do what you can. And celebrate each step.



Suggestions for Week of November 8: Family Time Weekend

- ❑ Bake a favorite family recipe together from an older or deceased relative. Cookies or brownies are always faves. Talk about the relative and other loved ones and talk about grace. Grace is God sharing His Divine Life with us. And, like Grandma's cookies, the more we appreciate it, the more we get. :-)
- ❑ Discuss "What is Grace" from p 56 in Parent Guide and do p 48 in the Activity Book.
- ❑ Do the Adam and Eve Readers' Theater from last week if you haven't done it yet. Do Family Discussion on p 60 of Parent Guide and possibly Activity p 49 and 50.
- ❑ Watch this [4 minute video on Abraham](#), one of our Patriarchs and the "Father of Our Faith". [Make a star ornament](#) for your Jesse Tree to represent Abraham.
- ❑ Pray: The Eternal Rest Prayer and The Our Father this week with the Sign of the Cross.

Pick a Pair!



Suggestions for Week of November 15: Family Time Weekend

- ❑ Lead a Family Lesson discussing "Covenants in Scripture" (from parent pages 64-65 and from Activity Book pages 55-57.)
- ❑ Got older kids? Watch Cecil B. DeMilles's "The Ten Commandments" together. Younger kids? Watch DreamWork's "Prince of Egypt."
- ❑ Other Possible Activities
 - ❑ [10 Commandments](#) Jesse Tree Ornament.
 - ❑ Click here for a [treasure-trove](#) of ideas for Thanksgiving activities.
 - ❑ Start a weekly family tradition focusing on having An Attitude of Gratitude. Here are a few links for ideas: [13 Gratitude Exercises](#) ; [Developing Gratitude](#)

Quick Tips: Add some "Thank You God for..." gratitude moments to your meal prayers. Or place a gratitude box on your table and have family members drop in quick thank you notes to one another. Supply easy to reach paper slips and pens. Keep it simple. Read them weekly together.



Week of November 22: Family Reunion Group

- ❑ Check with your Family Reunion Group Facilitator to see when your Family Reunion for November will be.
- ❑ Confirmation 1 Students who missed last month should prepare to give their Saint Report to their Group.
- ❑ Make plans to have your family and anything you'd like to share ready for your Family Reunion Group (Even if you just give a short “check in”... no pressure.)
- ❑ Log in (or show up) and join in the fun and faith sharing with your Family Reunion group!

Don't Stress, Just Join In & Be Blessed!

