



Faith in Five- Children  
Ordinary Time Week 19

- 1. Read Matthew 14:22-33 as a family. What happens in this Gospel reading?** Jesus walks on the water out to the disciples. **What did the disciple think was coming towards them?** The disciples were terrified, thinking He was a ghost. Jesus says “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” **What happens when Peter, attempting to walk out to Jesus, looks at how strong the storm is?** Peter begins to sink when he notices the strong wind and becomes frightened. Like Peter, when we take our eyes off Jesus and look at our fears or problems, we can start to drown! When Peter begins to drown, Jesus immediately rescues him. We can count that when we doubt and struggle, Jesus will rescue us too. **What does Jesus reveal about Himself when He walks on water?** Jesus reveals His divinity; the disciples worship and exclaim “ Truly, you are the Son of God.” **How can we apply this Gospel reading to our lives?** By knowing that Jesus IS on with the powerful God, we can have faith in Him! Courage means simply to focus on Jesus, not all our problems, knowing His hand is ready when we fall. Jesus is bigger than all the waves in a stormy sea, we can safely surrender our fears and storms to Him and obey His commands.
- 2. What is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary?** The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a celebration of Mary’s entrance into Heaven, body and soul. **What is meant by assumed?** To assume means supposed or accepted as truth without proof. Because Mary was without sin, her body was taken to Heaven to be reunited with her soul instead of going through the natural physical decay after death. The Assumption is a dogma, or a core belief of our faith! **Why is this such an important feast?** Besides honoring the Immaculate Conception, it also affirms our belief in a bodily resurrection. We are reminded of our hope that we will be united with God in a real, material way. **How can you celebrate this Solemnity?!** August 15th, the feast of the Assumption, is a Holy Day of Obligation, so start by going to mass! Pray the glorious mysteries at a family and set out some fresh flowers for your Marian Statue. Have a cloud like or heavenly dessert- like cotton candy or marshmallows or jello with whipped cream.
- 3. What can we do as Catholic Christians when we hear police, ambulance or fire truck sirens?** We can pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ! When we hear sirens, we can stop what we are doing for a moment and invoke our Heavenly Mother by saying a Hail Mary for the first responders and for the person in need of help. By doing this we

are reminded of our unity with our brothers and sisters, the role we play in supporting one another, and of Christ's presence in our daily life.

4. **Apologetics- Was Mary really sinless? If so, why did she call God her Savior?** Yes, Mary truly was without sin. We know this because the angel greets her "Hail, full of grace," in Luke 1:28. To be full of grace (God's life in us) is to be without sin. She called God her savior because He did save her! He saved her by preserving her from sin, while we are saved by God because he forgives our sins. **Why do you think Mary was created without sin?** In the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant was made perfectly to hold the sacred word of God. Mary is the new Ark of the Covenant. She also must be pure and perfect, a vessel worthy of the Word of God made flesh!
5. **What is meant by the word "Amen" with which we end the Apostles' Creed?** The word Amen, used for ending the Apostles' Creed and all our prayers, means "So it is" or "so be it." (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 14)

**REVIEW QUESTION: Apologetics- Why do we call priests "father?" Especially when Mather 23:9 says "do not call anyone on earth father."** That verse means not to honor a man the way that you honor God. Jesus did not say we couldn't call our dads, or priests, "father." The Church teaches us that priests are like St. Paul, spiritual fathers, under the authority of our Heavenly Father. 1 Corinthians 4:15 St. Paul says "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel." We call priests "father" because they are our spiritual leaders and we respect them.

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