

8REL Newsletter – 9.28.20

Hello 8th Grade Families,

The students have begun to study Chapter 1, Jesus' Message. Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer because it contains the heart of his message. At Pentecost, Jesus sent his disciples the Holy Spirit to fill them with grace. This grace gave them the strength to spread the Good News, and it helps us live in friendship with Jesus today.

The students will then move onto Chapter 2, The Church Grows. Paul, raised as a Pharisee named Saul, persecuted Christians because he believed them to be lawbreakers. One day Jesus spoke to Paul, who became filled with the Holy Spirit. Later, at the Council of Jerusalem, Paul defended the equality of Gentile Christians. Paul's story teaches us that faith and action are necessary for Salvation.

Students will continue with the Second Step program as well. Lesson Two, Leaders and Allies, will help students understand the importance of being a positive leader and identify actions that will inspire younger students. Lesson 3, Handling a Grievance, will help students identify skills for communicating effectively about a grievance with someone and apply both perspective taking and assertiveness skills.

After all this, the students will complete Confirmation Lesson 8, The Holy Spirit. This lesson will demonstrate the practical power of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. It will also help candidates recognize the promptings of the Holy Spirit and teach them to allow the Holy Spirit to guide them in their decisions.

Have a great week!

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