

## St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (Holy Family coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table  
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)  
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Story time at the Prayer Table – a prime time to share our faith teaching children the Word of God. Read aloud the true story of God's amazing love for us in “*Catholic Book of Bible Stories*” written in reverent tone just for young children. Start at the beginning with “*God’s Wonderful Creation*” read a new story each week and use *God’s Blessing* to end the story.
- 4:15pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.
- 4:20pm **Chapter #12 “Jesus Grows Up”**  
**Chapter #13 “Jesus Begins His Work”**

**The Holy Family as the model for all Christian families.** We celebrate our family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit: **Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**, who survived all its crises through love for each other and faith in God,

**In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells his followers, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12) At our Baptism we receive a candle lit from the Paschal (sometimes called the Easter candle) candle, which symbolized the light of Christ.** We receive the light of Christ both as a gift of light in our own life and as a symbol of who we are to become. As followers of Christ, our words and actions are meant to give witness to the one light of the world, Jesus Christ. Daily, we face choices to either ... love and bring peace, or to ignore and tear down. “You are the light of the world...Just so; your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:14, 16)

- *We Believe* -

**Carpenter** = makes tools and furniture out of wood.

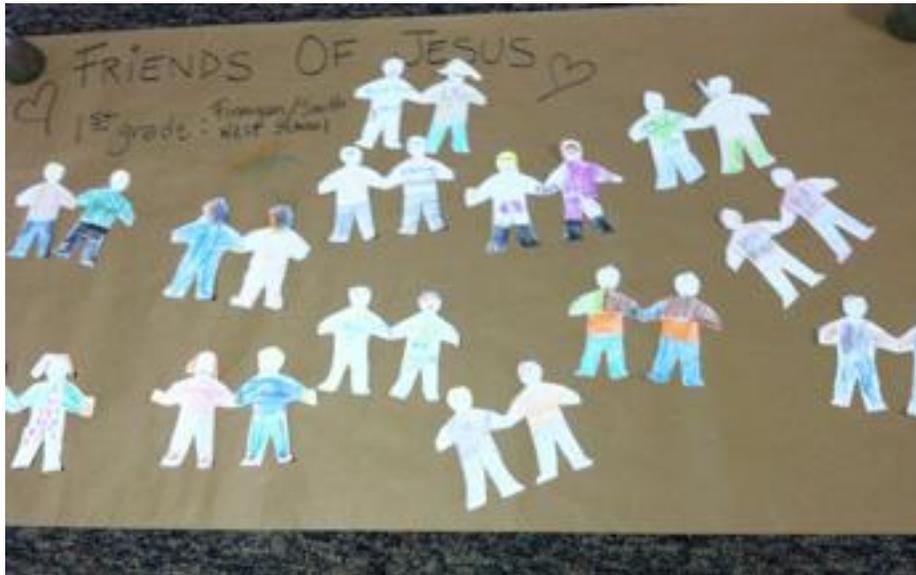
**Honor** = to hold in high respect; revere

**Teacher** = a person who instructs

**Apostles** = the 12 men who Jesus chose to spread his teaching to the world and to whom he gave the power to offer mass and to forgive sins.

- *We Respond* - **“Friends of Jesus”**

Have the children think about a friend/family member that is special to them. The attached outlined figures represent themselves and that friend/family member. Have the children write a one-word characteristic about what they are thankful for in that friend/family member (*eg. reliable, faithful etc...*) on one of the outlined figures, their name on the other, then color in the figures. After the figures are colored, the children should cut out the figures. The catechist can then affix (*using a glue stick*) the picture of Jesus at the beginning of the craft paper, then all the children’s cutouts joined at the hands in a line following Jesus – **good friends/family members help us follow Jesus and we should all be good and helpful to each other!** The catechist should then write on the top of the craft paper **“Friends of Jesus”**, the catechist name, RE grade and year.



4:55pm

Closing Prayer –

“Face The Worst  
Believe The Best  
Do Your Most  
Give God The Rest.”

*“How do you let the light of Christ shine from you?”*

**Catechist Background:**

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/preview.aspx?id=233>