

How to do the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies (Promise, Good News, Venture, Visions) for Faith Formation homework with your children:

- 1) Find the Pflaum Gospel Weekly for EITHER the *upcoming Sunday* OR the *most recent (past) Sunday* – your choice! (the dates are in the top right corner of the front page of each packet)
- 2) Begin with prayer (you can find the “Family Prayer”/”Pray” box in the Pflaum booklet, or say an Our Father, or listen to a Praise & Worship song on YouTube, etc.)
- 3) Have your child write their name on the front cover of the booklet somewhere.
- 4) Go through the booklet with your child (*If there is an activity in the packet that is designed for a classroom, you are welcome to adapt that part to your at-home family setting, or to skip that part.*)

“Promise” booklets (for 1st graders):

Go through the activities in the booklet with your child. If there is a game, play it with them. If there is coloring or cutting a pasting, help them to do that project.

Read to them (or have them read) the parts of the booklet that teach about Jesus and the Gospel lesson of the week.

Bring the completed Promise booklets to our next Faith Formation gathering.

“Good News” booklets (for 3rd graders):

Talk about the front cover together.

Read the opening story and the Gospel story together.

Have your child complete any of the written activities in the booklet.

Bring the completed Good News booklets to our next Faith Formation gathering.

“Venture” booklets (for 4/5th graders)

Talk about the front cover together (have them complete the activity if there is one).

Read the rest of the booklet together, paying special attention to the opening story and the Gospel story.

Have your child complete any other written activities or question/answer sections in the booklet.

Bring the completed Venture booklet to our next Faith Formation gathering.

“Visions” booklets (for 6th graders):

Talk about the front cover together (have them complete the activity if there is one).

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Read the rest of the booklet together, paying special attention to the opening story and the Gospel story.

Then choose a few questions that are somewhere in the booklet (it can be the "Talk" questions or any other questions from the packet); talk about those questions with your 6th grader for a few minutes.

Then have them write their response to at least ONE of the questions you discussed, ANYWHERE on the booklet pages (in between the paragraphs, in the margins, wherever!) (or if they'd prefer to write their response on a piece of paper, and staple the paper to the packet, that's good too!).

Bring the completed booklets back to the next Faith Formation gathering.

**Again, you can do the homework just *before* the Sunday date on the front cover of the packet (so that you learn about the Sunday Gospel *before* you go to church that weekend), or you can do the homework right *after* the date on the front cover (so that you can learn about the Sunday Gospel *after* you have heard it at Mass).