



St. John the Evangelist Church

Religious Education Program
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Grade 8 Syllabus
Class begins at 8:45 concluding
with Mass at 10:30

Book “Life Strategies for Catholic Teens – Tough Issues, Straight Talk”

Sept. 18th – We are the Beggars Tour

- Westfield Concert
- Please arrive by 4:45 / *Fr Brennan has offered to bus*
- 8:45 Parent Meeting
- Catechetical Sunday – Coffee after Mass

Sept. 25th – Chapter 7 – Handling Stress on the Road to Success

- Welcome – Program overview
- Discussion – Pages 59-60
 - **Group Breakout**
 - 1 – IMAGS – Page 60-62; Para 1-2
 - 2 – IMGS – Page 62; Para 3 – Page 63; Para 3
 - 3 – Dishonesty Page 63-64 Bullet Pts
 - 4 – Too Much Pressure Page 64-65; Para 1-4
 - 5 – Success – Page 65; Para 5 – Page 67
 - **Group Presentations**
- Reflection – Page 67-68

Oct. 2nd – Chapter – 8 – The Race is on What’s the Prize

- Discussion – Page 69 71; Para 3
 - **Group Breakout**
 - 1 – Competition – Page 71 – 72; Para 1-3
 - 2 – Academically – Page 72; Para 4 – Page 73; Para 1
 - 3 – Popularity – Page 73; Para 2 – Page 74; Para 1
 - 4 – Competition – Page 74; Para 2 – Page 75; # 2
 - 5 – Competition Cont. – Page 75 # 3 – Page 76
- **Group Presentation**
- Reflection Page 77-78

Oct. 16th – Video

- Parents please read the attached letter regarding this video

Oct. 23rd – Chapter 9 – Acceptance: Sometimes, Not Always

- Discussion – Page 79
 - **Group Breakout**
 - 1 - Messages – Page 81-82; Para 3
 - 2 - Christians – Page 82; Para 4 – Page 83; Para 2
 - 3 - Christians – Page 83; Para 4 – Page 84; Para 2
 - 4 - Christians – Page 84; Para 3 – Page 85; Para 2
 - 5 - Christians – Page 85; Para 3
- **Group Presentations** Reflection Page 86

Oct. 30th – Chapter 10 – No! Absolutely Not! Never!

- Discussion – Page 87-88; Para 6
 - **Group Breakout**
 - 1 – Saying No – Page 88; Para 7 – Page 89; Para 2
 - 2 – Good People Make Mistakes – Page 89; Para 3 – Page 90; Para 5
 - 3 – Live by Your Standards – Page 90; Para 6 – Page 92; Para 1
 - 4 – Recognizing Pressure – Page 92; Para 2 – Page 93
 - **Group Presentations**
- Reflection Page 93-94

Nov. 6th – Chapter 11 – Putting the Good in Good-Bye

- Discussion – Page 95-97; Para 1
 - **Group Breakout**
 - 1 – Forms of Good-byes – Page 97 – 98: Para 1
 - 2 – Meaningful Good-byes – Page 98; Para 2 – Page 99; Para 1
 - 3 – Good-Byes – Page 99; Para 2 – Page 100: Para 1
 - 4 – Thanks – Page 100; Para 2 – Page 101; Para 1
 - 5 – Celebrate Good-Byes – Page 101; Para 2
 - **Group Presentations**
- Reflection Page 102-103

Nov. 13th – Chapter 12 – What Matters to You

- Chapter Discussion – No Breakout Sessions – Page 105-108
- Prayer from Appendix – Have Students write their own prayer
- Discuss

Nov. 20th – Advent Workshop

Dec. th – Life Teen Event

- Game – Are you smarter than your

Dec. 11th – We pray the Rosary – The Glorious Mysteries – (The Resurrection).

- Parents are welcomed to come and pray the Rosary with us.
- Crop Walk Presentation / Refreshments

Dec. 18th – 8th Grade Seminar TBD