

2nd Qtr 2018 Religion Narratives by Jenny Koenig

FIRST GRADE: In this second quarter of the school year in Religion class, the first graders celebrated All Saints Day by visiting the Chapel and hearing stories about each of the Saints featured in the stained glass windows. Then, in honor of Veterans Day, they learned about our nation's veterans, said a special prayer for them, and colored "thank you" notes that were handed out to the veterans who attended our special Morning Meeting on November 12. After that, the primary focus was on Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany - with a specific focus on the Holy Family, their background, and their willingness to be the instruments of God's Holy Spirit at work in the world. To support their learning, the students participated in activities relating to the lessons such as crossword puzzles, word searches, art activities (drawing or creating with play-doh), and skits in class.

SECOND GRADE: In this second quarter of the school year in Religion class, the second graders celebrated All Saints Day by visiting the Chapel and hearing stories about each of the Saints featured in the stained glass windows. Then, in honor of Veterans Day, they learned about our nation's veterans, said a special prayer for them, and colored "thank you" notes that were handed out to the veterans who attended our special Morning Meeting on November 12. After that, the primary focus was on Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany - with a specific focus on the Holy Family, their background, and their willingness to be the instruments of God's Holy Spirit at work in the world. To support their learning, the students participated in activities relating to the lessons such as crossword puzzles, word searches, art activities (drawing or creating with play-doh), and skits in class.

THIRD GRADE: In this second quarter of the school year in Religion class, the third graders celebrated All Saints Day by visiting the Chapel and hearing stories about each of the Saints featured in the stained glass windows. Then, in honor of Veterans Day, they learned about our nation's veterans, said a special prayer for them, and wrote "thank you" notes that were handed out to the veterans who attended our special Morning Meeting on November 12. After that, the primary focus was on Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany - with a specific focus on the Holy Family, their background, and their willingness to be the instruments of God's Holy Spirit at work in the world. To support their learning, the students participated in activities relating to the lessons such as written journal entries, creative artwork, and personalized prayers.

FOURTH GRADE: In this second quarter of the school year in Religion class, the fourth graders celebrated All Saints Day by visiting the Chapel and hearing stories about each of the Saints featured in the stained glass windows. Then, in honor of Veterans Day, they learned about our nation's veterans, said a special prayer for them, and wrote "thank you" notes that were handed out to the veterans who attended our special Morning Meeting on November 12. After that, the primary focus was on Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany - with a specific focus on the Holy Family, their background, and their willingness to be the instruments of God's Holy Spirit at work in the world. To support their learning, the students participated in activities relating to the lessons such as written journal entries, creative artwork, and personalized prayers.

FIFTH GRADE - 3rd NW: During the second quarter of the school year, the fifth graders learned about the Holy Eucharist - the sacrament in which we participate to show our love and gratitude for God. The students learned about the parts of the Eucharist service and the meaning behind the prayers and liturgy. Then, they completed a unit about service where the students studied Scripture passages from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke as well as the book of Micah that taught them about how and why we serve others. The students completed various in-class assignments to demonstrate their learning. The students learned that by serving others, they are also serving God. Then, in small groups, students researched specific areas of need in our Baton Rouge community (hunger, homelessness, environmental care, animal care, and health needs) and ways that they could address them through a "service day" in the spring. In their groups, the students prepared a Google Slides presentation for their classmates. The students voted on which area of need they would like to address in the second semester through their own day of service.

FIFTH GRADE - 4th NW: During the second quarter of the school year, the fifth graders learned about the Holy Eucharist - the sacrament in which we participate to show our love and gratitude for God. The students learned about the parts of the Eucharist service and the meaning behind the liturgy. Then, they began planning for their class-led Eucharist service which will be on March 22, 2019. They worked together to choose the Old and New Testament and Psalm readings for their service. The students then collaboratively wrote their own Prayers of the People - considering the needs of the world, the country, the community, and the people. Through this planning, the students found ways to put into practice what they had learned about serving God by serving others.