



FIRM IN FAITH

MARCH 2023
KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

2023 Kids Assembly Topic for March

FIRM IN FAITH

OBJECTIVES

At the end of Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

- Understand that we need to grow and be firm in our faith
- Value the sacraments as God's tool and vessel to increase our faith
- Stand firm and living our our Catholic Faith

MOTIVATION

Activity: God Thoughts

Instructions:

- Ask the kids the question, "What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of God?"
- Ask them to write their answer on a piece of paper.
- Call them one by one to share their answer to the group.



EXPANDED OUTLINE

I. HEAD

Almost all of us cannot describe God in one word. We may not be able to see and hold Him - but we believe that God is real, alive and present in our lives. How could we believe something that we don't see? Through FAITH!

Have you seen a chair? Have you tried to sit on it? When you sit on a chair for the first time, you're demonstrating that the chair can hold you. Until you are safely seated, you don't know for sure if it will.

We sit in chairs all the time. It doesn't seem to take that much faith for us to sit in a chair. Yes, it technically is faith. Faith is defined as "complete trust or confidence in something or someone". As MFC Kids, we are to put our faith in God, it means we put all our confidence and hope in Him. By doing this, even when we don't know the end result, we have that confidence that He knows what's best for us and He will remain faithful in our lives.



II. HEART


God wants us to have faith in Him, to put all our trust in Him with every situation that will come in our lives. He is bigger than our fears and problems. The challenge for us is to be firm in our faith and not to lose our confidence in Him. So here are some ways that we can do to be FIRM in our faith:

Find your saint buddy

Check out your companion saint. Saints are ordinary people that lived extraordinary lives. Saints are our role models. They follow the example of Jesus Christ who lived a life of obedience until death. Look for a saint and read stories about how they developed faith in Jesus Christ and try to imitate them and ask for their intercession so that your faith can be as strong as them.

Imitate Mary and ask for her intercession

Mary, our Mother, is a woman of great faith. Our Lady suffered intensely, but her faith never wavered. So let us turn to Mary in the midst of the storms, and



intense difficulties of life to have faith. Let's imitate her and ask for her prayers to strengthen our faith by praying the Holy Rosary.


Receive Sacraments

Receiving the sacraments is a special time in our journey of faith. The Catholic Church has seven sacraments instituted by Christ which are Baptism, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. As kids, let's encourage our family to attend mass every Sunday and if you already received the sacrament of confirmation, make sure to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. It's very cool to be Catholic because we can attend mass at any Catholic Church wherever we are.

Make time for Prayer

Prayer is the best way to build a relationship with God. Praying is like just talking to our parents but we talk to God instead to our parents and we tell Him what's going on in us and the things that we are hoping for. Talking to God reminds us that He is in control, He loves us, and He wants to be close to us.

Our Lord is very firm in loving us so our response to that unshakable love is to have a FIRM FAITH in Him. Even when we don't see Him, God is present and He is with us every step of the way. We just have to walk by faith and not by sight.





III. HANDS

A. Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

Activity: **GROWING IN FAITH COLORING PAGE (Appendix A)**

Materials: Coloring Materials

Instructions:

- Get your crayons or any of your coloring materials and start to put colors into the drawing page.
- Note to the facilitator: After doing the activity, before the assembly ends, call some representatives and let the kids share their work to the group.

B. First Steps (5-7 years old), Footsteps (8-10 years old)

Activity: **SHIELD OF FAITH**

Materials:

- Colored Paper/Bond Paper
- Coloring Materials
- Scissor
- Glue

Instructions:

- You may print and cut out the Shield Template or draw one small Shield Shape and another Shield Shape which is bigger than the first one on your paper then cut it out.

- Cut both traced images out and glue them together. One side will be white, this will be the back, and the other will have color. This will be the front.
- Cut up the smaller shield template into four individual parts. Trace two parts on one color of construction paper and the other two parts a different color.



C. Step Up (10-12 years old)

Activity: **Household Groupings**

Discussion:

- When do you feel closest to God?
- How will you show your love and faith to God?

IV. TAKE AWAY

As our love for God grows bigger so as our faith should get deeper. He is our God who will never abandon us and is always present in our lives even when we don't see Him.

CONVICTION

Hello Coordinators and Heart Champs!

Kindly instruct our MFC Kids members attending the assembly to write this conviction statement on their 2023 Conviction Statement Card after finishing their activity. The card will be their attendance tracker as they attend our Kids Assemblies every month.

March:

I WILL BE FIRM IN FAITH!

RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE

- 1. I will imitate Jesus.**
 - I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
 - I will make Jesus my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

- 2. I will be a good family member.**
 - I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
 - I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

- 3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids**
 - I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
 - I will share my time, talents, and treasures with others, especially with my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
 - I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

- 4. I will tell others about Jesus.**
 - I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds every day that will reflect God's love.
 - I will serve in our Parish Church.
 - I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A Blessed day! Thank you for letting your kids attend our Kids Assembly this month of March and for being one with us in believing that they are ***never too young to know Christ***. We honor your love and passion in making your child/ren closer to the Lord.

Our topic this month is about being “**FIRM IN FAITH**”. They have learned that God is truly present in our lives even when we don't see Him. They are seen and loved by God. Therefore, we are to be firm in faith as a response to our ever-loving and ever-faithful God! We want to encourage you to help your kids grow in faith this year. Here are some habits you might establish within your family that will help deepen your faith:

1. **Read God's Word together.** When you read the scriptures as a family, you will invite God's Spirit to be in your home. Your children will learn how to apply God's teachings in their lives and receive guidance from God for themselves. Even if you only read one verse together each morning, studying the scriptures will help your family draw closer to God.
2. **Pray together as a family.** God blesses families who pray together with increased peace, love, and happiness in the home. Family prayer can help your family draw closer to one another and can help your kids to deepen their knowledge about God.
3. **Teach Good Values.** Teach your children about God and Jesus Christ. Help them understand the difference between right and wrong. Good values lead to good choices, and good choices always lead to God.
4. **Go to Church together.** Attending church together will help reinforce your family values and bring each member of your family closer to God. It can also provide you and your children with a sense of community. It will also help them to appreciate the Church and the importance of Sacraments and other Church's traditions that are essential for the growth of their faith.

After doing the activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you very much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

MFC Kids Team

Appendix A: GROWING IN FAITH



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