

11 SESSIONS PER YEAR

Sample Calendar 11A 2 YEARS • SACRAMENTS IN YEAR 2

In this calendar, the first year focuses on Jesus, with the second year providing immediate preparation for the sacraments. Families will usually meet once per month, with a second session in a few months.

YEAR 1: 10 SESSIONS

- 4 *Faith Stories* retreat sessions
- 6 *Jesus Lives* sessions

YEAR 2: 12 SESSIONS

- 6 sessions for immediate Reconciliation preparation
- 6 sessions for immediate Eucharist preparation

SEP	Faith Stories: Sharing Stories Retreat	First Reconciliation 1
OCT	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 1 (<i>send home 2</i>)	First Reconciliation 2
		First Reconciliation 3
NOV	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 3 (<i>send home 4 & 5</i>)	First Reconciliation 4
DEC	Faith Stories: Advent Retreat	First Reconciliation 5
JAN	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 6 (<i>send home 7 & 8</i>)	First Reconciliation 6
FEB	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 9 (<i>send home 10 & 11</i>)	First Eucharist 1
MAR	Faith Stories: Jesus Retreat	First Eucharist 2
		First Eucharist 3
APR	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 12 (<i>send home 13 & 14</i>)	First Eucharist 4
	Faith Stories: Signs, Symbols, Sacraments Retreat	First Eucharist 5
MAY	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 15	First Eucharist 6

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Sample Calendar 11B 2 YEARS • 1 SACRAMENT PER YEAR

This calendar has the same number of sessions as 11A, but focuses on one sacrament per year and splits the Jesus sessions and retreats across both years. Families will again usually meet once per month, with a second session in a couple months. This schedule has the advantage of the Jesus sessions correlate more closely to the liturgical year (nativity sessions in Advent, Passion sessions in Lent, Resurrection session in Easter season).

YEAR 1: 11 SESSIONS

- 2 *Faith Stories* retreat sessions
- 6 sessions for immediate Reconciliation preparation
- 3 *Jesus Lives* sessions

YEAR 2: 11 SESSIONS

- 2 *Faith Stories* retreat sessions
- 6 sessions for immediate Eucharist preparation
- 3 *Jesus Lives* sessions

SEP	Faith Stories: Sharing Stories Retreat	First Eucharist 1
OCT	First Reconciliation 1	First Eucharist 2
NOV	First Reconciliation 2	First Eucharist 3
DEC	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 1 (<i>send home 2</i>)	Faith Stories: Advent Retreat
JAN	First Reconciliation 3	First Eucharist 4
	First Reconciliation 4	First Eucharist 5
FEB	First Reconciliation 5	First Eucharist 6
MAR	First Reconciliation 6	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 9 (<i>send home 10 & 11</i>)
APR	Faith Stories: Jesus Retreat	Faith Stories: Signs, Symbols, Sacr. Retreat
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 3 (<i>send home 4 & 5</i>)	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 12 (<i>send home 13 & 14</i>)
MAY	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 6 (<i>send home 7 & 8</i>)	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 15

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Sample Calendar 11C

2 ADD-ON YEARS

What if you want to continue meeting? This calendar offers additional sessions for a year 3 and/or year 4, so you could offer a mystagogical experience or start ongoing family catechesis. It is based around the two other themes in the *Growing Up Catholic Faith Stories* curriculum: *Spirit With Us* (in red) and *God Calls* (in yellow). They work just like the *Jesus Lives* sessions. The calendar also has seasonal sessions and a family life session (in pink). As with all these calendars, you can adapt these however you would like and swap in other sessions or move them around.

YEAR 3: 11 SESSIONS

- 6 *Spirit With Us* sessions
- 4 extra seasonal sessions
- 1 family life session

YEAR 4: 11 SESSIONS

- 6 *God Calls* sessions
- 4 extra seasonal sessions
- 1 family life session

SEP	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 1 (<i>send home 2</i>)	Faith Stories: God Calls 1 (<i>send home 2</i>)
OCT	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 3 (<i>send home 4 & 5</i>)	Fall Learning Centers: Mary, Mother of God
NOV	Gather: Remember Me (<i>All Souls</i>)	Fall Learning Centers: Living Beatitudes (<i>All Souls</i>)
DEC	Gather: A Night in Bethlehem (<i>Advent</i>)	Gather: Unwrapping the Gift (<i>Advent</i>)
JAN	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 6 (<i>send home 7 & 8</i>)	Faith Stories: God Calls 3 (<i>send home 4 & 5</i>)
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 9 (<i>send home 10 & 11</i>)	Faith Stories: God Calls 6 (<i>send home 7 & 8</i>)
FEB	Lenten Plans for Busy Families	Faith Stories: God Calls 9 (<i>send home 10 & 11</i>)
MAR	Gather: One Step Forward (<i>Lent</i>)	Gather: Holy Pause (<i>Lent</i>)
APR	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 12 (<i>send home 13 & 14</i>)	Faith Stories: God Calls 12 (<i>send home 13 & 14</i>)
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 15	Faith Stories: God Calls 15
MAY	Conversations about LIFE (<i>Family Life</i>)	Conversations about LIFE (<i>Family Life</i>)

18 SESSIONS PER YEAR

Sample Calendar 18A 2 YEARS • SACRAMENTS IN YEAR 2

This calendar has two sessions per month, with preparation for both sacraments in the second year. It includes all three *Faith Stories* themes, offered in Biblical sequence, plus retreat sessions and a couple other seasonal sessions.

YEAR 1: 18 SESSIONS

- 1 *Faith Stories* retreat sessions
- 6 *God Calls* sessions
- 6 *Jesus Lives* sessions
- 4 *Spirit With Us* sessions
- 1 extra seasonal session

YEAR 2: 18 SESSIONS

- 3 *Faith Stories* retreat sessions
- 2 *Spirit With Us* sessions
- 6 sessions for immediate Reconciliation preparation
- 6 sessions for immediate Eucharist preparation
- 1 extra seasonal session

SEP	Faith Stories: Sharing Stories Retreat	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 12 (<i>send home 13 & 14</i>)
	Faith Stories: God Calls 1 (<i>send home 2</i>)	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 15
OCT	Faith Stories: God Calls 3 (<i>send home 4 & 5</i>)	First Reconciliation 1
	Faith Stories: God Calls 6 (<i>send home 7 & 8</i>)	First Reconciliation 2
NOV	Faith Stories: God Calls 9 (<i>send home 10 & 11</i>)	First Reconciliation 3
	Faith Stories: God Calls 12 (<i>send home 13 & 14</i>)	First Reconciliation 4
DEC	Faith Stories: God Calls 15	Faith Stories: Advent Retreat
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 1 (<i>send home 2</i>)	First Reconciliation 5
JAN	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 3 (<i>send home 4 & 5</i>)	First Reconciliation 6
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 6 (<i>send home 7 & 8</i>)	First Eucharist 1
FEB	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 9 (<i>send home 10 & 11</i>)	First Eucharist 2
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 12 (<i>send home 13 & 14</i>)	First Eucharist 3
MAR	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 15	First Eucharist 4
	Lenten Plans for Busy Families	Faith Stories: Jesus Retreat
APR	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 1 (<i>send home 2</i>)	Faith Stories: Signs, Symbols, Sacraments Retreat
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 3 (<i>send home 4 & 5</i>)	First Eucharist 5
MAY	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 6 (<i>send home 7 & 8</i>)	Gather: One Step Forward (Lent)
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 9 (<i>send home 10 & 11</i>)	First Eucharist 6

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Sample Calendar 18B 2 YEARS • 1 SACRAMENT PER YEAR

This calendar takes the same approach as 18A, but with preparation of only one sacrament per year. It splits the *Jesus Lives* sessions across both years to correlate them to the liturgical year, but you could shuffle those sessions so they all come before *Spirit With Us* if you prefer.

YEAR 1: 18 SESSIONS

- 2 *Faith Stories* retreat sessions
- 6 sessions for immediate Reconciliation preparation
- 6 *God Calls* sessions
- 3 *Jesus Lives* sessions
- 1 extra seasonal session

YEAR 2: 18 SESSIONS

- 2 *Faith Stories* retreat sessions
- 6 sessions for immediate Eucharist preparation
- 3 *Jesus Lives* sessions
- 6 *Spirit With Us* sessions
- 1 extra seasonal session

SEP	Faith Stories: Sharing Stories Retreat	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 1 (<i>send home 2</i>)
	Faith Stories: God Calls 1 (<i>send home 2</i>)	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 3 (<i>send home 4 & 5</i>)
OCT	Faith Stories: God Calls 3 (<i>send home 4 & 5</i>)	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 6 (<i>send home 7 & 8</i>)
	Faith Stories: God Calls 6 (<i>send home 7 & 8</i>)	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 9 (<i>send home 10 & 11</i>)
NOV	Faith Stories: God Calls 9 (<i>send home 10 & 11</i>)	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 12 (<i>send home 13 & 14</i>)
	Faith Stories: God Calls 12 (<i>send home 13 & 14</i>)	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 15
DEC	Faith Stories: God Calls 15	Faith Stories: Advent Retreat
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 1 (<i>send home 2</i>)	First Eucharist 1
JAN	First Reconciliation 1	First Eucharist 2
	First Reconciliation 2	First Eucharist 3
FEB	First Reconciliation 3	First Eucharist 4
	First Reconciliation 4	First Eucharist 5
MAR	First Reconciliation 5	First Eucharist 6
	First Reconciliation 6	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 9 (<i>send home 10 & 11</i>)
APR	Faith Stories: Jesus Retreat	Faith Stories: Signs, Symbols, Sacrament Retreat
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 3 (<i>send home 4 & 5</i>)	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 12 (<i>send home 13 & 14</i>)
MAY	Lenten Plans for Busy Families	Gather: One Step Forward (<i>Lent</i>)
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 6 (<i>send home 7 & 8</i>)	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 15

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Sample Calendar 18C

2 YEARS • ALL JESUS SESSIONS HOSTED • SACRAMENTS IN YEAR 2

This calendar hosts all 15 *Jesus Lives* sessions in the parish, rather than sending them home. It also adds some seasonal sessions. This approach helps families set aside time and removes the stress of them scheduling time at home to work through booklets on their own.

YEAR 1: 18 SESSIONS

- 1 *Faith Stories* retreat sessions
- 15 *Jesus Lives* sessions
- 2 extra seasonal sessions

YEAR 2: 18 SESSIONS

- 3 *Faith Stories* retreat sessions
- 6 sessions for immediate Reconciliation preparation
- 6 sessions for immediate Eucharist preparation
- 3 extra seasonal sessions

SEP	Faith Stories: Sharing Stories Retreat	Faith Stories: Jesus Retreat
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 1	First Reconciliation 1
OCT	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 2	First Reconciliation 2
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 3	Fall Learning Centers: Mary, Mother of God
NOV	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 4	First Reconciliation 3
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 5	First Reconciliation 4
DEC	Gather: A Night in Bethlehem (Advent)	Faith Stories: Advent Retreat
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 6	Gather: Unwrapping the Gift (Advent)
JAN	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 7	First Reconciliation 5
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 8	First Reconciliation 6
FEB	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 9	First Eucharist 1
	Lenten Plans for Busy Families	Gather: One Step Forward (Lent)
MAR	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 10	First Eucharist 2
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 11	Faith Stories: Signs, Symbols, Sacr. Retreat
APR	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 12	First Eucharist 3
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 13	First Eucharist 4
MAY	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 14	First Eucharist 5
	Faith Stories: Jesus Lives 15	First Eucharist 6

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Sample Calendar 18D 2 ADD-ON YEARS

You can easily extend the approach in 18C for two additional years as shown below. It adds *Spirit With Us* for a year 3 and *God Calls* for a year 4, with all sessions hosted in the parish. Other seasonal sessions fill out the year.

YEAR 3: 18 SESSIONS

- 1 family life sessions
- 15 *Spirit With Us* sessions
- 2 extra seasonal sessions

YEAR 4: 18 SESSIONS

- 1 family life sessions
- 15 *God Calls* sessions
- 2 extra seasonal sessions

SEP	Conversations about LIFE (Family Life)	Conversations about LIFE (Family Life)
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 1	Faith Stories: God Calls 1
OCT	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 2	Faith Stories: God Calls 2
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 3	Faith Stories: God Calls 3
NOV	Fall Learning Centers: Living Beatitudes (All Souls)	Gather: Remember Me (All Souls)
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 4	Faith Stories: God Calls 4
DEC	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 5	Gather: Let Heaven and Nature Sing (Advent)
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 6	Faith Stories: God Calls 5
JAN	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 7	Faith Stories: God Calls 6
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 8	Faith Stories: God Calls 7
FEB	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 9	Faith Stories: God Calls 8
	Gather: Holy Pause (Lent)	Faith Stories: God Calls 9
MAR	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 10	Faith Stories: God Calls 10
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 11	Faith Stories: God Calls 11
APR	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 12	Faith Stories: God Calls 12
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 13	Faith Stories: God Calls 13
MAY	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 14	Faith Stories: God Calls 14
	Faith Stories: Spirit With Us 15	Faith Stories: God Calls 15