

**Sunday, December 10, 2017: 5th Week of Advent: Our Holy Ancestors in Faith
(27th Sunday after Pentecost)**

Welcome: Spend some time checking in with the students.

Opening Prayer: “Heavenly King” – see poster board

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 – **Read Gospel in class**

Lesson: 5th Week of Advent: Our Holy Ancestors in Faith

- Before Jesus was born, many people were waiting for Him to arrive
- These people are known as the prophets and ancestors of faith, people who passed along belief in God and their traditions from generation to generation
- One of these prophets was Daniel.
- At one point in Daniel’s life, he was thrown into a lion’s den and left to die. However, God saved Daniel from being eaten by the lion.
- Daniel teaches us to always have faith in and trust God, even if we’re afraid.

Craft: Lion Mask

- Materials: Paper plates, red/orange/yellow tissue paper, yellow construction paper, popsicle sticks, markers/pencil crayons/crayons
- How To: Colour paper plate in yellows/oranges. Cut tissue paper into small rectangles and glue around the edge of the paper plate. Cut out semi-circles from yellow construction paper for the lion’s ears and glue at the top of the paper plate. Mark where the eye holes need to be for each child’s mask and cut out. Draw a snout and mouth under the eyes. Glue a popsicle stick at the bottom of the paper as a handle. Decorate anything you want to.

End of Class: Hand out “Car Qs” to children, and “Cheat Sheet” to parents.

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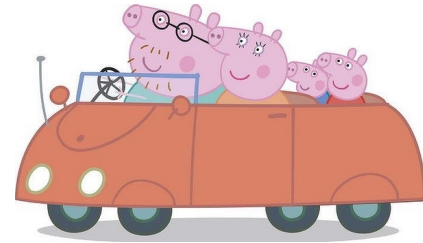
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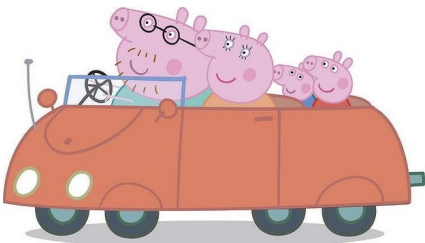
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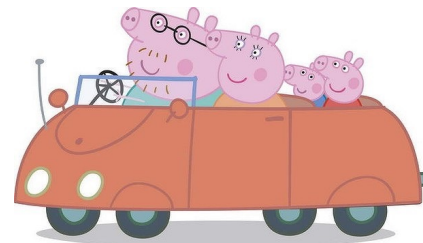
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Parents' Cheat Sheet - Car Qs
Dec. 10/17, 5th Week of Pylypivka - Our Holy Ancestors of Faith (27th
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1. Who are the prophets and ancestors of faith?

1. The prophets and ancestors of faith are all the women and men of the Bible who have been waiting for the Messiah, Jesus Christ.
2. You'll find the stories of these people mostly in the Old Testament, although one could argue that the people in the New Testament are also in the same boat until Jesus' Resurrection from the dead.
3. There are plenty of books and movies about these people (Moses, Noah, Esther, Daniel, etc) at the Pastoral Centre library. Check them out!

2. What is the name of the prophet we learned about today?

1. Daniel
2. Daniel has a book in the Old Testament that he wrote, probably sometime during the Babylonian captivity (605-530 BC).¹
3. The book includes the history of Daniel's life (1:1-6:29), as well as his prophetic visions (7:1-12:13).

3. What did God save Daniel from?

1. A lion (Daniel 6:1-29)
2. This story and many others in the Book of Daniel inspire us to trust in God in all things, even if the challenges facing us seem impossible to overcome.

Together say the prayer we said in church today:

Those in need will turn to Him
He will hear their cry
He will rule with justice and joy
Consoling those who mourn.
He will lead us like a shepherd
Call us each by name
He will walk in the favour of God
And we shall do the same.
Hope to help unhappy hearts.
Love to light the earth.
We shall praise His name forever.
God is with us!

¹ Taken from the *Orthodox Study Bible*, intro to the Book of Daniel, p.1236.