Holy Trinity Parish-Oconto

Faith Formation Family Nights

* We will have 3 or 4 family nights a year on Wednesday nights.
* Parents are told they should attend with their child (K-5) and encouraged to attend for 6-11.
* We meet as a group in the parish hall during their regular class times. The total class time is 1 hour and 15 minutes.
* Activities vary, but generally will include some interaction with parents and kids to help both open up a conversation about their faith in some way. This may include a series of questions that they work on together or perhaps working on answers to a game together. A bingo game with the questions based on the theme of the family night is sometimes done also (a favorite among the kids).
* Prayer is always included.
* For the younger grades (K-5), we usually have stations that they will rotate around to in order to keep them moving and not have to stay focused on one thing for very long. Usually about 5 minutes per station works best. These sometimes include memory games, assembling a Rosary with wooden blocks, rolling a prayer dice and offering up a prayer as suggested on the dice, etc.
* One project for the K-5 grades was to make a mobile with different ideas they can do for Lent, dowels, pre-cut string and different shaped ideas on a paper were handed out.
* For the older grades (6-11), we usually have a movie clip that they all watch together and then I have them break out into their class groups (parents go along if they are there) and the catechists ask a series of questions I provide them about the movie clip they just watched. The class discussion times are usually around 15 minutes.
* A saint is usually included in the discussion on a family night. Some kind of prayer card is given to them for the saint we covered.
* Sometimes the 6-11 grades are given a prayer/reflection card about one of the topics we discussed and are encouraged to keep it by their bed to reflect on either in the morning or evening.