



Class in Session

with Jeb Bush

Lessons in Faith with Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Teacher's Guide

[Class in Session with Jeb Bush](#) (#ClassWithJeb) is a series of video conversations with the visionaries of today. Created specifically for secondary school students and relevant for the classroom, these 20-minute virtual conversations—hosted by former Florida Governor Jeb Bush—draw out personal and professional experiences and, especially important, elicit advice for America's next generation from leaders across the nation.

VIDEO

[WATCH: Lessons in Faith with Cardinal Timothy Dolan](#)



As a leader in the Catholic Church, Cardinal Timothy Dolan shares his insights into the importance of maintaining faith through the daily details of ordinary life. Cardinal Dolan shares what his life experiences have taught him—from his young life in St. Louis to becoming the Archbishop of New York and a cardinal of the Catholic Church.

PROMPTS FOR STUDENTS

As you watch the video, think about the following:

- The Cardinal says that he was inspired to become a priest after seeing the example of parish priests. Who inspires you, and how do people encourage you to pursue your dreams?
- The Cardinal says the best way to help people is to help the person—one-on-one. Why might it be important to know the people you are helping?
- Failure is an important part of life. Think of time when you failed. What does this failure inspire you to do?



ASSIGNMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Choose one of the following assignments in response to the video [Lessons in Faith with Cardinal Timothy Dolan](#).

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EXPLORE

In their conversation about helping others, Cardinal Dolan talks about the importance of knowing people's names. For more on why knowing names builds community, check out this short article .	See an in-depth conversation between Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein and Timothy Cardinal Dolan on the relationship of faith and public policy.	Cardinal Dolan speaks about the importance of recognizing failure and how it can drive improvement. Here is an article that describes three types of failure and how to deal with them.	Identify a career that excites you. Interview or research 2-3 people in that career to find out: (a) how they decided to enter their career and (b) what steps they took to prepare for it.
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DISCUSS

Discuss one of the following questions with someone:

- Cardinal Dolan says “good” can come out of this difficult time. What are some good things that may come as a result of the pandemic?
- Has someone shown kindness to you or your family during the pandemic? What did their kindness make you feel?
- What are ways you or your family could show kindness to others during the pandemic?

WRITE

Select one of the following writing prompts:

- Think of someone who inspires you. Write about who they are, what they do and why they inspire you.
- Do you think faith is important today? Is it important to other people? Write a short explanation for your thinking.
- There are different kinds of failure. Describe a failure that motivated you to improve.
- Names are important. Do you agree? Write about why (or why not) names matter.

ILLUSTRATE

Choose one of the following prompts to create a piece of art, produce a video, write a song or create a dance. Send a photo or video to Jeb@ExcelinEd.org.

- Someone I look up to.
- Someone who needs me.
- After failure, what happens next?
- What's in a name?