

Diocese of Columbus
Kindergarten Religion COS
 Based on the **Six Tasks of Catechesis***

I. Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of the Faith (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> , 26-1065; <i>General Directory for Catechesis</i> , 84-85, 87)	
A. The Person of Jesus Christ Jesus loves and invites every person to be in relationship with him	Christ Our Life
I. A. 1. Understand that Jesus came to show God’s love (CCC 458)	K SE: Special Lesson 3 Christmas is Good p.115. Also TE T 257-259.
I. A. 2. Know that Jesus’ love is unending and complete (CCC 220-221, 1337; Mt 28:20b; Jn 13:1b)	K SE: Ch. 14 Hearts Are Good p. 57-60. Cutout 4. Also TE T130-135.
B. Understand Scripture Sacred Scripture is the living Word of God, a history of the covenant and a guide for life today	K SE: Ch. 3 Stories Are Good p.9-12. A Child’s Bible and Flashcard 2. Also TE T22-27.
I. B. 1. Recognize the Bible as a holy and special book that tells us about God (CCC 103-104)	K SE: Ch. 3 Stories Are Good p.9-12. A Child’s Bible. Also TE T22-27.
I. B. 2. Demonstrate respect and reverence while listening to and handling the Bible	K SE: Ch. 3 Stories Are Good p. 9-12. A Child’s Bible. Also TE T26-27.
I. B. 3. Discover that the creation story teaches that God is good and created all things good (CCC 299, 339; Gen 1:12, 18, 21, 25, 31)	K SE: Ch. 4 God’s World is Good p. 13-16. BLM 6 Creation, Cutouts 2, 5-20, 22-28 ad Flashcard 2. Also TE T30-33.
C. Creeds and Doctrines of the Church The Creed expresses the faith of our Church and professes it to the world	K SE: Ch. 17 Church is Good p. 69-72. Also TE T158-163.
I. C. 1. Know that God, the Creator, made the world and all living creatures (CCC 290-291, 295; Gen 1:1-31)	K SE: Ch. 4 God’s World is Good p. 13-16. BLM 6 Creation. Also TE T30-33.
I. C. 2. Understand that God loves and takes care of all people (CCC 54-55, 303-305; Mt 6:25- 34, Rom 8:28, 1 Pet 5:7)	K SE: Ch. 8 I Am Good p. 31-34. Also TE T68-75.
I. C. 3. Identify the Holy Spirit as the gift of God (CCC 243-244; Jn 14:25-26)	K SE: Special Lesson 7 Pentecost Is Good p.121. Also TE T270-272.
I. C. 4. Define heaven (CCC 1024-1025; Jn 14:2-3)	K SE: Special Lesson 12 Angels Are Good p. 127. Also TE T284
I. C. 5. Know that God gives each person a guardian angel (CCC 336)	K SE: Special Lesson 12 Angels Are Good p. 127. Also TE T 284-286
D. Discover the Church’s Tradition and Relevance of Church History Our Church has a rich heritage which still serves as a guide for us today	
I. D. 1. Nothing at this age	

<p>E. Christian Thought and Culture Our Church’s tradition is based in an appreciation for the gifts of many persons – theologians, saints, artists, teachers and preachers – living as faithful disciples of Jesus</p>		<p>K SE: Ch. 15 Hands Are Good p. 61-64. Also TE T141-145. BLM 20.</p>
<p>I. E. 1. Know that God’s family includes the saints in heaven (CCC 954)</p>		<p>K SE: Special Lesson 1 All Saints Are Good p. 251. Also TE T 250-252.</p>

II. Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of the Meaning of the Liturgy and Sacraments (CCC, 1066-1690; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
A. Paschal Mystery Forms and Transforms The liturgical and sacramental life of the Church informs, forms, and transforms us as disciples of Jesus in the world (CCC 654, 1066-1067, 1085)		Christ Our Life
II. A. 1. Recognize that by baptism we become members of Jesus family (CCC 1213)		K SE: Ch. 9 Growing is Good p. 35-38. Also TE T81-82.
II. A. 2. Know that Jesus is present with his family, the Church, when they pray and celebrate together (CCC 1373)		K SE: Ch. 17 Church is Good p. 69-72. Also TE T159-163.
B. Sacraments Sacraments are special celebrations of God's love for us		
II. B. 1. Recognize that a sacrament is special celebration of God's love (CCC 1131-1134)		K SE: Ch. 17 Church is Good p. 69-72. Also TE T159-163.
II. B. 2. Recognize that Baptism is a gift from God (CCC 1279)		K SE: Ch. 7 Families Are Good p. 28-30. BLM 13 Baptism Puppet. Also TE T 60-63.
C. Liturgical Catechesis We are invited into full, active and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church (CCC 1071)		K SE: Ch. 17 Church is Good p. 69-72. Also TE T159-163.
II. C. 1. Know that the Church celebrates different seasons with symbols and colors (CCC 1163, 1171, 1194)		K SE: Special Seasons and Days, The Year in Our Church p. 110.
II. C. 2. Identify the special seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter (CCC 524-526, 1438, 1169)		K SE: Special Lesson 2 Advent is Good p.113-114, Special Lesson 3 Christmas is Good p.115 and Poster 5, Special Lesson 5 Lent is Good p. 117-118, Special Lesson 6 Easter is Good p. 119-120.
II. C. 3. Know Sunday is a special day for the Church (CCC 1167, 1193)		K SE: Ch. 23 Celebrating is Good p. 91-94. Also TE T207-212.
II. C. 4. Know that we use our bodies to pray at Mass (CCC 1153-1155)		K SE: Ch. 23 Celebrating is Good p. 91-94. Also TE T207-212.
D. Dimensions of Priesthood: Baptismal and Ordained Like Jesus, we are called to be priest, prophet, and king		
II. D. 1. Nothing at this age		

III. Catechesis Promotes Moral Formation in Jesus Christ (CCC 1691-2557; GDC 84-85, 87)		
A. Commandment to Love The ‘new commandment’ of Jesus, to love one another as he, God, has loved us is one of the defining characteristics of the Christian faith (Jn 13:34-35)		Christ Our Life
III. A. 1. Know that Jesus came to show God’s love to all people (CCC 458)		K SE: Ch. 14 Hearts Are Good p. 57-60. Cutout 4 and BLM 19. Also TE T 130-135.
III. A. 2. Understand that Jesus wants all people to love God and love one another (CCC 1878, 1970; Lk 10:25-28)		K SE: Ch. 14 Hearts Are Good p. 57-60. Cutout 4 and BLM 19. Also TE T 130-135.
B. Ten Commandments and Beatitudes The Scriptures, especially in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, give us moral guidance		
III. B. 1. Know that in the Bible God tells us how to love him and other people (CCC 1962, 1965)		K SE: Ch. 3 Stories Are Good p. 9-11. Flashcard 2. Also TE T 22-25
III. B. 2. Know that Jesus shows everyone how to love (CCC 520, 1823, 9, Jn 15:12)		K SE: Ch. 21 Light is Good p. 87-89. BLM 22. Also TE T196-201.
C. Sin and Grace God’s love can overcome the evil of sin in our world		K SE: Ch. 16 Forgiveness is Good p. 65-68. Poster 7, Cutouts 51-57 and 66-69. Also TE 148-155.
III. C. 1. Recognize that good choices can make us feel happy and bad choices make us feel sad (CCC 27)		K SE: Ch. 16 Forgiveness is Good p.65-68.
III. C. 2. Know it is important to say “I’m sorry” when you hurt others (CCC 1443; Lk 15:11-32)		K SE: Ch. 16 Forgiveness is Good p. 65-68. Poster 7, Cutouts 51-57 and 66-69. Also TE 148-155.
D. Conscience Formation The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living		K SE: Ch. 23 Air is Good p. 95-98. BLM 27. Also TE T217-221.
III. D. 1. Know that God gives the Holy Spirit to help people make good choices (CCC 729, 1830; Jn 16:13)		K SE: Ch. 23 Air is Good p. 95-98. BLM 27. Also TE T217-221.
III. D. 2. Understand that adults can help one make decisions		K SE: Ch. 23 Air is Good p. 98.
E. Objective Moral Norms The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong		K SE: Ch. 12 Choosing is Good p. 47-52.
III. E. 1. Know that God’s rules help one make good choices and perform loving actions (CCC 1962, 1965)		K SE: Ch. 12 Choosing is Good p. 47-52, Flashcard 5, BLM 17, 18. Also TE 108-117.

F. Gospel of Life All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred		K SE: Ch. 4 God's World is Good p. 13-16. BLM 6. Also TE T30-35.
III. F. 1. Recognize that all life is a gift from God the creator (CCC 290-292; Gen 1:20-27)		K SE: Ch. 4 God's World is Good p. 13-16. BLM 6, Cutouts 2, 5-20, 22-28. Also TE T30-35.
III. F. 2. Know that God wants all people to care for his creation (CCC 299, 339)		K SE: Ch. 4 God's World is Good p. 13-16. BLM 6, Cutouts 2, 5-20, 22-28. Also TE T30-35.
III. F. 3. Recognize that God makes people in his image (CCC 355)		K SE: Ch. 4 God's World is Good p. 13-16. BLM 6, Cutouts 2, 5-20, 22-28. Also TE T32.
G. Living a Moral Life As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions		K SE: Ch. 13 Shepherds Are Good p. 53-56. Poster 6, Cutouts 1, 13-14, 41, 59-65. Also TE T120-127.
III. G. 1. Understand that Jesus shows people how to love, <i>e.g., Good Shepherd, Good Samaritan, etc.</i>		K SE: Ch. 13 Shepherds Are Good p. 53-56. Poster 6, Cutouts 1, 13-14, 41, 59-65. Also TE T120-127.

IV. Catechesis Teaches the Christian How to Pray (CCC, 2558-2865; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
A. Christian Prayer Tradition Prayer in all its many forms is a language of love, faith, and hope		Christ Our Life
IV. A. 1. Know that Jesus prayed and taught his disciples to pray (CCC 2599-2602; Mt 6:5-14; Mk 11:24)		K SE: Ch. 6 Talking to God is Good p. 21-26. BLM 8, Cutouts 2, 7, 9, 15-17, 22-25, 34-40.
IV. A. 2. Know/Pray the Sign of the Cross (CCC 2157)		K SE: Ch. 19 Seeds Are Good p. 79-82. Poster 9. Also TE T 178-183.
IV. A. 3. Identify the <i>Our Father</i> , <i>Hail Mary</i> , and <i>Glory Be</i> as basic prayers of the Catholic Tradition		K SE: Ch. 12 Choosing is Good p. 108, 111, 113. Ch. 7 Families Are Good p 27-33.
B. Personal Prayer The mystery of God’s action in our lives draws us into a deeper relationship and a deeper desire to respond in prayer (CCC 2591)		K SE: Ch. 6 Talking to God is Good p. 21-24. BLM 8. Also TE T 49-52.
IV. B. 1. Know that prayer is both listening to and talking with God (CCC 2590)		K SE: Ch. 6 Talking to God is Good p. 21-24. BLM 8. Also TE T 49-52.
IV. B. 2. Understand that one must be quiet to hear God speak		K SE: Ch. 5 Quiet is Good p. 17-20. BLM 7 and Flashcard 3. Also TE T 39-43.
C. Communal Prayer We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God		K SE: Ch. 17 Church Is Good p. 69-72. BLM 21 A & B. Also TE T 159-163.
IV. C. 1. Know that the church building is a special place to pray together (CCC 2691, 2696)		K SE: Ch. 17 Church Is Good p. 69-72. BLM 21 A & B. Also TE T 159-163.
D. Popular Piety and Devotions Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God		K SE: Ch. 6 Talking to God is Good p. 21-24. Also TE T 48-53
IV. D. 1. Identify ways to pray with family (CCC 2685)		K SE: Ch. 6 Talking to God is Good p. 24-26.

V. Catechesis Prepares the Christian to Live in Community and to Participate in the Life and Mission of the Church (GDC, 84, 86-87)		
A. Spiritual Growth Our community life is built on the understanding that humans grow and develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially as well as spiritually		Christ Our Life
V. A. 1. Know that God calls all people to be holy (CCC 2013; Mt 5:48)		K SE: Ch. 8 I am Good p. 31-34. Also TE T68-73.
B. Relationships and Responsibilities In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that living together in the Kingdom of God, we must grow in understanding, compassion, concern for the least and mutual charity		K SE: Ch. 15 Hands Are Good p. 61-64. BLM 20. Also TE T140-145.
V. B. 1. Know that Jesus wants us to show love and kindness to all (Col 3:12-17)		K SE: Ch. 15 Hands Are Good p. 61-64. BLM 20. Also TE T140-145.
C. Marriage and Family Life—Domestic Church Our family life is the church of the home, where we learn to love God and care for each other		K SE: Ch., 7 Families Are Good p.27-30. BLM 11. Also TE T58-63.
V. C. 1. Identify the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, his mother, and Joseph, her spouse (CCC 532, 1655; Lk 2:39-52)		Special Lesson 11 The Holy Family is Good p. 125. BLM 9. Also TE T282-283.
V. C. 2. Know that each family is a gift from God (CCC 2206)		K SE: Ch., 7 Families Are Good p.27-30. BLM 11. Also TE T58-63.
V. C. 3. Understand that in a family the members are called to love and care for each other		K SE: Ch., 7 Families Are Good p.27-30. BLM 11. Also TE T58-63.
D. Faith Communities Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal (CCC 1134)		
V. D. 1. Know that at baptism one becomes a member of God’s family, the Church (CCC 1213)		K SE: Ch. 9 Growing is Good p. 35-38. BLM 13. Also TE T78-85.
V. D. 2. Know that praying together at mass is an important way that God’s family comes together (CCC 1140-1141)		K SE: Ch. 18 Meals Are Good p. 73-76. Poster 8. Also TE T169-172.
E. Nature and Mission of the Church The Church is the family of God, sent to bring the Good News of Jesus to all people		K SE: Ch. 17 Church is Good p. 69-72. Also TE T159-163.
V. E. 1. Understand that God wants all to live in peace and love (CCC 543, Col 3:12-17)		K SE: Ch. 14 Hearts Ae Good p. 57-60. Also TE T130-136.
V. E. 2. Know that the Church is God’s family on earth (CCC 959)		K SE: Ch. 17 Church is Good p. 69-72. Also TE T159-163.
F. Ecumenism We share in promoting the unity of all God’s people as part of our fidelity to the Gospel		
V. F. 1. Nothing at this age		

VI. Catechesis Promotes a Missionary Spirit that Prepares the Faithful to Transform the World (GDC, 84, 86-87)		
A. Evangelization The Sacraments of Initiation both invite and challenge us to live as disciples in the larger society and in the world		Christ Our Life
VI. A. 1. Identify a disciple as someone who follows Jesus Christ (CCC 1694, 1816, 1 Jn 1:1-4)		K SE: Special Lesson 7 Pentecost is Good p. 121. Also TE T 270-272.
B. Vocation/Apostolate Each of us is called to a particular task in helping to reveal the Kingdom of God in the service of God's plan for the world		K SE: Ch. 15 Hands Are Good p.61-64. Also TE T140-145.
VI. B. 1. Know that God loves us and calls each of us to follow Him (CCC 52; Mt 4:18-22; Mt 9:9)		K SE: Ch. 8 I am Good p. 31-34. 68-73
C. Social Action and Transformation The Social Teachings of our tradition inspire us to concern and to action aimed at the well-being of all humankind		
VI. C. 1. Know that God calls the members of the Church to help each other (Mt 25)		K SE: Ch. 15 Hands Are Good p.61-64. Also TE 140-145.
VI. C. 2. Identify ways to show care for God's creation		K SE: Ch. 4 God's World is Good p. 13-16. Also TE T 33-34.
D. Interreligious Dialogue We dialogue and work with people of other faiths, to build understanding and to find our common hopes and values for a better world		
VI. D. 1. Nothing at this age		

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