

Diocese of Columbus
Preschool 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. Identify Jesus as son of God and son of Mary (CCC 495)	Pre 3 SE: Special Lesson Christmas p.97-98. Pre 4 SE: Special Lesson p. 121-122.
I. A. 2. Know that Jesus was born long ago, as a baby, and grew to be a man (CCC 422-423)	Pre 3 SE: Chapter 20: I Can Grow p. 68-70. Also TE 136.
I. A. 3. Know that Jesus wants to have a special relationship with each of us (CCC 52; Jn 15:15b)	Pre 3 SE: Special Seasons and Days, Special Lesson 3, Christmas p. 97-100.
B. Understand Sacred Scripture Sacred Scripture is the living Word of God, a history of the covenant, and a guide for life today	Pre 3 SE: Chapter 1: I Can Hear, p 1 & 3. Also TE p. T6. Pre 4: Ch. 7 God Made the Bible p. 27-32.
I. B. 1. Recognize the Bible as a holy and special book (CCC 103-104)	Pre 3 SE: Chapter 2: I Can See, p. 6. Also TE p. T15. Pre 4 SE: Chapter 7: God Made the Bible, p. 27-32. Also TE p. 52-57.
I. B. 2. Demonstrate respect and reverence for the Bible	Pre 4 SE: Chapter 7: God Made the Bible, p. 27-28. Also TE p. 53-56.
I. B. 3. Identify some key biblical figures that show God’s love, <i>e.g.</i> , Noah, the Good Shepherd, Mary and Joseph	Pre 3 SE: Chapter 14: I Can Laugh, p. 45. Also TE 93. Pre 4 SE: God Made My Family, p. 6. Also TE p. T15
C. Creeds and Doctrines of the Church The Creed expresses the faith of our Church and professes it to the world	
I. C. 1. Know that God made the world (CCC 279-280, 295; Gn 1:1-31)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 19 I Can Make Things p. 65-66. Also TE 128-130. Pre 4 SE: God Made Land p. 47-49. Also TE p. 84-86

<p>I. C. 2. Recognize that God made and loves each person (CCC 220-221)</p>	<p>Pre 3 SE: Special Lesson 11. Birthdays We Thank God for the Gift of Life p. 125-128. Also TE 239. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 1 God Made Us p. 1-4. Also TE p. 9-11.</p>
<p>I. C. 3. Understand that God cares for all people and all creation (CCC 303-305; 1Pt 5:7)</p>	<p>Pre 3 SE: Ch. 7 I Can Care. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 3 p. 11-14. Also TE 22-27.</p>
<p>I. C. 4. Identify angels as God’s messengers (CCC 329)</p>	<p>Pre 3 SE Ch. 13: I Can Sing, p. 43. Also TE p. 87-88. Pre 4 SE: Seasonal Lesson 3 Christmas, p. 121.</p>
<p>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</p>	
<p>I. D. 1. Nothing at this age</p>	
<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>Pre 4 SE: Special Lesson 1 Halloween/Feast of All Saints p. 113-115. Also TE 196-198.</p>
<p>I. E. 1. Identify saints as special friends of Jesus</p>	<p>Pre 3 SE: Special Lesson 1 Halloween/ Feast of All Saints p. 94. Also TE 179- 181. Pre 4 SE: Special Lesson 1 Halloween/Feast of All Saints p. 113-115. Also TE 196-198.</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)	Christ Our Life
II. A. 1. Nothing at this age	
B. Sacraments Sacraments are special celebrations of God’s love for us (CCC 1116)	Pre 4 SE: Ch. 9 God Made Water p. 37-39. Also TE p. 70.
II. B. 1. Sacraments are special celebrations with God’s family (CCC 1118)	Pre 4 SE: Ch. 5 God Made My Church Family p. 19-21. Also TE T36-39
C. Liturgical Catechesis We are invited into full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church	
II. C. 1. Recognize that the Church has special seasons and days of celebration (CCC 1163, 1194)	Pre 3 SE: Special Seasons and Days section p. 93-131. Also TE T174-246. Pre 4 SE: Special Seasons and Days section p. 113-157. Also TE T192- 264.
II. C. 2. Know that Christmas is Jesus’ birthday (CCC 525-526)	Pre 3 SE: Special Lesson 3 Christmas p. 97-100. Also TE T 190-192. Pre 4: Special Lesson 3 Christmas 121-123. Also TE T208-209.
II. C. 3. Know that Easter is the day Jesus rose from the dead	Pre 3: Special Lesson 5, Easter p. 103-104. Also TE T 202-204. Pre 4 SE: Special Lesson 5 Easter p. 129-132. Also TE 221.
II. C. 4. Recognize that at Mass we sing, pray, and listen to God’s word (CCC 1071, 1156-1158)	Pre 4: Ch. 5 God Made My Church Family p.19-21. Also TE T 36-39.
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.	Christ Our Life
III. A. 1. Know that Jesus loves all people (CCC 478, 609; Jn 3:16)	Pre 3 SE: Special Lesson 8 Valentine’s Day p.113-115. Also TE T220-222.
III. A. 2. Understand that Jesus wants everyone to love and care for each other (CCC 1878, 1970; 1 Jn 3:11)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 25 I Can Love p. 89-92. Also TE T170-173. Pre 4 SE: Special Lesson Valentine’s Day p.139-140. Also TE T139-140
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. Nothing at this age	
C. Sin and Grace God’s love can overcome the evil of sin in our world	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 14 I Can Laugh p. 46-47. Also TE T93-94. Pre 4 SE: Special Lesson 8 Valentine’s Day
III. C. 1. Understand that we can hurt other people by our choices (CCC 1872)	Pre 4 SE: Special Lesson 8 Valentine’s Day p. 139-140. Also TE T239.
D. Conscience Formation The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living	Pre 3 SE: Special Lesson 4 Lent p.101-102. Also TE T196-197. Pre 4 SE: Special Lesson 4 Lent p. 125-126. Also TE T214-215.
III. D. 1. Know that God helps us to make good choices (CCC 1813)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 7 I Can Care p. 48-51. Also TE T25-26. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 2 God Made My Family p. 5-8. Also TE T-14-15.
E. Objective Moral Norms The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong	
III. E. 1. Identify that rules help us make good choices (CCC 1961-1962, 1965)	Pre 3 SE: Chapter 23 I Can Learn p.83-86.
F. Gospel of Life All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 7 I Can Care p. 25-26. Also TE T 48-49. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 22 God Made Big Things p. 95-99. Also TE T164-167.
III. F. 1. Know that God created everything good (CCC 299, 339)	Pre 3 SE: Special Season 5 Easter p. 103-104. Also TE 202-203. Pre 4: Special Season 5 Easter p. 129-130. Also TE T220-221.

<p>III. F. 2. Understand that we care for creation because it is God’s gift</p>	<p>Pre 3 SE: Ch. 7 I Can Care p. 25-26. Also TE T 48-49. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 11 God Made Land p. 47-49. Also TE T84-86.</p>
<p>III. F. 3. Recognize that God made every person special (CCC 355)</p>	<p>Pre 3 SE: Ch. 25 I Can Love p. 89-91. Also TE T170-172. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 3 God Made My Friends p.11-12. Also TE 22-23.</p>
<p>G. Living a Moral Life As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions</p>	<p>Pre 3 SE: Ch. 9 I Can Share p.29-31. Also TE T60-62. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 3 God Made My Friends p. 11-13. Also TE T22 – 24.</p>
<p>III. G. 1. Know that Jesus gives us an example of how to live with others (CCC 2825)</p>	<p>Pre 3 SE: Ch. 9 I Can Share p. 29-31. Also TE 60-62. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 2 God Made My Family p. 5-6. Also TE T 14-15.</p>

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 (CCC 2599-2602; Mk 1:35-39; Lk 6:12)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 23 I Can Learn p. 83-84. Also TE T159.
IV. A. 2. Recognize that one can pray anywhere (CCC 2157, 2743)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 12 I Can Pray p. 39-40. Also TE T80-83. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 1 God Made Me p. 3-4. Also TE T8-9.
IV. A. 3. Identify the Sign of the Cross (CCC 2166)	
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)	
IV. B. 1. Know that prayer is talking with Jesus (CCC 2665)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 12 I Can Pray p.39-40. Also TE T80-83. Pre 4 SE: Ch. God Made Big Things p.93-99. Also TE T 166-67.
C. Communal Prayer We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 12 I Can Pray p. 39. Also TE T81-183. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 6 God Made Churches p. 23-26. Also TE T44-48.
IV. C. 1. Identify the church as a special place to pray with God’s family (CCC 2691, 2696)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 12 I Can Pray p. 39. Also TE T 181-183. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 6 God Made Churches p. 23-26. Also TE T44-48.
D. Popular Piety and Devotions Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God	
IV. D. 1. Nothing at this age	

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 to be holy means to belong to God (CCC 2013; Mt 5:48)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 1 I Can Hear p. 1-3. Also TE T 9. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 1 God Made Me p. 1-4. Also TE T7-9.
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	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 25 I Can Love p 89-92. Also TE T170-173. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 5 God Made My Church Family p. 19-20. Also TE T36-38.
V. B. 1. Know that one must show love to one’s family and friends (Col 3:12-17)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 25 I Can Love p. 89-92. Also TE T 170-173. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 5 God Made My Church Family p. 19-20. Also TE T36-38.
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	Pre 3 SE: Chapters 9 & 10 Special Lessons Mother’s Day p. 117-118, and Father’s Day p. 121-122. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 2 God Made My Family p. 5-9. Also TE T14-18.
V. C. 1. Identify the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (CCC 1655; Lk 2:39-52)	Pre 4 SE: Ch. 2 God Made My Family p. 5-9. Also TE T14-18.
V. C. 2. Recognize that one’s family is a special gift from God (CCC 2206)	Pre 3 SE: Chapters 9 & 10 Special Lessons Mother’s Day p. 117-118, and Father’s Day p. 121-122. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 2 God Made My Family p. 5-9. Also TE T14-18.
D. Faith Communities Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal	Pre 3 SE: p. 19-20. Also TE T 40-41. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 5 God Made My Church Family p.19-21. Also TE T36-37.
V. D. 1. Know that God’s family is called the Church (CCC 751)	Pre 4 SE: Ch. 5 God Made My Church Family p.19-21. Also TE T 36-38.
V. D. 2. Know baptism is the way to become a member of God’s family (CCC 1213)	Pre 4 SE: Ch. 9 God Made Water p. 37-38, Also TE T70.
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	
V. E. 1. Nothing at this age	
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 empower us to live as disciples in the larger society and in the world	Christ Our Life
VI. A. 1. Nothing at this age	
B. Vocation/Apostolate Each of is called to a particular task in helping to reveal the Kingdom of God in the service of God’s plan for the world	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 9 I Can Share p. 29-31. Also TE T 60-63. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 1 God Made Me p. 1-4. Also TE T8-9.
VI. B. 1. Know that God gives special gifts to each person, so they may serve him and others (CCC 52; Mt 4:18-22; Mt 9:9)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 9 I Can Share p. 29-31. Also TE T 60-63. Pre 4 SE: Ch. 1 God Made Me p. 1-4. Also TE T8-9.
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. Recognize that Jesus wants us to help each other (Mt 25)	Pre 3 SE: Ch. 6 I Can Help p. 19-24. Also TE T40-4.
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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