

## Grade 5 Religion ~ Chapter 1 Notes

- Messiah is another word for Jesus Christ.
- John the Baptist baptized people with water in the Jordan River. This was a sign of their willingness to change their lives.
- Jesus is the Son of God. He is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Blessed Trinity is the Three Persons in One God. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- Forgiveness heals us and helps us to love.
- Jesus' acts of mercy show us that God is merciful. Jesus' fair treatment of people shows that God is just.
- Jesus' mission is to share the life of God with all people and to save them from sin.
- The Kingdom of God is the power of God's love active in our lives and in the world. The Kingdom of God is here among us through the life and love of Jesus.
- The Apostles were twelve men that shared in Jesus' mission in a special way.
- Jesus used short stories or parables to describe the Kingdom of God in ways that people could understand. He used examples from nature, farming, feasts, and everyday work to describe the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed because it can grow and spread. Jesus encouraged his disciples to respond to God's love and to spread the message of the Kingdom of God.
- The Gospels are the first four books in the New Testament. We read about Jesus' life in the Gospels/ New Testament of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- The Kingdom of God grows when we
  - Have faith in Jesus Christ and share our belief
  - Live as Jesus did and follow God's will for us
  - Seek to build a better community, a more just nation, and a peaceful world.
- When the Holy Spirit appeared to the apostles at Pentecost, they were strengthened and went out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- The Church began when the Pentecost happened. The word church means a group that is called together. The Church is all those who believe in Jesus Christ, have been baptized in him and follow his teachings.