

Grade 1 – Chapter Schedule

Each week, the parent/guardian and child should work together studying the Chapter in the textbook. When completed, follow the schedule for that week's requirements.

First grade will complete their lessons and either be directed to send to me or to discuss questions with their parents/guardians. **First grade will not be completing any eAssessments** as we have realized this is too challenging for children this age. Any time the instructions state "read through chapter" suggest that you read along with your child and have them complete any questions/activities in the textbook that you feel would help support the lesson.

This year, your child should learn the following prayers: The Sign of the Cross (saying the words correctly and making the gestures correctly,) The Lord's Prayer, The Hail Mary, and the Glory Be.

These prayers can be found on pages 316 and 317 of your child's textbook. I suggest you and your children say these prayers nightly and they will learn them easily.

Please teach your children the Grace Before Meal by saying this before every meal. The repetition of saying these prayers is your greatest teacher.

When your child is assigned work to be sent to me, the student is to **"hand-write"** their answers, then submit the completed assignment to me by either scanning the assignment and emailing to homeschool@corpuschristipgh.org or taking a photo and texting (724-747-5959) it to me. **Be sure to include your child's name so I can give him/her credit.**

Remember:

Students may not work ahead of schedule. Any papers received early cannot be recorded.

PARENTS – Please take a few moments to look over your child's textbook. The beginning and end of the book have many additional resources for you.

- Sept. 13 Chapter 1 – read through chapter and answer questions in textbook.
Parents can review these with their children. (Do not send to me.)
This is such a fun chapter for the children as it introduces them to God and the Story of Creation!
Please pray together the Prayer of Praise on page 54.
(It's always nice to introduce your children to prayer, letting them know that they are talking to God and, most importantly, **that God is listening.**)
- Sept. 20 Chapter 2 – read through chapter
This teaches children how to be thankful for all of God's blessings.
Please pray together the Prayer of Thanksgiving on page 64.
(Please pray the various prayers at the end of each chapter.)
- Sept. 27 Chapter 3 – Very important chapter.
This teaches children that God made each of us special. We are created in the Image of God.
It also teaches children how to care for God's creations.
Please review together with your child page 72 "Take Care of Yourself"
Have your child COMPLETE AND, then, the parent sends to me pages 77 and 78.

- Oct. 4 Chapter 4 – read through chapter and answer questions in book (Do not send to me.)
Please be sure your child can make the Sign of the Cross correctly, using their RIGHT HAND, first touching their forehead (saying in the “name of the Father,”) second touching their heart (saying “and of the Son,”) third cross to touch their left shoulder (saying “and of the Holy,”) four touch their right shoulder (saying “Spirit”), then place their hands in prayer (saying Amen.) Does your child know the correct way to hold their hands in prayer?
The Sign of the Cross is the Trinity: one God in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Oct. 11 Chapter 5 – read through chapter
- Oct. 18 Chapter 6 – read through the chapter
Does your family have a Bible? If so, show it to your children. Let them open to any page and try to read from it.
COMPLETE AND SEND TO ME page 111 from the textbook.
- Oct. 25 Chapter 7 – read through chapter
As suggested on page 120, have your child write a note or make a card that says they are thinking of that person.
- Nov. 1 All Saints’ Day – This is a special day Catholics practice celebrating all those who have entered Heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not. (There are people who have lived a saintly life, but have not had the recognition of “saint” by the church; however, through the eyes of God, they are saints.)
Since this is a Holy Day of Obligation this year, take a break from your lesson and pray to your favorite saint, asking this saint to intercede (to pray with you to Jesus) your prayer requests.
- Nov. 8 Chapter 8 – read chapter and review questions (do not send to me)
- Nov. 13 Chapter 9 – read through chapter
By now, your child should be used to praying.
On page 139, cut out the Lord’s Prayer and place it somewhere that you can see if often, such as the refrigerator, on a bulletin board, in your child’s room, etc.
COMPLETE AND SEND TO ME page 146
- Nov. 20 Let’s prepare for Thanksgiving by thanking someone special!
Write that person a letter (handwritten by student) expressing why you are thankful for them. Be sure to include the reasons why you appreciate them.
DO NOT SUBMIT THIS TO ME. This is between you and that special person.
- Nov. 27 Happy Thanksgiving! Corpus Christi is thankful for each and every one of YOU!
Thank you, Parents, for being an example of our Catholic faith!
- Nov. 29 Read pages 19, 20, and 21 in your textbook.
Does your family have an Advent wreath? *It is time to light the first purple candle.*
You will light another candle each week. First week, purple; second week, purple, Third week, rose (pink); and fourth week, purple
Purple represents prayer and penance, and rose (pink) represents joy!
- Dec. 6 Chapter 10 Read through chapter
This is a great chapter that enlightens us with Bible Stories...”Noah’s Ark, The Wedding Feast, and Mary Said Yes” Can you find these stories in your Bible?
- Dec. 13 Chapter 11 *** VERY IMPORTANT CHAPTER ***
Read chapter thoroughly and review questions**
When we are Baptized, we receive the Holy Spirit within us. It is comforting for children to know that God (Jesus) is always with us.
- Dec. 20 Read pages 23, 24, and 25.
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas! Jesus Christ is born!
- Dec. 27 Christmas break.
Please keep practicing your prayers

- Jan. 1 The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
Please check your church bulletin for Mass times
- Jan. 3 Chapter 12 – Read through chapter
COMPLETE AND SEND TO ME pages 180 and 181
- Jan. 10 Chapter 13 -- Read through chapter.
- Jan. 17 Chapter 14 – read through Chapter
On page 198, cut out the “Living the Ten Commandments” and place in your home where your child can see it. This is a great way for your child to understand the commandments
Be sure your child completes page 202 in their book (do not send to me.)
- Jan. 24 Chapter 15 – Read through Chapter.
Page 208 is great because it helps children learn how to make things better when they have made a bad choice
Also, have your child complete page 212 to reinforce the lesson. (do not send to me)
- Jan. 31 Chapter 16 – Read through Chapter.
On page 222, have your child choose one item to do in “Share the Good News”
(Of course, they may choose multiple items)
- Feb. 7 Chapter 17 – Read through the chapter
Have your child complete page 236 to reinforce the lesson
- Feb. 14 Chapter 18 – Read the chapter.
Have your child write their godparents names and something special about that person (if the person is still involved in your lives) and send this to the godparents.
- Feb. 21 Chapter 19 -- Read through the chapter
Be sure to take your child to Mass and, as listed on page 256, People You Might See, Things You Might See, and Things You Might Do.
Also, COMPLETE AND SEND TO ME the “Live Your Faith” picture on page 257
- Feb. 28 Chapter 20 –
Parents/Guardians, read through this chapter before you present it to your child
This chapter discusses Heaven and “When Someone Dies”
You determine what to teach on this lesson. Some children are OK with this, others may not be, so please teach carefully.
- Mar. 7 Chapter 21 – Read through the Chapter This lesson is on PEACE.
Your child’s assignment that is to be SENT TO ME is to **write what peace means to them.**
Give your child free reign on this answer.
- Mar. 14 We are in the middle of the Lenten season. Read pages 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Final Assignment: Your child is to draw a picture showing gratefulness to their parents/guardians for helping them with their Faith Formation lesson. Send to me.

Congratulations on a job well done!