

## SYLLABUS: BE MY DISCIPLES - GRADE 3

*Blessed Sacrament - St Edward - St Joseph*

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course shares the Christian story in a catechumenal methodology, using reflection on Scripture and doctrine, plus prayer celebration in every class and during all the major seasons of the Church year. It initiates children into the community of faith and challenges them to discipleship.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall goals and objectives of this course are to help the students 1) to know, understand, and integrate Catholic beliefs, 2) to know how the church worships through full, active, and conscious participation in liturgy, 3) to recognize, understand, and express that each person is called as a disciple of Jesus to love, forgive, and serve others, 4) to learn to pray the way Jesus did: adoration, praise, thanksgiving, filial confidence, supplication, and awe, 5) to experience community life as an apprenticeship of faith which cultivates values, relationships, and ecumenical dialogue, and 6) to become disciples of Christ, present in society, and be able to witness their faith.

### TEXTS

1. RLC Benziger Publishing. BE MY DISCIPLES GRADE THREE. 2013. (Abbreviated BMD)
2. Saint Mary's Press. THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S BIBLE. 2013. (Abbreviated CCB)

### PARENT'S ROLE

Since faith is caught, not taught, the role of parents in the faith formation of their children is crucial. We, the faith community can teach them about their faith but you, the parents, are the primary teachers. Your interest in their RE classes and you working with them on their reading assignments is irreplaceable.

### ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

WK	TOPIC	READING	DESIRED LEARNING OUTCOME
1	God Speaks to Us (Ch 1)	BMD pg 11-18 Mark 9:2-7 (CCB pg 1545)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Know the difference between the Old and New Testaments.</li><li>• Understand that the Bible is the Written Word of God</li><li>• Demonstrate the ability to find scripture passages.</li></ul>
2	The Word of God (Ch 13)	BMD pg 119-126 1 Samuel 3:8-12 (CCB pg 371-372)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore what happens at the beginning of Sunday Mass</li><li>• Learn the elements of the Liturgy of the Word</li><li>• Explain the parable of the Sower</li></ul>
3	Bread of Life (Ch 14)	BMD pg 127-134 John 6:35, 48-57 (CCB pg 1668-1669)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain the story of the Last Supper</li><li>• Discover that in the Liturgy of the Eucharist the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus</li><li>• Learn that the consecrated hosts are the Blessed Sacrament</li></ul>

4	The Communion of Saints (Ch 8)	BMD pg 71-78 Hebrews 12:1-2 (CCB pg 1907)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the meaning of the Communion of Saints</li> <li>Learn about the canonization process for saints</li> <li>Describe the Church as the Body of Christ</li> </ul>
5	The Church Year (Ch 10)	BMD pg 91-98 Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 (CCB pg 996)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the seasons of the liturgical year</li> <li>Describe the Church's celebrations of Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas</li> <li>Learn about Ordinary Time</li> </ul>
6	Class about Mass (not in textbook)	Read Bible readings for upcoming Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become familiar with the parts and movement of Mass</li> <li>Identify things used during Mass and in the Church</li> <li>Learn that our participation is necessary at Mass</li> </ul>
7	Mary Trusted God (Ch 3)	BMD pg 27-34 Luke 1:46-56 (CCB pg 1572-1573)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn about and the difference between the Annunciation, Visitation and Incarnation</li> <li>Explore Mary's praise of God in the "Magnificat"</li> </ul>
8	Advent Class/Preparing for Christmas	BMD pg 229-230 Luke 1:26-38 (CCB pg 1572)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand that Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas</li> <li>Learn the meaning of the Advent wreath</li> <li>Made an advent chain</li> </ul>

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9	Class on Trinity (not in textbook)	BMD – none John 14:15-17a (CCB pg 1689)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn that God is 3 persons, but one God</li> <li>Know the 3 persons of the Blessed Trinity</li> <li>Memorize "Glory Be" prayer</li> </ul>
10	God the Creator (Ch 2)	BMD pg 19-26 Genesis 1:3-31 (CCB pg 21-22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tell the story of Creation</li> <li>Understand that each person is created in the image of God</li> <li>Learn the meaning of Divine Providence</li> </ul>
11	Jesus is Risen! (Ch 5)	BMD pg 47-54 Matthew 27:59-60, 28:1-8 (CCB pg 1519)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify Jesus' death on the cross as a sacrifice</li> <li>Learn about the Resurrection and Ascension</li> <li>Explain the Paschal Mystery</li> </ul>
12	The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Ch 6)	BMD pg 55-62 Romans 8:26-28 (CCB pg 1779)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tell the story of Pentecost</li> <li>Learn fruits of Holy Spirit</li> <li>Understand Holy Spirit is always with us, helping and guiding us</li> </ul>
13	The Church (Ch 7)	BMD pg 63-70 1 Peter 2:9-10 (CCB pg 1922)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn the mission of the Apostles was to build the Church</li> <li>Understand that we by baptism are members of the Church</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know that all members of the Church are called to be holy</li> </ul>
14	Class on Lent	BMD pg 243-244 Matthew 4:1-11 (CCB pg 1451, 1454)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand that Lent is a time to prepare for Easter</li> <li>• Learn the 3 practices of Lent: prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving</li> <li>• Make a craft to help track sacrifices during Lent</li> </ul>
15	Celebrating God's Love (Ch 11)	BMD pg 99-106 Matthew 4:13-17 (CCB pg 1451)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define the meaning of the sacraments</li> <li>• Identify the 7 sacraments and the 3 sacraments of Initiation</li> <li>• Role play Baptism and Confirmation</li> </ul>
16	God's Healing Love (Ch 12)	BMD pg 107-114 Luke 15:11-32 (CCB pg 1619, 1622 )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retell the story of the Prodigal Son/Forgiving Father</li> <li>• Describe sin and the Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> <li>• Learn the importance of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick</li> </ul>
17	The Great Commandment (Ch 20)	BMD pg 179-186 Matthew 22:34-40 (CCB pg 1503-1504)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the Great Commandment</li> <li>• Recalls ways to love God and other people as Jesus did</li> </ul>
18	The Creeds (Ch 22)	BMD pg 199-206 Hebrews 11:1-3 (CCB pg 1905 )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn the difference between the Nicene and Apostle's creed</li> <li>• Identify the three main professions about Jesus in the Apostles creed</li> <li>• Explain the importance of a creed</li> </ul>