

Grade One Religion Curriculum

Goal

Help children to know and appreciate that God is their loving Father and creator of all things

Outcomes

- To introduce the concept of the Holy Trinity
- To continue to realize, through everyday experiences, that God is present in each person's life
- To understand that everyone can trust in God's love
- To recognize that people become members of God's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism
- To understand that love and concern for others is part of being a member of God's Church
- To recognize the Sacred Scripture as the living word of God
- To recite grade appropriate prayers

Objectives

The students will...

Knowledge of Faith

1. recognize the concept of the Holy Trinity.
 - a. understand that God is their Father and the Creator of all things.
 - b. understand that Jesus is the Son of God, He reveals the Father to all people and is Savior, brother and friend.
 - c. identify the Holy Spirit as helper and source of God's presence within everyone.
2. recognize Baptism as one of the sacraments
 - a. realize that through Baptism they have been welcomed as members of God's Church.
 - b. realize they have received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Baptism.
3. be aware that Sacred Scripture is the Word of God which tells the story of God's love for His people and shows them how to be followers of Jesus.
 - a. retell the Christmas story.
 - b. retell the Easter story.
4. know that prayer is talking and listening to God.
 - a. understand that they can pray anytime and anywhere.
5. continue to explore the wonders of creation.
6. recognize Mary as the mother of Jesus and the perfect human example of following God's call.
7. learn about various saints during the liturgical year.

Liturgical Education

1. become aware of the liturgical cycle by celebrating the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time.
2. participate in celebrations of the liturgical year, Sundays and holy days, special feast days, liturgies and paraliturgies.
3. understand that God is present in Scripture in a special way.
4. understand feast days and devotions that honor Mary.

Moral Formation

1. recognize each person as a unique individual created by God.
2. recognize that followers of Jesus are called Christians.
3. realize that Christians are called to love and care for others as Jesus did.
4. recognize that words and actions should reflect Jesus to others.

Teaching to Pray

1. recognize prayer as a special time with God.
2. correctly say and make the Sign of the Cross.
3. memorize prayers [including, but not limited to: Glory Be (Doxology), The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Grace before Meals and Grace after Meals, short Morning Offering, Prayer to the Guardian Angel and the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations].
4. begin to learn how to recite the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and other traditional devotions.
5. participate in different prayer forms: spontaneous prayer, song, dance, gesture.
6. be respectful with posture (folded hands, kneeling straight).

Education for Community Life

1. recognize that the Sacrament of Baptism makes them members of the church community.
2. participate in organized events that are sponsored by the parish, school, and community.
3. demonstrate Christian attitudes within the classroom (e.g., taking turns, listening, helping caring, sharing, loving, and thanking).

Missionary Initiation

1. realize God's goodness and the importance of telling others about God.
2. participate in service opportunities.

Family Life

1. recognize that the family is the primary unit of the church community.
2. Recognize that each person is a member of a family
3. realize that each person should show respect toward self and others.