

Grade Four Religion Curriculum

Goal

Help students live more fully their Christian faith through participation in the life of the Church and understand Sacred Scripture, as a means of growing closer to God

Outcomes

- To explain the Ten Commandments
- To learn the Beatitudes
- To differentiate between Old Testament and New Testament
- To understand the role of Mary in the Church
- To make moral decisions with the Church's teachings
- To explain the role of the Catholic Christian
- To identify personal talents and their uses in the Church

Objectives

The students will...

Knowledge of Faith

1. study the life and message of Christ as seen through the Beatitudes.
2. memorize and understand the Ten Commandments as steps toward love of God and neighbor.
3. explain how the New Testament is a fulfillment of the Old Testament.
4. understand the role of each person of the Blessed Trinity.
5. explain why Mary is the perfect disciple of the Church.

Liturgical Education

1. continue to develop an understanding of the seven sacraments.
2. learn the difference between a liturgy and a paraliturgy.
3. identify and learn the holy days of obligation.

Moral Formation

1. memorize and explain the Two Great Commandments of Jesus
2. continue to develop the social teachings of the church, with particular emphasis on peace and justice.
3. develop a Christian Conscience:
 - a. acquire a sense of personal and social responsibility.
 - b. strengthen the understanding of Reconciliation by reflection on one's own experiences and relationships with others.

Teaching to Pray

1. continue to understand and experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. use spontaneous prayer in classroom situations.
3. use the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments in developing prayers.
4. understand prayer as a means of helping us make decisions.
5. review Mass responses.
6. compare and contrast the Apostles' Creed with the Nicene Creed.
7. review all previously learned prayers.

Education for Community Life

1. use their gifts and talents to help others.
2. explore avenues of service for the laity.
3. deepen their understanding of the role of reconciliation in community life.

Missionary Initiation

1. begin to understand the meaning of evangelization.
2. participate in activities of evangelization.
3. be active in reconciliation and justice in the classroom by learning peacemaking skills.

Family Life

1. continue to explore the richness and the responsibilities of family life.
2. deepen an understanding of the stages of life.
3. explore what it means to live healthily in both body and spirit.
4. continue to develop the diversity of human feelings and their relationship to forgiveness.