

Kindergarten Religion Curriculum

Goal

Help children develop a relationship with God through knowledge and experience

Outcomes

- To help students acquire a basic knowledge of the teachings, practices and beliefs of the Catholic Church. Students will demonstrate that knowledge on informal assessments (class discussions, recitations, art projects, etc.)
- To help students to know that they are special persons created by God
- To help students respect themselves and others because God made them
- To help students respect all creation as a gift from God
- To have students show reverence of the Bible as a special book about God and all God's people
- To have students show some knowledge of Church rituals and their meanings

Objectives

The students will...

Knowledge of Faith

1. identify themselves as unique and special individuals created by God.
2. realize through everyday experiences that God is present in their lives, their families, their friends, and the world around them.
3. explore creation as the gift of a loving and caring God.
4. recognize Jesus as God's Son and be familiar with key parts of His life: His birth, His parables, His miracles, His teachings, His crucifixion, His resurrection, and His ascension.
5. know that the Church is a community of people who help each other live and love as Jesus lived.
6. know that Baptism is a way of welcoming people into God's family, the Church.

Liturgical Education

1. participate, in an age appropriate way, in the liturgical year (Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter).
2. learn various Bible stories from the Old Testament and the New Testament and will participate in play-acting versions of these stories.
3. become familiar with the parts of the Mass.
4. attend Mass with the community.
5. stand, kneel, and genuflect when it is appropriate to do so during Mass.

Moral Formation

1. explore and demonstrate the Christian attitudes of sharing, helping, listening, loving, thanking and celebrating.
2. participate in activities that serve others (e.g., giving cards for appropriate occasions, collecting food and clothing for those in need, participating in environments clean up and recycling programs).
3. explore the importance of being kind and loving to everyone.

Teaching to Pray

1. learn the Sign of the Cross.
2. learn and recite the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, Grace before Meals, and Grace after Meals.
3. explore a variety of prayers: silent, spontaneous, song, dance, gesture.
4. become aware of prayer for different situations (e.g., thanksgiving, praise, petition, and sorrow).
5. take part in an organized even as part of the parish community.

Education for Community Life

1. know and use Christian behaviors such as taking turns, listening, helping, caring, sharing, loving, thanking and celebrating when in a community setting.
2. know and honor the feast day of the parish patron saint.

Missionary Initiation

1. understand that it is their duty as a Christian to tell others about Christ.
2. develop an awareness of the importance of helping others less fortunate.
3. understand when they act like Christ, they are being missionaries.

Family Life

1. know God gave them a family.
2. know that members of a family help each other.
3. explore ways to manage their feelings.
4. know that as they grow, they learn new things and are able to help others in new ways.
5. know that God made boys and girls.
6. know that babies are gifts from God.
7. know the importance of being a good friend.
8. know Jesus shows us how to treat others.