

Religion Grade 5 Curriculum Objectives

Awareness of God

Message Doctrinal

- Identifies God is with us everywhere, especially through His people and the Church
- Recognizes Jesus as the visible sign of God's love
- Is helped to recognize that Jesus is both God and man - Incarnation
- Is aware of our beliefs as Catholics as stated in the Nicene Creed
- Describes faith as a way of believing, trusting, and living in our God
- Explains that through Christ's resurrection we are welcomed into a new life
- Understands that abortion is the killing of an innocent life
- Is aware that only God has the power to create life and to end it
- Learns to accept people who are different from him/herself
- Learns about sacramentals and recognizes the Church's use of them
- Learns and appreciates the Church's Saints and Communion of Saints
- Understands and appreciates the Church's feasts and seasons
- Expands their understanding of Churches as a place for worship and prayer
- Names the seven sacraments and explains the ritual and symbols used in each
- Categorizes the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
- Categorizes the Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick
- Categorizes the Sacraments of Commitment: Matrimony, Holy Orders

Message Historical

- Identifies different religious traditions – Catholic, Jewish, Protestant
- Sees forgiveness as a basic element of reconciliation
- Understands the call to service as a result from their baptismal commitment
- Is aware of vocations in the religious, married, and single life

Awareness of Values

Morality Personal

- Appreciates and values God's gift of time
- Understands that he/she is called to be compassionate like Jesus
- Learns that the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes are the basis of our moral code
- Reviews actions that harm others and then asks "What would Jesus do?"
- Understands the importance of forming a good conscience
- Explores the nature and responsibility of friendship
- Identifies his/her bonding with the People of God today through the sacraments of initiation
- Emphasizes Mary and the saints as examples of commitment and service to community
- Respects and loves persons of other faiths
- Recalls that God came into our world to save us
- Explores ways that God has asked us to care for His world
- Uses his/her talents to the best of their abilities

Morality Social

- Engages in problem solving to promote responsible actions to care for God's creation
- Relates that God cares deeply how we treat others
- Verifies that life is precious at all its stages
- Identifies prejudices and the harm they can cause
- Cites practical ways to be a peacemaker
- Lists and discusses causes of war and violence
- Identifies how various races and ethnic values contribute to culture life
- Is aware of Christian organizations addressing world problems: Food for the Poor, Mary knoll Missions, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Make a Wish , Sister Parishes, etc.

Morality Service/Witness

- Recalls that the Beatitudes and Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy as guidelines for living justly
- Regards service as a sign of membership in the Church
- Becomes aware of the needs of people in his/her parish and community
- Recognizes role models of service in his/her local community
- Responds to the challenge of world hunger and poverty
- Takes part in food and clothing drives sponsored by local organizations

Awareness of Others

Community Development

- Recognizes community as a call to experience the love of God with other Catholic believers
- Explores the nature and responsibility of friendship
- Describes Catholics as a sacramental people
- Identifies God's bonding with His people today through the sacraments of initiation
- Emphasizes Mary and the saints as examples of commitment and service to community
- Distinguishes between his/her wants and needs
- Acknowledges every human person has rights and responsibilities
- Is made aware of parish outreach services

Awareness of Spiritual Development

Worship Scriptural

- Understands that the bible was written by many people
- Knows that the Bible is divided into Old and New Testament
- Understands that god reveals himself through Scripture and Tradition
- Locates and discusses specific parables Jesus used to teach the people lessons
- Identifies the Psalms as prayers of Jesus and His people
- Summarizes the Scriptural stories relating to the sacraments
- Recognizes the use of Scripture in sacramental celebrations
- Through Scripture identifies and appreciates the many images of God and Jesus
- Understands Jesus' relationship with God, His Father
- Through scripture learns about sacred places to our faith
- Sees Jesus as teacher, prophet, and Son of God

Worship Prayer

- Explores personal places for experiencing God through prayer
- Explores the meaning of prayer on broader level (God & me) (God, others, and me)
- Identifies the elements of the Lord's Prayer
- Explores and creates his/her own modern day version of Lord's Prayer
- Identifies and examines the elements of The Creed
- Constructs spontaneous and mediation prayers
- Receives and learns about different types of blessings
- Prays the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass)
- Knows liturgical responses
- Recites the Rosary with an awareness of the meaning of Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries
- Knows how to pray the Stations of the Cross
- Experiences devotions as prayer: rosary, way of the cross, prayer to saints, novenas
- Recites from memory formal prayers:
 - Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love
 - Act of Contrition
 - Prayer to St. Francis
 - Come Holy Spirit
 - Grace before Meals
 - Nicene Creed
 - Lord's Prayer

- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

Worship Sacraments

- Identifies a sacrament as an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace
- Identifies the seven sacraments as life-giving rituals and symbols in which we grow closer to God
- Recognizes that the grace of God is a special gift we receive when we receive the sacraments
- Tells how Baptism calls us to new life, cleanses us from sin and welcomes us into the Christian community
- Recognizes that Confirmation strengthens us and seals the bond we received at Baptism
- Realizes that Reconciliation is a journey of conversion, which brings forgiveness which brings us closer to God and the Church
- Identifies the presence and the sacrifice of Christ in the community meal of the Eucharist
- Celebrates and receives Eucharist at the body and blood of Jesus
- Witnesses Christ's healing presence in our lives through the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
- Recognizes the call to serve God's people through the ministry of Holy Orders
- Discusses the sacrament of Matrimony, as a life long covenant between man and woman

Worship Liturgical

- Participates in communal prayers and signs of forgiveness that are part of the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) : Lord have Mercy; Our Father; Sign of the Cross
- Worships through Scripture, planned liturgies and prayer services
- Describes sacramental celebrations as community worship
- Explains basic elements of Liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Ordinary Time, Holy days, Major Marian feasts
- Names and explains the significance of different liturgical colors for each season
- Review the Mass and its major parts
- Explains the Easter Triduum as the height of the Liturgical year
- Is made aware of the Holy Days of Obligation
- Celebrates the lives of saints as good Christian models for his/her life

Projects:

Rewrite and use illustrations creating a modern day version of The Lord's Prayer
 Through art (stain glass windows) and Scripture retell the story of Our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection
 Create Resurrection crosses
 Create Sacrament Books
 Work with Drama class to produce Living Stations