

Awareness of God

Message Doctrinal

- Develops awareness of the Holy Trinity as three persons in one God
- Describes God as the creator of all
- Describes Jesus as the Son of God who became man, died for our sins and was raised from the dead
- Begins to describe the importance of Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection
- Describes how Jesus cares for people through others

Message Historical

- Discovers that as members of the Church we are part of God's family
- Recognizes saints as friends and heroes/heroines in God's family

Awareness of Values

Morality Personal

- Describes how acts of kindness reflect God's love
- Discovers that Jesus tells his followers to love one another
- Recognizes that God is present to help him/her when sorrow happens
- Develops an understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Recognizes the need to forgive and ask forgiveness
- Identifies loving and displeasing actions in self and others

Morality Social

- Discovers that everyone is responsible for taking care of God's creation
- Can describe how people help others who are in need

Morality Service/Witness

- Lists special talents that can be shared with others
- Identifies Jesus as our Savior and helper
- Recognizes his/her call to be like Jesus

Awareness of Others

Community Developmental

- Describes self as unique in God's creation
- Gives examples of how people show love for one another
- Defines community
- Learns that death is the beginning of our heavenly community life
- Identifies the laws of God as Commandments of love to guide and lead us to our heavenly Father

Awareness of Spiritual Development

Worship Scriptural

- Realizes God loves him/her always
- Understands he/she is made in the image and likeness of God
- Identifies the Bible as the Word of God
- Shows respect for the Bible
- Recognizes that the Bible is composed of Books, Chapters, and Verses
- Differentiates between stories from the Old Testament and New Testament
- Explores key events in the life of Jesus
- Tells stories about parables and miracles of Jesus
- Learns that the Mass is Jesus' special meal
- Realizes Mary is the mother of Jesus, and our Mother

Worship Prayer

- Recognizes prayer as speaking and listening to God

- Experiences quiet prayer
- Learns to pray through words and song
- Offers brief spontaneous prayers of petitions
- Recites formal prayers
 - The Lord's Prayer
 - The Hail Mary
 - The Glory Be
 - Grace Before Meals
 - Prayer to My Guardian Angel

Worship Sacraments

- Realizes that by Baptism we become children of God and share God's life
- Identifies and explains the symbols of Baptism (anointing with oil, pouring of water, lighting of the candle, white garment)
- Identifies the Seven Sacraments

Worship Liturgical

- Recognizes Sunday as the Lord's Day
- Recognizes times in the Liturgical Year
- Identifies objects in the church (altar, tabernacle, baptismal font, crucifix)
- Participates in singing and reciting simple responses of the Liturgy
- Describes these parts of the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass): Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of Eucharist and Communion

Projects

Composes original prayers

Composes spiritual writing

Creates spiritual art work / visual displays of faith

Participates in various community service / outreach projects