

GRADE 1 RELIGION

The children in the first grade will develop awareness that God loves them. A knowledge of God as Our Father and Friend will be achieved through scripture, song, picture books, liturgical magazine and videos.

Doctrine

Students will:

- learn God, our Creator made us and loves us and all of creation.
- learn God's greatest gift is Jesus.
- learn Joseph was Jesus' foster father.
- learn Jesus died on Good Friday.
- learn Jesus is with us to help us through the Holy Spirit who gives us peace, love and joy.
- learn Jesus taught us how to pray.
- learn God always forgives us if we are sorry.
- learn the Church is God's family.
- learn at Baptism we become members of this family.
- learn saints are guides in God's family.

Morality

Students will:

- learn Jesus came for the poor. We owe respect to the poor as God's children.
- learn there are many older people who are not taken care of and loved as they deserve.
- learn we belong to God's family, the Church. We work as God's people to give respect, love and care to all people because of their human dignity.
- learn in some countries people are not free to worship, vote, etc. Sometimes they are hurt by others.
- learn we need to respect and care for our environment, including recycling and reusing materials.
- learn love of nature can help to build a peaceful world. If we love nature we will take care of it and not litter etc.
- learn we are all different and we have different and special gifts which are from God.
- learn we should appreciate ourselves and our uniqueness. We are created in God's image. By imitating the way He treated others with respect helps us to grow more like God.

Scripture

Students will:

- learn God loves me always.
- learn Jesus is our friend.
- learn to trust in God.
- learn the story of the creation.
- learn God made the world and depends on us to care for it.

- learn Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother, too.
- learn about the Annunciation.
- learn God cares for us through others: our parents, families, teachers, etc.
- learn Jesus asks us to care for others.
- learn Jesus shares the Spirit with us.
- learn we remember Jesus' special meal at Mass.
- learn the Gospel stories like the Good Samaritan and the parables and cures of Jesus.

Prayer and Worship

Students will:

- pray with words, song and gestures and silence.
- learn morning and evening prayers.
- use spontaneous prayer.
- learn the blessing at meals.
- learn the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the Father.
- listen to Bible stories.
- celebrate liturgical seasons.
- participate in liturgy through formal and spontaneous prayer.
- learn peacemakers bring about reconciliation.
- learn simple responses at Mass.

Materials

- Silver Burdett Ginn, *Blest Are We*, textbook
- Silver Burdett Ginn, *Blest Are We*, activity book
- Silver Burdett Ginn, *Blest Are We*, music CD
- Pflaum Gospel Weeklies, *Promise*
- Rosary beads
- Arch Books
- Leaflet Missal Company, *Popular Saints*, coloring book
- Tyndale House Publishers, *The Way*, Catholic Edition

Instruction

Teacher will use the various methods of instruction, such as reading and videos to introduce the children to the concepts. The teacher will lead the students in prayer and discussion.

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