

## GRADE 3 RELIGION

The purpose of the Religion program is to help students understand and recognize the teachings and beliefs of the Church. The children will learn about their catholic heritage through Mass, the use of bibles, readings, songs, Christian value videos, and prayers.

### Doctrine

Students will:

- learn the sacraments and symbols of initiation, healing, and vocations
- recognize that there are three Persons in the Holy Trinity
- know that Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to protect us and give us courage
- understand that the Apostles' Creed is a summary of our beliefs
- learn different ways to pray (song, meditation, alone, together, gestures)
- understand that sin hurts our relationship with God
- learn the story of Moses and Ten Commandments
- learn about the Stations of the Cross and present a project on one of the Stations.
- understand the importance of obeying the ten commandments
- learn about the important leaders of the church (pope, bishop, priest, pastor, deacon)
- learn the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter
- learn about Immaculate Conception, Ascension, and Assumption,
- learn to pray the Rosary
- be introduced to the different parts of the Mass
- reinforce learning about the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist
  
- learn about the following Saints:
  - Saint Dominic Savio
  - Saint Bernadette
  - Saint Michael
  - Saint Gabriel
  - Saint Raphael
  - Saint Scholastica
  - Saint Benedict
  - Saint Francis of Assisi
  - Saint Peter
  
  - Saint Valentine
  - Saint Mary
  - Saint Patrick
  - Saint Paul
  - Saint Martin of Tours
  - Saint Therese of Lisieux
  - Saint Louise de Marillac

### Morality

Students will:

- learn that we are united as a catholic community
- understand that we need to serve others as Jesus did
- realize that the church accepts all people
- learn about why they can trust in God
- learn about the importance of loving and taking care of one another (Fr. Damien, Dorothy Day)
- realize it is important to show compassion for one another
- learn the importance of preaching God's word

### Scripture

Students will:

- learn and understand the following Bible stories:
  - Saint Paul

- The Paralyzed Beggar
- The Lord's Prayer
- Jesus heals a paralyzed man
- Jesus fulfills God's Word
- The man who would not quit
- The Samaritan Woman
- Philip and the Ethiopian
- The Fire at Pentecost
- Jesus Sends the Apostles
- The Apostles' Mission
- Stephen Is Called To Serve
- Jesus describes God's kingdom
  - The Good Samaritan
  - Jesus and Zacchaeus
  - John the Baptizer

### **Prayer and Worship**

Students will:

- pray daily
- attend First Friday mass with the school
- prepare and celebrate one First Friday mass
- receive Reconciliation two times during the school year
- participate in Advent Prayer Services
- prepare and perform in the school Nativity play
- learn the Apostles' Creed

### **Materials**

- Blest Are We Teacher's Guide
- Blest Are We students' books
- Blest Are We test booklet
- Blest Are We activities booklet
- Blest Are We CD of music
- The Children's Bible, Western Publishing Company
- Community for Children, Second Step
- Protecting God's Children
- Videos
  - The Prince of Egypt
  - Joseph the King of Dreams

### **Instruction**

Teachers will:

- Teach lessons from the textbook to the children
- Engage students in faith-filled activities
- Prepare and teach students about presenting their First Friday mass
- Motivate students to act out different stories from the bible
- Sing, listen to and introduce catholic music to the students

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