

GRADE 5 RELIGION

The fifth grade religion program is designed to help students realize that the loving Jesus they meet in their studies is with them in all their life experiences. It continues to build on and educate students in the Catholic teachings of the Church. It stresses the importance of strong values, morals, and beliefs that are rooted in a strong Catholic faith. Through age appropriate readings, discussions and activities, students will gain a better understanding of their Catholic Heritage and realize that they are called to continue to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Doctrine and Morality

Students will:

- appreciate that all creation are signs of God's love and presence
- learn about sacramentals and how the Church uses them
- expand their knowledge and understanding of the Church
- recognize that Jesus is both God and man
- gain a deeper understand of each of the seven sacraments, what they mean to the Church, what they provide for us, and the signs and symbols associated with each
- understand that the seven sacraments are celebrated by the Church as a real and effective sign of Christ's saving action
- gain a better understanding of the history, customs, and meanings associated with Advent, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, as well as the Liturgical Year of the Church
- learn how the Church honors Saints

Morality

Students will:

- continue to learn how to live according to the Beatitudes and Commandments
- learn how to become a good Christian by practicing Jesus' teachings taught in the gospels and that we must pass those teachings on to others
- become more aware of human suffering around them and how the Church brings healing to a suffering world
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Scripture

Students will:

- continue to learn, in more details, about Jesus' birth, life, and Resurrection by discussing passages from the bible
- read and discuss various scripture passages from the Bible that shows how Jesus healed, taught, cared for others, and forgave others
- read and discuss scripture passages that will help them understand each of the seven sacraments
- Learn how to respect and value all people as sacraments of God through reading and discussing scripture passages

Prayer and Worship

Students will:

- pray daily, including morning prayer, before lunch, and end of day.

- explore the meaning of prayer and different ways to pray
- attend the first Friday mass with the school community
- be encouraged to attend all Holy Day Masses
- prepare and celebrate one mass during the school year with their classmates
- prepare and celebrate the Living Rosary in the month of October
- participate in the sacrament of reconciliation with the school community
- participate in the school nativity play, the celebration of the Stations of the Cross, Grandparents Liturgy at Thanksgiving time and in daily Advent prayer services during the season of Advent
- study and learn different prayers associate with the Church
- continue to learn how to pray the rosary, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the Father, The Lord's Prayer, Act of Contrition, and the Apostle's Creed and develop an understanding of the meaning of each prayer
- begin to learn about the Liturgy of the Hours
- learn how to pray for forgiveness and healing

Materials

- Silver Burdett Ginn/A Scott Foresman Imprint, Blest Are We, textbook
- Silver Burdett Ginn/A Scott Foresman Imprint, Blest Are We, teacher edition
- Silver Burdett Ginn/A Scott Foresman Imprint, Blest Are We, classroom activity booklet
- Silver Burdett Ginn/A Scott Foresman Imprint, Blest Are We, test booklet
- Silver Burdett Ginn/A Scott Foresman Imprint, Blest Are We, tests-exam view CD
- Silver Burdett Ginn/A Scott Foresman Imprint, Blest Are We, music CD
- Benziger Publishing Company, The New American Bible
- Committee for Children, Second Step: A Violence Prevention Curriculum
- Bible Puzzles on the Life of Jesus (Rainbow book)
- Bible Puzzles: Focusing on Children from the Bible (Bible Baffler Series)
- Extra worksheets for Lent, Advent, Holy Days and the Seven Sacraments
- Rosary Beads
- A variety of spiritual music
- Color pencils, construction paper, glue, scissors, etc. for special creative writing assignments

Instruction

The teacher will:

- Read and discuss lessons from the textbook and bible with the students
- Instruct, model and guide students in creative writing assignments
- Enrich lessons with spiritual music
- Lead students in prayer
- Facilitate class discussions on character traits, ways to handle emotions, peer pressure, and violence
- Facilitate role-playing activities

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