

## **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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