

## **GRADE 4 RELIGION**

The fourth grade religion program builds on and continues to educate the children in Catholic doctrine and morality, while teaching Scripture, prayer and worship. We encourage a value system based on the ability to relate the teachings of Jesus to our lives and the knowledge of the rich heritage we share as Christians. Through reading, discussing, acting, singing, creating, and sharing, students learn the great value of their Catholic education with Jesus and how to use it in our world.

### **Doctrine**

Students will:

- know that the Great Commandment is the most important rule from God
- be introduced to the Beatitudes as Jesus's rules for happiness
- learn the Ten Commandments, and that they are God's guide to a good life
- understand that God forgives us
- learn that Reconciliation is a way of forgiveness from God
- learn about the following saints, martyrs, and heroes:
  - St. Francis of Assisi
  - St. Martin de Porres
  - St. Frances of Rome
  - St. Thomas More
  - Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton
  - Saint Timothy
  - Saint Titus
  - St. Augustine
  - St. Blaise
  - St. Catherine of Bologna
  - St. Catherine Labourne
  - First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
  - St. Francis de Sales
  - St. Helena
  - St. John Vianney
  - St. Joseph
  - St. Josephine Bakhita
  - St. Louis IX
  - Saint Mary
  - St. Paul
  - St. Peter
  - St. Teresa of Avila
  - St. Therese of Lisieux
  - St. Vincent de Paul
  - Saint Monica
  - Mary and the Feast of the Assumption
  - Saint Clare
  - Saint Jean de Brebeuf and Champions

### **Morality**

Students will:

- learn about choosing good over evil
- understand that all God created is good
- practice being God's servants to the world
- apply lessons of Jesus' parables to everyday situations

### **Scripture**

Students will:

- learn the Ten Commandments the Great Commandment
- learn and understand the following Bible stories:

- Story of Creation
- Jesus and His Family
- Jesus and Mary Magdalene
- Jesus and the Apostles on the Shore
- Jesus Forgives Sins
- Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit
- Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead
- Mary Gives God Praise
- One Body, Many Parts
- Pentecost
- Receiving the Holy Spirit
- Seeing Christ in Others
- Simon and Anna Meet the Baby Jesus
- The Commissioning of the Disciples
- The Light of the World
- The Lord's Prayer
- The New Commandment
- The Sermon on the Mount
- The Transfiguration
- The Unforgiving Servant
- The Laborers in the Vineyard
- Temptation in the Garden
- The Temptation of Christ
- Story of Pentecost
- The Good Samaritan
- The Rich Young Man
- The Ten Commandments
- Jesus Goes to the Temple
- Put Away Your Sword
- The Rich Man and Lazarus
- The Holy Week and Easter stories
- The Merciful Father and his two sons
- Road to Bethlehem and the Nativity
- The Lost Sheep

## Prayer and Worship

Students will:

- pray daily, including morning prayer with intentions, before lunch blessing, and end of day prayer
- attend the first Friday mass with school monthly
- prepare and celebrate one first Friday mass during the school year with their homeroom class
- learn and recite the rosary, including the prayers: *Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, The Lord's Prayer, Glory Be to the Father*
- prepare and celebrate the Stations of the Cross at church
- participate in reconciliation at church and recite the *Act of Contrition*
- learn and use *The Apostle's Creed* and *Canticle of the Sun*
- participate in daily Advent prayer services during the season of Advent
- prepare and perform a song of celebration for the school nativity play
- learn about meditation prayer, spontaneous prayer, the Psalms, and the Beatitudes

## Materials

- Silver Burdett Ginn, Blest Are We 4, textbook
- Silver Burdett Ginn, Blest Are We 4, activity book
- Silver Burdett Ginn, Blest Are We 4, test book
- Silver Burdett Ginn, Blest Are We 4, teacher's edition

- Community for Children, Second Step Program
- Rosary beads
- Stations of the Cross booklets
- Arts and crafts activities for projects, such as construction paper, glue, crayons, scissors, markers, etc.

### **Instruction**

Teachers will:

- Read lessons from the text book with the children
- Guide children to create crafts as visual reminders of lessons in the book\
- Instruct children in role-play activities
- Guide children in acting out stories from the Bible
- Enrich lessons and activities with spiritual music

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