

KINDERGARTEN RELIGION

The purpose of the Kindergarten Religion program is to help students come to know and experience God's love by looking at the magnificent world he created and by coming to know the person of Jesus who lives God's love.

Doctrine

Students will:

- learn that God's love created the universe and all that fills it
- learn that God's love gives me Jesus, His Son, who "chooses" us as friends
- learn that they are God's children
- learn about Mary the Mother of Jesus and Joseph
- learn that at Baptism they become friends of Jesus

Morality

Students will:

- learn that God gives us family, friends, teachers and neighbors to love us
- learn the stories of some Saints who are examples of people who love others
- learn that we show God's love by the way we treat others
- learn that people make choices about how to act

Scripture

Students will:

- learn the Creation story
- learn the story of Noah
- learn stories of Jesus' life that teach us to love God, ourselves and others

Prayer and Worship

Students will:

- learn the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary
- learn spontaneous prayer and prayers of petition and thanksgiving
- learn about the holy seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter
- learn about areas in a church and the sanctuary
- learn some parts of the Mass and appropriate responses

Materials

- Silver Burdett Ginn - Blest Are We
- Questar Publishers - The Beginners Bible
- Parragon Publishers - First Bible Stories
- Penquin Putnam Books - Wee Sing Musical Bible [book and tape]
- Rosary beads
- Beginners Bible videos

Instruction

Keeping in mind how young children learn, age appropriate methods are used to maintain interest and enthusiasm. Songs, games, role playing, small group projects and hands on activities are utilized in varying ways.

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