

Kindergarten Religion Curriculum Overview

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The students will be able to:

Prayer

1. Show reverence during prayer time.
2. Identify prayer as listening and talking to God.
3. Demonstrate how we can show reverence and pray with our bodies through prayer actions, gestures and body postures (blessing, kneeling, genuflecting, folding hands, opening hands, closing eyes, standing quietly, etc.).
4. Recognize that when we sing holy songs with our hearts, we are praying.
5. Recite by heart the Glory Be to the Father, Guardian Angel Prayer.
6. Know by heart the following prayers (learned in Preschool); Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before meals.

Sacraments:

1. Explain that Baptism welcomes us into God's family, the Church.

Church

1. Recognize that the church is the house of God and a place of worship.
2. Explain that the Church is a community of people who come together to pray to God.
3. Identify that Mary is the mother of our Church.
4. Identify that the months of May and October are devoted to Mary
5. State that we celebrate Jesus' birthday on Christmas day.
6. Recognize that saints are people who led holy lives by loving God and helping others.
7. Explain that we honor and celebrate saint feast days in the Church.
8. Recognize that some churches are named after saints.
9. Recall that the Feast of All Saints is November 1st.
10. Recognize the major Liturgical Seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter).
11. Explain that Advent is the preparation for Christmas, the celebration of Jesus' birth.
12. Explain that Lent is the preparation for Easter.
13. Explain that Easter is important because it is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection

Scripture

1. Recall that the Bible is the story of God's family.
2. Explain that through the Bible we learn about the word of God.
3. Retell and explain some Bible stories.
4. Demonstrate and explain why we show reverence for the Bible.

Peace & Justice

1. Treat others with respect.

Moral Formation

1. Recognize the difference between good choices and bad choices.

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Creed/Doctrine -
1. Explain that God is our creator, and our bodies are a gift from God.
2. Recognize that all creation is God's gift to us.
3. Show love and respect for God's creation.
4. Discuss that God loves us, no matter what.
5. Recall that God is our heavenly Father.
6. Identify that Jesus is the Son of God.
7. Recognize that the Holy Spirit is God.
8. Recognize that God is always with us through the Holy Spirit.
9. Recall that God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus
10. Identify members of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
11. Identify Joseph as the earthly father of Jesus.
12. Explain that Jesus grew up in a family just as we do.
13. Recognize that God sent Jesus to show us love and to teach us to do God's work.
14. Explain that Jesus died for us and rose from the dead.
15. Explain that angels are special messengers from God.
16. Discuss that we all have a guardian angel.

Vocabulary (see also objects/places listed above)	
Advent	Guardian Angel
All Saints Day	Holy Family
Angel	Holy Spirit
Baptism	Jesus
Bible	Joseph
Bishop	Lent
Christmas	Mary
Church	Prayer
Easter	Saints