

## Curriculum Guidelines

## Date(s) Introduced

### I. Creed–Profession of Faith

- A. God is our Father who loves and cares for us
- B. God made all people and things. We are his children now and forever. We are grateful to God for the beautiful gifts he has given us.
- C. Jesus is God the Son. He came for all people and he is our king
- D. Jesus told us many things about the kingdom
- E. Mary is the mother of Jesus. Joseph is his foster father. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are called the Holy Family
- F. Angels are God's messengers
- G. Our parents love, care, and provide for us. They are a very special gift from God
- H. Playmates and classmates are meant to be our friends and are a gift from God
- I. Sacred images, statues, saint pictures, a crucifix, holy water, and the rosary are reminders of God's presence in our lives

9-25, 10-2

10-2, 11-6

Home Kit (11-13)

10-2, 10-9, 10-16

10-9, 10-16, Advent

Advent

10-9

10-16

10-9, 10-16, 1-29,

3-25

### II. Scripture–God's Word to Us

- A. The Bible is a special book that tells us about God and Jesus
- B. Preschoolers will be familiar with the following stories:
  - 1. Creation–Genesis 1:1-27, 31
  - 2. Adam and Eve–from Genesis 3
  - 3. Let the Children Come to Me
  - 4. Jesus calls his followers
  - 5. Make ready the way of the Lord–Luke 3:4
  - 6. Nativity–Luke 2:1-20
  - 7. Resurrection–Mark 16:1-13
  - 8. Noah's Ark–Gen 7:11- Gen 8:22
  - 9. Annunciation (Mary's yes) Luke 1:26-35
  - 10. Visit of the Magi–Matt. 2:1-12

Weekly

2-12

3-4

9-25

1-22

Advent

Advent

Lent

2-5

Advent

1-8

## 11. Parables

- a. The Mustard Seed–Matt. 13:31-32
- b. The Found Sheep–Luke 15:4-10
- c. The Good Shepherd–John 10:2-5

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## 12. The Last Supper–Mark 14:12-42

Home kit (3-25)

## 13. The Death of Jesus–John 10:2-4

Home kit (3-25)

## III. Sacraments and the Mass

A. We are members of God's family, the Church, through Baptism

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B. Introduced to these altar articles: bread, paten, wine, chalice, holy water, candle, crucifix, altar

11-6, 3-25

D. Know these liturgical gestures: genuflection, kneeling, sign of the cross, handshake of peace, folding of hands for prayer

9-25, 10-2, 11-6, 3-4

E. Know to genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament

11-6

F. Be introduced to the liturgical calendar and liturgical colors

weekly

G. Know that God wants his family, the Church, to gather each Sunday and on Holy Days

10-16

H. During Mass, Jesus is with us in a special way

11-6, 3-4

I. The Mass is a special meal that Jesus celebrates with his family

11-6

J. Advent is when we prepare for Christmas/Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.

Advent

K. Lent is when we prepare for Easter/Easter is when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection

Lent

## IV. Moral Development–Life in Christ

A. The child will have a sense of being loved and loving, and be able to understand that s/he is loved by God

weekly

B. The child will learn to respect others and their belongings

weekly

C. The child will learn to show a care of God's living creatures, especially people

weekly

D. The child will learn about obedience and honor to parents

10-9

E. The child will realize that there are right (good) and wrong (bad) choices. Wrong choices hurt our relationship with God and others. These are called "sins." Right choices are the way we love God, others, and ourselves. This is how we grow in holiness as God's children.

2-12

F. The child will be able to express "I am sorry" to those injured by wrong choices

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G. The child will understand that God loves us, even when our choices are not good

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H. The child will be introduced to models of love and service in his/her faith community,

- including priests, religious, lay ministers of the parish 11-13
- I. The child will be able to name his/her church, pastor, bishop, pope 11-13

#### V. Angels and Saints

- A. Know that saints are what we call people who are in God's family in heaven. God wants everyone to be a saint. 10-30
- B. Know that angels are not saints 10-30
- C. Know the following:
  - 1. Jesus first family: Father, Son, Holy Spirit 9-25
  - 2. Jesus family on earth: Jesus, Mary, Joseph (Holy Family) Advent
  - 3. Angels: guardian angels (everyone has one) and the angel Gabriel Advent
  - 4. God has made a home for us in heaven 10-30

#### VI. Prayer Life

- A. Know that prayer is listening and talking with God. We are called to pray daily. Weekly
- B. Children will be experience prayer through art, gesture, music, and song Weekly
- C. Children will become aware of the Church as a place where God is present in a special way and where God's family comes together to worship him 11-6, 11-13
- D. Children will be able to express a sense of wonder and thankfulness to God weekly
- D. Know the priest is a special person who represents Jesus and leads us in prayer 11-6, 11-13
- E. By the end of kindergarten, children will know these basic prayers and appreciate their meanings:
  - 1. The Sign of the Cross Weekly
  - 2. Grace Before meals HOME (November)
  - 3. Guardian Angel Prayer HOME (February)
  - 4. Glory Be January
  - 5. Lord's Prayer (Our Father) HOME (January)
  - 6. Hail Mary October, Advent
  - 7. Morning Offering HOME (March)
  - 8. Evening Offering HOME (March)



## Prayers for Young People (and a suggested timeline for learning each prayer)

### **Sign of the Cross** (to begin and end each prayer)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...Amen!

### **Hail Mary** (start praying daily in October and during Advent)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

### **Traditional Grace Before Meals** (if you don't have a meal blessing, start praying daily in November)

Bless us, O Lord, and these, thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Lord's Prayer** (pray daily in January—kindergarten children should learn this well)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

### **Glory Be** (pray daily in February)

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

### **Angel of God** (pray daily in February)

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here.

Ever this day be at my side

To light, to guard, to rule, to guide

**Morning Offering #1** (Pray daily in March)

I give to you, my God, this day, all I do, and think, and say. Amen

**Morning Offering #2** (Pray daily in March)

Good morning, dear Jesus, this day is for you.

We ask you to bless all we think, say, and do. Amen

**Evening Offering** (Pray daily in March)

Jesus, Savior, wash away, all that has been wrong today.

Help me every day to be, good and gentle, more like Thee. Amen

**Prayers to Say Often**

Thank you, Jesus, for the blessings you give me.

Jesus, I love you.

Holy Spirit, help me.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for me.

Jesus, I trust in you.