

1. Scripture

1. Know that the Bible contains God's Word.
2. Retell the Bible stories of creation, the life of Jesus, and the Easter story.
3. Understand that Bible stories teach us the truth about God and how we are to live.
4. Know that God speaks to us through the Bible.

2. Creed

1. Tell that God always was and will always be.
2. Recognize that God is the Creator of all things.
3. Understand that God's greatest gift to us is life.
4. Understand that God wants us to do good and avoid evil.
5. Realize that doing good and being kind pleases God.
6. Know that Jesus showed us how to live.
7. Identify Christmas as Jesus' birthday on earth.
8. Know that Jesus died on the cross for our sins but rose to life again on Easter Sunday.
9. Identify Advent as the time of preparation for Christmas and Lent as preparation for Easter.
10. Know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus, and our mother, too.
11. Tell that the church is a sacred place where the People of God gather.
12. Identify saints as people who lived holy lives.

3. Worship & Sacraments

1. Know that Jesus shares himself with us in a special way during the Mass.
2. Know that Communion is Jesus.
3. Know that Baptism is a celebration of becoming a member of the Catholic Christian family, called the Church.
4. Identify the Baptismal font, holy water, candle, and white garment as signs of the new life with Jesus.
5. Understand that we prepare for Penance/Reconciliation by forgiving others and by saying, we are sorry.
6. Understand that the church building is the place where our parish family gathers to celebrate Mass.
7. Know that we show signs of respect, including genuflecting and bowing, because Jesus is present in our church building, specifically in the tabernacle.
8. Recognize the liturgical colors match the liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.
9. Understand that Holy Days are special days, other than Sundays, when we come together to celebrate Mass.

4. Christian Morality

1. Learn the difference between right from wrong.
2. Know that the Holy Spirit helps them to make good decisions in their everyday lives.
3. Know that Jesus is God, and also the Son of God.
4. Be familiar with stories of Jesus' healing and forgiveness of sinners
5. Understand that when they do not act in a caring way with others, they should ask for forgiveness from their parents, teachers, and Jesus.
6. Participate in prayers of forgiveness, thanksgiving, and petition.

5. Prayer & Spirituality

1. Recite the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.
2. Participate in an age-appropriate stations of the cross during Lent.
3. Participate in Mass prayerfully.
4. Prepare and assume different roles in communal prayer.
5. Share reasons why and when they pray.
6. Realize through active participation in a variety of prayer forms that God is present in their lives in a special way.
7. Know that silence helps enter into and attend to God's presence in prayer.
8. Tell ways that God shows love for them.
9. Experience the love of Jesus in their lives.
10. Know that they can pray alone; however, that the church building is a sacred place for prayer.
11. Understand that they belong to their family and God's family, the Church.

6. Community & Service

1. Discuss how they became members of the Church community through Baptism.
2. Listen to stories of saints who served the needs of the poor.
3. Recognize ways adults serve the needs of others in their families and at school.
4. Discuss the creation story to show ways to appreciate and care for the gifts of creation.
5. Recognize that God gives us gifts and talents to share with others.