

1. Scripture

1. Describe the Old Testament as writings about God's relationship with his chosen people, the Israelites.
2. Describe the New Testament as writings about Jesus who shows us how to live and love God.
3. Know that the Psalms are special Old Testament prayers of praise, thanksgiving, petition, and sorrow.
4. Tell that the Psalms are often set to music and are sung at Mass.
5. Retell the scriptural story of Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.
6. Know that we can have an experience of Jesus when we read, study, or pray with Scripture reverently and attentively.
7. Know that parables are stories Jesus used to teach about the Kingdom of God and be able to give several examples.

2. Creed

1. Understand that God always loves us and is faithful to us.
2. Identify that God is the Holy Trinity—one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. Know that God reveals himself to us through Scripture and Tradition.
4. Know the Holy Spirit guides the Church on earth today.
5. Identify the marks of the Church as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.
6. Describe the events of the Triduum: the Last Supper, Jesus' suffering, death, burial, and the Resurrection.
7. Discuss the concepts of Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory.
8. Recognize Mary as the Mother of the Church.
9. Know that they become a member of the Communion of Saints through Baptism.

3. Worship & Sacraments

1. Understand that the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ, is the center of our Catholic faith.
2. Know that we gather at Mass to listen to God's Word and to receive Jesus so that we can bring Christ's love to the world.
3. Recognize that the sacred vessels, sacred books, vestments, baptismal font, altar, lectern, and tabernacle are used in worship.
4. Understand the significance of each of the liturgical seasons.
5. Know that the bread and wine are changed into the Real Presence of Jesus during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
6. Understand that after First Communion, all Catholics have the obligation to attend Mass every Sunday.

7. Identify Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist as sacraments of Initiation.
8. Realize that Jesus heals and forgives through the sacraments of Penance/Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick.
9. Participate in the stations of the cross.
10. Understand that on Good Friday, we remember that Jesus suffered and died to forgive our sins and to give us eternal happiness in heaven.

4. Christian Morality

1. Use their gifts and good qualities to help others.
2. Know that following the Ten Commandments helps us respect the dignity of each person and leads to a happy life with God.
3. Know that we respond to God's love by performing Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.
4. Examine their thoughts, words, and deeds in light of Jesus' Law of Love.
5. Recognize that the power of good and God's grace is stronger than evil.
6. Review the steps and the rite of the sacrament of Reconciliation.
7. Celebrate the seasons of Advent and Lent as a time to strengthen the positive moral habits of prayer and sacrifice and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

5. Prayer & Spirituality

1. Identify the meaning of the stations of the cross.
2. Prepare and assume different roles in communal prayer experiences in the classroom.
3. Compose prayers for different occasions and needs.
4. Offer their own morning and evening prayers to include personal needs and needs of others.
5. Understand the importance of both communal and personal prayer.
6. Learn how to pray the rosary.
7. Participate in an examination of conscience.
8. Observe each of the liturgical seasons with an understanding of their significance.
9. Show how God takes care of them and is always faithful to them.
10. Develop a deeper devotion to Mary and the saints.
11. Study the lives of the saints and understand the Communion of Saints as the life of the Church.
12. Know that Christians forgive those who hurt them, bear wrongs patiently, and pray for those both living and dead.
13. Respect all life as a gift from God.
14. Recognize and respect that all people are made in the image and likeness of God.

6. Community & Service

1. Understand that loving their neighbor means to respect the rights of others and to share their gifts and talents.
2. Know that they can bring hope and comfort to others by their kind words and actions.
3. Appreciate the gifts God has given them and their responsibility to use them.
4. Learn how to become a peacemaker in their family and with their classmates.
5. Give examples of how their parish community reaches out in service to others.
6. Become familiar with the ways clergy and religious serve the Christian community.
7. Know that the lives of the saints show us how to follow Jesus.
8. Tell about a saint who is a model of service.
9. Describe Mary as the perfect disciple of Jesus.
10. Begin to understand the concept of stewardship as a response to God's many gifts to us.
11. Describe the people who make up the Church community as the pope, clergy, religious, and lay people.
12. Recognize that the Church continues Jesus' ministries of community, word, worship, and service.
13. Know that God loves and respects us so much he likes to have us help him in his work.