

*Students should have access to a Bible as a religion text in this and all subsequent grade levels.*

### 1. Scripture

1. Know that the Bible is a collection of books, which are organized into chapters and verses.
2. Locate various Scripture references in their individual Bible.
3. Understand that through the life and teachings of Jesus, we know how God wants us to live.
4. Know the names of the books of the Bible, which contain the Old Testament stories they are familiar with, such as: Creation, Noah, Moses, and the Israelites, etc.
5. Know that the Ten Commandments represent God's covenant with the Israelites and their promise to keep God's laws.
6. Locate on a map where Jesus was born (Bethlehem), where he grew up (Nazareth), and where he died (Jerusalem).
7. Identify the major sections of the New Testament as the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, Paul's Letters, and Revelation, and be able to briefly describe each of them.

### 2. Creed

1. Relate that God is the author of all creation, and therefore all creation is good.
2. Know that God created us in his image with the ability to think, make choices, and love.
3. Identify Jesus as God's Son, our Savior, who came to reveal the Father to us and teach us how to live.
4. Identify the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Trinity, sent by the Father and the Son, to dwell within us and help us always choose the good.
5. Know that evil entered the world through the sin of our first parents.
6. Recognize that temptation is a struggle for everyone, but God's grace is always present to help us choose the good.
7. Understand that *all* sin hurts the whole Body of Christ and us, but God's grace, especially in the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation, heals us and restores us to God's friendship.
8. Identify Mary as the Immaculate Conception saved from sin at the moment of her creation in her mother's womb.
9. Know that Mary never sinned throughout her life and so is the Church's example of perfect obedience, faith, and love of God.
10. Know that the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken up to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life.
11. Know that the Church was instituted by Christ.

12. Describe the Communion of Saints as the baptized on earth, the saints in heaven, and those in purgatory preparing for heaven.
13. Recite the Apostles' Creed and explain its meaning and importance.

### **3. Worship & Sacraments**

1. Know that Mass is also known as the celebration of the Eucharist.
2. Know the order of the Introductory Rites and the Liturgy of the Word.
3. Know that during the Penitential Rite (at the beginning of Mass) we do not confess our sins; however, we humbly acknowledge them in our hearts, ask for mercy, and accept God's pardon.
4. Help plan and participate in liturgical celebrations.
5. Identify Matrimony and Holy Orders as sacraments of Service (vocation).
6. Know that Christ sent the Holy Spirit who guides us through grace and helps us to lead holy lives.
7. Recognize that we follow God's laws to show our love for creation and our appreciation of God's gifts.
8. Understand that Epiphany symbolizes Jesus' mission to the whole world.
9. Discuss the Liturgical Year, which begins with the First Sunday of Advent, and identify the ways we celebrate seasons and major feasts.

### **4. Christian Morality**

1. Know that Jesus is our role model for the Christian life.
2. Know that virtues are good spiritual habits.
3. Know that our conscience is an inner voice, aided by grace, which helps us to choose what is right.
4. Define mortal and venial sins.
5. Know that prayer helps us in times of temptation.
6. Know that the sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) is given to us by Jesus and that, in it, we ask for and receive forgiveness of our sins from God through the priest.
7. Know that living the Beatitudes helps form Christian attitudes and actions.
8. Understand that grace is a supernatural help from God that enables us to live the Christian life.
9. List the Ten Commandments.
10. Respect all life as a gift from God.
11. Recognize and respect that all people are made in the image and likeness of God.

## 5. Prayer & Spirituality

1. Recite the Apostles' Creed and explain its meaning and importance.
2. Tell the meaning of the Act of Contrition.
3. Define prayer; and identify the four basic categories of prayer (praise, petition, thanksgiving, and contrition), and give examples of each.
4. Describe the difference between public and private prayer.
5. Prepare for and assume different roles in communal prayer services and in the Mass.
6. Describe and participate in different kinds of prayers and devotions (Feast of Saints, Stations of the Cross).
7. Show a desire to incorporate prayer in their daily lives as Jesus did.
8. Recite a spontaneous prayer.
9. Respect all life as a gift from God.
10. Recognize and respect that all people are made in the image and likeness of God.

## 6. Community & Service

1. Learn, through the Visitation, Mary's example of how to willingly respond to God's call to help others.
2. Demonstrate respect for all creation, especially living things.
3. Identify and discuss ways of imitating how Jesus showed love for others.
4. Discuss how we can live out Jesus' Great Commandment, "To love God above all things and love your neighbor as yourself."
5. Learn that in contrast to the practices of the world, Jesus' community lives in a spirit of selflessness and love, and are marked by a spirit of humility and service.
6. Understand that the Christian family is the basic unit of the church community and needs to be respected and cared for.
7. Define responsible stewardship as care of personal belongings, public property, and God's creation.
8. Demonstrate that as members of the Church we are called to be examples of Jesus' love to others.