



St. Mel's Catholic School

Religion Standards: Kindergarten

THEME:

The celebration of each person as a special gift from God.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. God is the creator of all things.
- B. We celebrate and enjoy God's creation.
- C. Through experience, we learn about ourselves and the world.
- D. We are members of God's family.

1.0 MESSAGE: God is our Creator.

1.1 God

- 1.1.1 To experience that the wonders of the world are gifts from a loving God.
- 1.1.2 To hear that God is a loving parent.
- 1.1.3 To learn that God is the Creator of all that is good.
- 1.1.4 To know that God loves us and cares for us.
- 1.1.5 To find out who Jesus is and why he lived on Earth.
- 1.1.6 To hear that Jesus is our Brother.
- 1.1.7 To begin to learn about the birth of Jesus.
- 1.1.8 To begin to learn that Jesus rose from the dead.
- 1.1.9 To hear that Jesus teaches us to love.

1.2 Scripture

- 1.2.1 To experience the Bible as stories of God's people.

1.3 Doctrine

- 1.3.1 To begin to learn that Jesus is the Son of God.
- 1.3.2 To begin to learn that Mary is the Mother of Jesus.

2.0 WORSHIP: We show our love for God in many ways.

2.1 Sacraments

- 2.1.1 To learn that we become members of God's special family, the Church, through Baptism.
- 2.1.2 To begin to learn about the special meal Jesus shared at the Last Supper.
- 2.1.3 To experience reconciliation by learning to say "I'm sorry".

2.2 Prayer

- 2.2.1 To experience prayer as talking and listening to God.
- 2.2.2 To know that God wants to hear all that we have to say.
- 2.2.3 To learn that God listens to us.
- 2.2.4 To participate in communal prayer, such as; (1) Sign of the Cross; (2) Hail Mary; (3) Lord's Prayer; and (4) Grace before Meals.
- 2.2.5 To have the opportunity to participate in a variety of prayer forms, such as: (1) spontaneous prayer; (2) guided meditation; (3) gestures; (4) song; and (5) dance.

2.3 Liturgy

- 2.3.1 To begin to learn that we belong to Jesus' Church.



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2.3.2 To understand and experience that Sunday is special.

2.3.3 To learn simple Mass responses.

2.3.4 To have the opportunity to participate in the preparation of a simple liturgy and/or prayer service.

2.3.5 To genuflect.

2.3.6 To know how to sit, stand, and kneel in church.

2.4 Liturgical Year

2.4.1 To experience the seasons of Advent and Lent as part of the liturgical year, especially Ash Wednesday and Holy Week.

2.4.2 To learn about Church Holy Days.

2.5 Feast Days

2.5.1 To hear stories about saints at the time of their feast days and throughout the year.

2.6 Tradition

2.6.1 To experience customs associated with Liturgical Seasons.

2.6.2 To experience Marian celebrations.

2.6.3 To celebrate birthdays.

2.6.4 To celebrate Thanksgiving in a Christian context.

3.0 MORALITY: Responsibility toward God's creation.

3.1 To begin to learn and experience that humans are responsible for other humans.

3.2 To appreciate that we need others.

3.3 To learn to share with others.

3.4 To begin to learn to say I'm sorry.

3.5 To learn to say thanks.

3.6 To begin to learn and experience that choices have consequences.

3.7 To begin to learn and experience that humans are responsible for plants.

3.8 To begin to learn and experience that humans are responsible for animals.

4.0 CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: We serve God through our actions.

4.1 Justice

4.1.1 To experience that God loves all children.

4.1.2 To learn that all human beings deserve respect because they are created by and loved by God.

4.1.3 To begin to learn that the family of God is one.

4.1.4 To appreciate that all God's creatures are unique and deserving of respect.

4.1.5 To appreciate that the poor and needy have a right to our care and concern.

4.1.6 To begin to learn that God assists us in respecting and helping one another.

4.1.7 To begin to understand that all people have a right to those things that are necessary to sustain life.

4.2 Peace

4.2.1 To experience peace that is found in getting along with others.

4.2.2 To understand that each person in the group is responsible for that peace within the group.

4.3 Local Needs



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4.3.1 To participate in service projects.

5.0 COMMUNITY: We belong to God's family.

5.1 Models of Church

5.1.1 To explore the larger world of the faith family, the Church, through experiences of family and parish.

5.1.2 To appreciate that family is a gift from God.

5.1.3 To begin to learn that each of us is a member of God's Family.

5.1.4 To begin to learn about belonging to Jesus' Church.

5.1.5 To experience that we are all children of God.

5.1.6 To experience the specialness and uniqueness of one's own name.

5.2 Church History

5.2.1 To hear about Jesus' life on earth.

5.3 Mary/Saints

5.3.1 To begin to learn that Mary is the Mother of God.

5.3.2 To begin to learn that Mary is our Mother.

5.3.3 To begin to learn that saints are friends of Jesus.

5.3.4 To hear that saints are people who have said "yes" to God.

6.0 FAMILY LIFE: Life is a Gift from God.

6.1 Human Dignity

6.1.1 To understand that everyone is special and unique.

6.1.2 To learn that our body is God's gift.

6.1.3 To appreciate that family is God's gift.

6.1.4 To experience the five senses as gifts from God.

6.1.5 To begin to learn that everyone needs others.

7.0 TERMINOLOGY:

7.1 To become familiar with titles for people that are seen in church including: (1) altar servers; (2) lectors, (3) congregation (assembly); (4) musicians; (5) Eucharistic ministers; and (6) priests.

7.2 To become familiar with the names for objects that are seen in church including: (1) altar cross; (2) cross; (3) banners; (4) cruets; (5) Bible; (6) hosts; (7) candles; (8) pews; (9) chalice; and (10) statues.

7.3 To become familiar with the names for some of the signs of the Church seasons: (1) Advent wreath; (2) Christmas crib/crèche; (3) ashes; and (4) paschal candle.

8.0 SCRIPTURE REFERENCES to be used to develop the themes of the religion standards.

8.1 Genesis 1: 12-31 Story of Creation

8.2 Genesis 5-9 Story of Noah

8.3 Luke 1: 1-38 Annunciation: Mary being told that she would be the mother of Jesus

8.4 Luke 2: 7-14 Story of the birth of Jesus

8.5 Luke 18: 15-17 Jesus and the little children

8.6 Matthew 6: 9-13 The Our Father

8.7 Matthew 26-27 Jesus' passion



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8.8 Matthew 28 Jesus' resurrection

8.9 John 10: 1-18 Jesus the Good Shepherd