

Diocese of Grand Rapids - Kindergarten Curriculum Overview

Lesson	Stage	Title	Note
1	Encounter	Does Jesus love me and know me? (Encountering Christ)	This lesson increases children's awareness of the personal love of God and His care and providence over their lives. In this lesson, it is important to create an environment where the child can encounter Christ directly. Meditation on Sacred Scripture will provide an opportunity for Jesus to speak into their hearts.
2	Encounter	Can I be close to Jesus?	This lesson builds upon the previous lesson by helping children consider Jesus as a close personal friend.
3	Encounter	How do I strengthen my friendship with Jesus? (Prayer-Scripture/Spontaneous)	After encountering the living Christ, this lesson helps children strengthen their relationship with Jesus through prayer. Children are encouraged to speak to Jesus in their own words about the things that are most important to them. Traditional prayers of the Church are taught in subsequent lessons.
4	Grow	How do I strengthen my friendship with Jesus? (Traditional Prayer)	This lesson builds on the previous lesson to help children better understand that they can pray at any time. Catechists are encouraged to remind the children that prayer happens best in a quiet place where they can speak and listen to God.
5	Grow	Who are the Saints and what can I learn from them about being a friend of Jesus?	The saints are great models of discipleship and prayer. This lesson inspires children to live a life of holiness that mirrors the lives of the saints. Catechists are encouraged to remind the children that saints were ordinary children just like them who made a decision to live their lives for Jesus.
6	Grow	What is the Bible and why is it important?	This lesson introduces children to the Bible. It is crucial for the children to understand that the Bible is a very important and holy book and a way that God speaks to us.
7	Grow	What does the Bible tell us about the creation of the world?	Building on the previous lesson, the children begin exploring the Bible stories. This lesson begins with the creation story which teaches them that God is the creator of all things.
8	Grow	How did Jesus come into the world?	This lesson continues exploring the Bible by introducing children to the stories about the Holy Family and Jesus' birth. It is important for children to understand that the Jesus that they meet in these Scripture stories is the same Jesus they encountered in lessons 1 and 2. Catechists are encouraged to reflect on the role of the angels in the story of Jesus' birth as an introduction to teaching the Guardian Angel Prayer.
9	Grow	What happened when Jesus died and rose?	These Bible stories help the children understand that Jesus gave His whole life for them and that He is alive in heaven now. Again, it is important for children to understand that the Jesus they encounter in prayer is the same Jesus who rose from the dead in these stories.

Lesson	Stage	Title	Note
10	Grow	Who is the God that I encounter and pray to? (Trinity/Our Father)	Now that the children have encountered Christ in prayer and have learned about God's activity in the world, they are prepared to explore the Holy Trinity. Teaching the Our Father helps them to reflect on the first Person of the Holy Trinity.
11	Grow	How is God made present in the world through the Church community?	This lesson helps the children understand what the Church is and what the Church does. Catechists should remind them that they are members of this community.
12	Grow	How does life with God begin? (Baptism)	This lesson continues the themes from the previous lesson to help children understand the role of sacraments in their friendship with Jesus.
13	Grow	What do we celebrate in the Church year?	This lesson helps the child learn that there are "seasons" in the Church year.
14	Grow	What's in the church building and what happens at Mass?	This lesson helps children become familiar with the Church building as well as what happens during Mass. Catechists are encouraged to remind the children that the Church is a sacred space that requires reverent behavior.
15	Grow	What are some other things we celebrate in the Church?	This lesson allows children to experience liturgical activities in the Church. The lesson may be geared toward the current season in the liturgical year, a sacramental celebration, or a particular devotion. It is important to remind children that all liturgical activities aim to strengthen their friendship with Jesus.
16	Grow	How do our families help us to learn about God and grow in faith?	This lesson helps children understand that the human family is the first place where they learn about God. It is important to help children understand the role of friends and family in helping them live like the saints.
17	Grow	Why are people special?	This lesson helps children understand that people are a special part of God's creation and that each person matters to God. Catechists should help the children understand that they are special, not because of what they do, but because of who they are . . . daughters and sons of God. This, in turn, affects the way they should treat each other.
18	Witness	If people are special, how should they be treated?	Building on the previous lesson, this lesson continues to show how the children's actions should reflect their human dignity and identity in Christ.
19	Witness	Does my behavior matter and what can help me to be good?	This lesson helps children to understand that their behavior matters. God wants us to be kind and loving. Catechists can connect this lesson to lesson 17. Since every person is special, every person deserves to be treated with love and kindness.
20	Witness	What does God want from me?	This lesson lays the foundation for missionary discipleship. The love that children have for Jesus spills over to others in the form of doing good deeds. Catechists should remind children that God has given them special gifts in Baptism to be used to help other people become friends with Jesus.

Diocese of Grand Rapids Parish Faith Formation Curriculum - Kindergarten

Lesson 1 Does Jesus love me and know me? (Encountering Christ)

Encounter

This lesson increases children's awareness of the personal love of God and His care and providence over their lives. In this lesson, it is important to create an environment where the child can encounter Christ directly. Meditation on Sacred Scripture will provide an opportunity for Jesus to speak into their hearts.

Outcome

- Recognize that God knows and loves him/her personally (Ps 139, Isa 43:1-4, Jer 1:5)
- Encounter the Lord Jesus Christ through experiential activities such as guided meditations using Sacred Scripture and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Ps 32:8, John 6:35, John 14:26, Heb 4:12)
- Recognize that Jesus wants to be in a relationship with him/her (John 15:9, John 15:16, 1 John 4:19)

Suggested Teaching Strategies

** See Curriculum Binder for full list of Teaching Strategies. Consult your textbook or other resources for more ideas.*

Strand

Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship

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Strategy

Speak about Jesus in the present tense in order to help students know that He is alive and present to us today.

Write letters to God; meditate and listen for God's answer to the letter.

Help the students encounter Jesus through guided meditation on Sacred Scripture. Prompt them to speak and listen to Jesus. Include discussion, journaling and/or drawing to help students reflect on their experience.

Reflect on how they have experienced God in their lives over the last week.

Lesson 2 Can I be close to Jesus?

This lesson builds upon the previous lesson by helping children consider Jesus as a close personal friend.

Outcome

- List some ways they experience God's love
- Recognize Jesus as the Son of God
Recognize that they can be very close to Jesus (Ps 145:18, John 10:27-28, James 4:8a)
- Discuss that making good choices helps them to live in friendship with God and one another (John 15:10)

Suggested Teaching Strategies * See Curriculum Binder for full list of Teaching Strategies. Consult your textbook or other resources for more ideas.

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Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship

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Strategy

Help the students to identify individual people in whom they have seen Jesus this week and discuss how it makes a difference to them.

Examine the qualities of a good friendship, apply these qualities to Jesus, and discuss the benefits of being friends with Jesus.

After encountering the living Christ, this lesson helps children strengthen their relationship with Jesus through prayer. Children are encouraged to speak to Jesus in their own words about the things that are most important to them. Traditional prayers of the Church are taught in subsequent lessons.

Outcome

- Define prayer as talking to and listening to God
- Listen to God in meditation (CCC 2705 -2708)
- Demonstrate spontaneous prayer

Suggested Teaching Strategies

** See Curriculum Binder for full list of Teaching Strategies. Consult your textbook or other resources for more ideas.*

<u>Strand</u>	<u>Strategy</u>
Prayer	Visit a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium to experience the lessons on prayer and do the works associated with them.
Prayer	Include a daily period of 5 minutes of silence and guided meditation to give students an opportunity for deep personal prayer:
Prayer	Invite students to close their eyes and put themselves in the presence of Jesus. Ask them to tell Jesus what is most important to them that day. Provide a period of silence while they talk to Jesus.
Prayer	Ask them to listen to what Jesus wants to tell them. Provide another period of silence while they listen to Jesus. Invite students to thank Jesus for what they heard.
Prayer	Invite students to journal or share their prayer experiences with partners or in a group. Alternatively, ask them to meditate on a short Scripture passage and put themselves in the scene and guide them into a conversation with Jesus.

Lesson 4 How do I strengthen my friendship with Jesus? (Traditional Prayer)

Grow

This lesson builds on the previous lesson to help children better understand that they can pray at any time. Catechists are encouraged to remind the children that prayer happens best in a quiet place where they can speak and listen to God.

Outcome

- Identify appropriate times for prayer (morning, before bed, meal time, etc.)
- Recite traditional prayers in a group: a) Sign of the Cross
- Recite traditional prayers in a group: b) Meal time prayers

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Involve students in creating a prayer table or prayer space in the classroom. Use the space during class prayer time. Invite students to use the space individually as desired.

Place tape with the numbers 1 through 4 on a mirror, to help students make a proper sign of the cross.

Invite students to number blank stickers 1 through 4. Invite them to put them on their body to make a proper sign of the cross.

Use music/song to learn prayers.

Teach hand gestures to accompany the prayer.

Invite students to regularly recite prayers in large groups, small groups, and individually.

Recite prayers daily.

Lesson 5 Who are the Saints and what can I learn from them about being a friend of Jesus?

Grow

The saints are great models of discipleship and prayer. This lesson inspires children to live a life of holiness that mirrors the lives of the saints. Catechists are encouraged to remind the children that saints were ordinary children just like them who made a decision to live their lives for Jesus.

Outcome

- identify a saint as a holy person
- listen to simple stories of the saints' lives
- list some good things that saints do in their lives

Suggested Teaching Strategies

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Strand

Church History

Church History

Strategy

Create a movie, play, presentation, or illustrated book about the life of a saint.

Read a book or watch a video about a saint.

Lesson 6 What is the Bible and why is it important?

Grow

This lesson introduces children to the Bible. It is crucial for the children to understand that the Bible is a very important and holy book and a way that God speaks to us.

Outcome

- discuss the Bible as God's Word
- hold the Bible with reverence
- tell how Bible stories help us to see God at work in our lives

Suggested Teaching Strategies

** See Curriculum Binder for full list of Teaching Strategies. Consult your textbook or other resources for more ideas.*

Strand

Sacred Scripture

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Strategy

Wrap a Bible as a gift. Have students unwrap and explain that the Bible is a gift from God to all of us.

Have students set up and decorate a prayer table and enthrone the Bible. Use the activity to teach the importance and prominence the Bible has in their lives.

Purchase a personal Bible for each student. Make and decorate a book cover to personalize it. Include the author's name (God) to reinforce that God is the author of Sacred Scripture.

Lesson 7 What does the Bible tell us about the creation of the world?

Grow

Building on the previous lesson, the children begin exploring the Bible stories. This lesson begins with the creation story which teaches them that God is the creator of all things.

Outcome

- listen to narratives from the Bible with reverence: a) Creation, Adam & Eve (Gen 1-3)
- identify God as the creator of all things
- list some examples of God's creation

Suggested Teaching Strategies

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Strategy

Act out a story in the Bible.

Create a storyboard of a Bible narrative (i.e., Creation, the Exodus, Annunciation/Birth of Jesus, Feeding of the Five Thousand, Passion/Death/Resurrection, etc.) using poster board or free online software.

Make puppets and act out Bible stories.

Lesson 8 How did Jesus come into the world?

Grow

This lesson continues exploring the Bible by introducing children to the stories about the Holy Family and Jesus' birth. It is important for children to understand that the Jesus that they meet in these Scripture stories is the same Jesus they encountered in lessons 1 and 2. Catechists are encouraged to reflect on the role of the angels in the story of Jesus' birth as an introduction to teaching the Guardian Angel Prayer.

Outcome

- listen to narratives from the Bible with reverence: b) Christmas stories (Matt 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20)
- identify the Holy Family as Jesus, Mary as His Mother, and Joseph as His earthly father
- recite traditional prayers in a group: f) Guardian Angel Prayer

Suggested Teaching Strategies

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Prayer

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Strategy

Make an angel craft that includes the Guardian Angel prayer. Invite students to put the angel by their bedside and recite the prayer each night before bedtime.

Act out a story in the Bible.

Make puppets and act out Bible stories.

Make a shoebox diorama of the Nativity scene, the Resurrection scene or some other scene of a Bible story.

Lesson 9 What happened when Jesus died and rose?

Grow

These Bible stories help the children to understand that Jesus gave His whole life for them and that He is alive in heaven now. Again, it is important for children to understand that the Jesus they encounter in prayer is the same Jesus who rose from the dead in these stories.

Outcome

- listen to narratives from the Bible with reverence: c) Easter stories (Matt 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-13; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-31)

Suggested Teaching Strategies

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Strand

Prayer

Sacred Scripture

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Strategy

Praise God by singing an Alleluia.

Act out a story in the Bible.

Make puppets and act out Bible stories.

Make a shoebox diorama of the Nativity scene, the Resurrection scene or some other scene of a Bible story.

Lesson 10 Who is the God that I encounter and pray to? (Trinity/Our Father)

Grow

Now that the children have encountered Christ in prayer and have learned about God's activity in the world, they are prepared to explore the Holy Trinity. Teaching the Our Father helps them to reflect on the first Person of the Holy Trinity.

Outcome

- recognize that there is one God (Deut 4:35)
- identify the three persons of the Holy Trinity (CCC 261)
- recognize heaven as living with God forever
- recite traditional prayers in a group: c) Our Father

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Strand

Doctrine

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Strategy

Teach songs to help students learn various dogmas of the faith (Dogma Dogs CD).

Use analogies to help students understand the concept of one God in three Persons: shamrock, triangle, apple (skin, flesh, seeds - without any one of them, it wouldn't be an apple), three candles (three flames come together as one flame - one, yet three)

Make Trinity bracelets with three different colored strings braided together. Without any one of the strings, there would be no braid.

Lesson 11 How is God made present in the world through the Church community?

Grow

This lesson helps the children understand what the Church is and what the Church does. Catechists should remind them that they are members of this community.

Outcome

- describe the Church as a praying and worshiping community
- recognize that they become a member of the Christian community through the liturgical celebration of Baptism (CCC 1267- 1270)

Suggested Teaching Strategies

** See Curriculum Binder for full list of Teaching Strategies. Consult your textbook or other resources for more ideas.*

Strand

Community

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Strategy

Make a community map including the church.

Use Venn diagrams to show how various communities intersect with the church community. Use hula hoops for a Venn diagram.

Make mobiles to show the church community and how the members all work together.

Lesson 12 How does life with God begin? (Baptism)

Grow

This lesson continues the themes from the previous lesson to help children understand the role of sacraments in their friendship with Jesus.

Outcome

- define sacrament as an opportunity to meet Jesus and grow in our relationship with Him (CCC 1129)
- define Baptism as a sacrament (CCC 1131, 1213-1216)
- identify water as a sign of God's life and an important part of Baptism (CCC 1238,1278)
- identify Baptism as the moment when they become a child of God (CCC 1996-1997, 2782)

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Strand

Sacraments

Strategy

Place objects that are used in conjunction with each sacrament in a box. Wrap the box with wrapping paper. Show each gift to the class, unwrapping its contents. Help the students appreciate the visible signs that show God's invisible grace.

Sacraments

Invite students to write sins on a white cloth using a water-soluble marking pen (used for sewing). Dip the cloth in water to demonstrate the effect of Baptism on one's soul.

Sacraments

Create a piece of art showing that a baptized person is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Lesson 13 What do we celebrate in the Church year?

Grow

This lesson helps the child learn that there are "seasons" in the Church year.

Outcome

- identify the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter

Suggested Teaching Strategies

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Strand

Strategy

Liturgy

Teach the Liturgy Song and Lectionary Cycle songs from the Dogma Dogs CD.

Liturgy

Create a diagram depicting the lectionary cycle.

Liturgy

Create a template of a liturgical calendar and invite children to color the calendar according to the liturgical season.

Lesson 14 What's in the church building and what happens at Mass?

Grow

This lesson helps children become familiar with the Church building as well as what happens during Mass. Catechists are encouraged to remind the children that the Church is a sacred space that requires reverent behavior.

Outcome

- tour the parish church
- demonstrate reverent behavior in church
- recognize that Jesus is present at Mass in a special way
- genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament
- recognize and identify the priests at the parish

Suggested Teaching Strategies * See Curriculum Binder for full list of Teaching Strategies. Consult your textbook or other resources for more ideas.

Strand

Liturgy

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Strategy

Role-play proper behavior and gestures at Mass.

Visit a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium to experience the Mass lesson and do the works associated with it (contains miniature altar, vestments, sacred vessels, etc.).

Introduce hand-gestures into the hymns used in liturgy to increase student participation in the liturgy.

Lesson 15 What are some other things we celebrate in the Church?

Grow

This lesson allows children to experience liturgical activities in the Church. The lesson may be geared toward the current season in the liturgical year, a sacramental celebration, or a particular devotion. It is important to remind children that all liturgical activities aim to strengthen their friendship with Jesus.

Outcome

- participate in seasonal liturgical activities

Suggested Teaching Strategies

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Strand

Liturgy

Strategy

Draw a picture or write a reflection about a liturgical experience.

Lesson 16 How do our families help us to learn about God and grow in faith?

Grow

This lesson helps children understand that the human family is the first place where they learn about God. It is important to help children understand the role of friends and family in helping them live like the saints.

Outcome

- identify that the community of God includes our families, the class, the church, and the outside community
- recognize that we learn about God from the people who love us
- identify family members and their roles
- identify members of the Holy Family and recognize them as models for our families
- recognize that we are all brothers and sisters in God's family (CCC 2232, 2233)

Suggested Teaching Strategies * See Curriculum Binder for full list of Teaching Strategies. Consult your textbook or other resources for more ideas.

Strand

Theology of the Body

Community

Community

Strategy

Make a family book showing family members and their roles given by God.

Make a picture book about the local community.

Make a community map including the church.

Lesson 17 Why are people special?

Grow

This lesson helps children understand that people are a special part of God's creation and that each person matters to God. Catechists should help the children understand that they are special, not because of what they do, but because of who they are . . . daughters and sons of God. This, in turn, affects the way they should treat each other.

Outcome

- recognize that all people are made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26; CCC 1702)
- recognize that each person is special (CCC 1703)
- identify ways that people show they care for each other (Phil 2:1-4)

Suggested Teaching Strategies

** See Curriculum Binder for full list of Teaching Strategies. Consult your textbook or other resources for more ideas.*

Strand

Dignity of the Human Person

Strategy

Make a self-portrait or a mirror book that shows the student's beauty and goodness.

Make stickers that list attributes of what makes them special. Invite students to wear the stickers for a day. Ask students to consider these attributes when interacting with peers. Invite the students to reflect on their experience.

Create a piece of art that portrays a person made in God's image and likeness.

Carve a pumpkin to demonstrate how God's light can shine through us and give us a "new face."

Lesson 18 If people are special, how should they be treated?

Building on the previous lesson, this lesson continues to show how the children's actions should reflect their human dignity and identity in Christ.

Outcome

- begin to demonstrate care and concern for classmates
- give examples of appropriate behavior in community (i.e. being welcoming, etc.)

Suggested Teaching Strategies

** See Curriculum Binder for full list of Teaching Strategies. Consult your textbook or other resources for more ideas.*

Strand

Dignity of the Human Person
Community

Strategy

Combine lessons on bullying with outcomes from this strand.
Brainstorm factors that build and destroy communities. Role-play each.

Lesson 19 Does my behavior matter and what can help me to be good?

Witness

This lesson helps children to understand that their behavior matters. God wants us to be kind and loving. Catechists can connect this lesson to lesson 17. Since every person is special, every person deserves to be treated with love and kindness.

Outcome

- understand that we obey God because He loves us and we love Him (CCC 1709)
- discuss the difference between right and wrong
- affirm that God gives us the freedom to make right choices
- discuss obedience to parents, teachers and other legitimate authorities
- understand that God gives us laws to follow, the Ten Commandments (CCC Glossary: Commandments)

Suggested Teaching Strategies * See Curriculum Binder for full list of Teaching Strategies. Consult your textbook or other resources for more ideas.

Strand

Morality

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Strategy

Role-play right and wrong behavior.

Write thank you notes or birthday cards to parents, teachers, and authorities, and discuss how this demonstrates good behavior.

Write apology notes when appropriate. Discuss why this demonstrates good behavior.

Lesson 20 What does God want from me?

Witness

This lesson lays the foundation for missionary discipleship. The love that children have for Jesus spills over to others in the form of doing good deeds. Catechists should remind children that God has given them special gifts in Baptism to be used to help other people become friends with Jesus.

Outcome

- recognize that God calls each of us to share our gifts with others
- list ways that we can help others
- participate in school, church and/or community service projects
- demonstrate care and respect for all of God's creation

Suggested Teaching Strategies

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Strand

Strategy

Service/Social Justice/Servant Leadership

Ask students to draw or paint a picture of God's creation. Alternatively, take a walk around the parish grounds and ask students to identify things created by God. Invite students to brainstorm ways to respect God's creation.

Service/Social Justice/Servant Leadership

Invite students to create a self-portrait and identify their gifts and talents. Discuss how these gifts and talents can be used to help others.

Service/Social Justice/Servant Leadership

Create a puzzle where each piece shows how various roles serve God's kingdom (Pope, Bishop, Priest, Deacon, Religious, Lay Person). Or create puzzle pieces of a human body using the passage from 1 Cor 12 to show the importance of all roles in the Church.

Supplemental Resources for Kindergarten

Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship

I Know Jesus By Matthew Kelly

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/i-know-jesus-bulk>

This board book encourages children to develop a personal relationship with Jesus as they discover he is a friend who loves them and is with them every moment of the day.

Dynamic Catholic

Preschool-3

Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship

God is Love

<http://store.nfcym.org/shop/pc/God-Is-Love-Book-8p811.htm>

The God Is Love program is designed for use with students who are in kindergarten or first grade. The program helps students discover an appreciation that God created, cares for, and loves us all. A companion to the God Is Love program, the prayer card invites children to embrace God's love for them and the world, and to share that love with others.

NFCYM

K-1

Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship

Pray Me a Story

<http://www.loyolapress.com/>

Uses popular student books as a springboard for entering into imaginative prayer. After hearing the stories, the student is gently guided into the scene to meet Jesus and prayerfully speak to him as one friend speaks to another.

Loyola Press

K-4

Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship

52 Ways to Teach Children to Share the Gospel

<http://www.rose-publishing.com/>

A book of reproducible puzzles and activities all aimed to nurture, instruct and challenge students with the responsibility of being obedient to Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations. Not a Catholic resource, but most activities are generic enough to be used in a Catholic curriculum.

Rose Publishing

K-5

Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship

Kerygma 4 Kids

<http://ministry23.com/kerygma-4-kids/>

A series of dynamic evangelization lessons that proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Animated videos and engaging activities reinforce the Gospel message that lead the child into a deeper friendship with the risen Christ and equip them to share the Good News with others.

ministry 23, LLC

K-8

Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship Pauline Books & Media

Come to Jesus!

A Kids' Book for Eucharistic Adoration

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<https://www.amazon.com/Come-Jesus-Anne-Flanagan/dp/0819815772>

Jesus is a friend like no other. He always cares, always listens, and is always ready to help – and in the Eucharist, Jesus is always with us. This book introduces children to the concept of spending time with Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. Includes three visits to Jesus in the Eucharist, featuring prayers, Bible stories, and illustrations. Each prayer outline is divided in three parts: Jesus our Way, Jesus our Truth, and Jesus our Life. Includes notes for adult prayer leaders, practical recommendations for using the book with groups, and a list of Eucharistic adoration resources. Also includes a section of basic Catholic prayers, the mysteries of the Rosary, and how to pray the Rosary.

Scripture

RCL/Benziger

The Bible for Little Ones

Preschool-2

<https://store.rclbenziger.com/product/bible-little-ones>

A Bible with readings from Scripture that is geared for children from ages 3 to 7 years old. Designed for parents, teachers, and catechists to introduce the little ones to the faith. The Bible For Little Ones follows a catechumenal model for Christian initiation that uses biblical readings and activities with the family or community. Through these family or community meetings, children listen to key biblical passages of the history of Salvation and internalize them through dynamic and engaging activities.

Sacred Scripture

Provident

Bible Songs CD - Cedarmont Kids

Preschool-5

https://www.cedarmont.com/store/product/bible_songs

Sixteen classic Bible songs for children. Includes lyrics and instrumental tracks to accompany children.

Sacred Scripture

The Beginner's Bible Website

Preschool-5

<http://thebeginnersbible.com/>

Contains worksheets, puzzles, videos, sticker and activity books and curriculum resources. Not a Catholic website; however, contains many general resources that can be used in a Catholic curriculum.

Sacred Scripture

Rose Publishing

Instant Bible Lessons

Preschool-8

<https://www.hendricksonrose.com/instant-bible-lessons-for-elementary-ages/9781628624984/pd/624980?event=ESRCG>

A series of activity books that help students apply the Bible to their lives. Not a Catholic resource, but many activities are general enough to be used in a Catholic curriculum.

Sacred Scripture

The Beautiful Story of the Bible By Maite Roche

<https://www.ignatius.com/The-Beautiful-Story-of-the-Bible-P1592.aspx>

Contains the most important stories of the Bible, Old and New Testaments, with very expressive pictures.

Ignatius Press
Preschool-8

Sacred Scripture

Great Adventure Kids

<https://shop.ascensionpress.com/collections/great-adventure-kids>

A set of tools to teach children the narrative story of salvation history. Includes a Bible Timeline Chart, coloring book, bookmark, card games, Bible story book, and prayer beads.

Ascension Press
K-5

Sacred Scripture

The Jesse Box - Bible Stories Come Alive

<https://www.ignatius.com/promotions/jessebox/>

The Jesse Box is a wonderful resource for making Scripture come alive for children. Enabling teachers to engage in creative and imaginative play with concrete materials, the Jesse Box provides an affordable means of introducing contemporary methods in religious education to your classroom practice.

Ignatius Press
K-5

Sacred Scripture

Bible Stories to Draw and Tell By Julie Petras

<https://www.amazon.com/Bible-Stories-Draw-Julie-Petras/dp/1931709394>

An interactive storytelling resource that engages children by inviting them to draw what you draw.

Our Sunday Visitor
K-6

Church History

Saintly Rhymes for Modern Times by Meghan Bausch

<https://www.osv.com/Shop/Product?ProductCode=T1866>

Filled with colorful illustrations and catchy rhymes, Saintly Rhymes for Modern Times teaches children that everyone is called to be a saint. These kid-friendly rhymes allow children to see the beauty of Christian holiness through the lives of our more recent saints. With these sixteen poems, nineteen holy men, women, and children will become their friends in heaven!

Our Sunday Visitor
Preschool-3

Church History

The Little Flower: A Parable of St. Thérèse of Liseux By Becky Arganbright

<https://www.gracewatch.media/product/the-little-flower-a-parable-of-st-therese-of-liseux-softcover/>

Becky Arganbright has adapted St. Thérèse's lesson of the little flowers into a delightful parable for children. The young Thérèse learns that even though she might be little, with God's help, her littleness can be a way of doing great things for the Kingdom of God.

Peanut Butter & Grace
Preschool-3

Church History

SadlierConnect: Lives of the Saints

<https://religion.sadlierconnect.com/livesofthesaints>

An online resource that provides a month by month snapshot of saint feast days. Includes an explanation of the life of the saint, primary activities, and intermediate activities.

Sadlier Publishing

K-5

Church History

Draw and Tell Saints By Julie Petras

An interactive story telling resource that engages children by inviting them to draw what you draw.

Our Sunday Visitor

K-5

Church History

Lessons on Fr. Solanus Casey

<http://www.aod.org/our-archdiocese/fr-solanus-casey/>

The Offices of Catechesis and Youth Ministry compiled lessons about the life of Fr. Solanus Casey. This website contains the link for these lessons.

Archdiocese of Detroit

K-8

Doctrine

Dogma Dogs CD

<http://www.thedogmadogs.com/>

A music CD that contains 11 catchy tunes to help children learn various dogmas of the Catholic Church

Liturgical Groove Productions

K-5

Doctrine

Finding God Fine Art

<http://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2013/program-overview/art-prints-and-music>

Provides catechists and teachers with new methods to help children explore Scripture, Tradition, and concepts of the Catholic faith. Contains twenty-five different prints per easel, per grade, the art prints provide background about the artist, medium, history and also offer activities related to the art, including art projects, music, movement, and using imagination in prayer. Oversized for easy viewing and impact, the fine art prints get kids out of their seats and enjoying class in ever more meaningful ways.

Loyola Press

K-8

Doctrine

The Religion Teacher Website of Resources and Activities

<https://www.thereligionteacher.com/>

This website contains resources, activities, worksheets, and lesson plans for religion teachers and catechists. It also includes tips for classroom management.

Jared Dees

K-8

Doctrine

The Pastoral Center

<https://pastoral.center/>

This website contains a variety of resources, activities, worksheets, and lesson plans for religion teachers and catechists. It also includes resources for whole family catechesis.

The Pastoral Center

K-12

Liturgy

Loyola Learning Tools: Reconciliation Flip Book Instructional Card: Examination of Conscience Instructional C

<http://www.loyolapress.com/products/special-needs/loyola-learning-tools>

A series of hands-on resources that can be used to help students with special needs learn about the sacraments. Catechists find these engaging tools useful for all students.

Loyola Press

Preschool-2

Liturgy

Catholic Icing Website

www.catholicicing.com

A website developed by a Catholic mom that provides activities and crafts for learning about the liturgy and sacraments.

K-5

Sacraments

The Fruit of the Spirit 4 Kids

<http://www.abcspirit.com/>

This book teaches the importance of good character and values for children to learn and develop. Children will get to help Spirit Dove practice sharing his fruits alongside his friends. The book and accompanying collection of stuffed animals are meant to be used again and again to provide lasting memories and loads of fun.

ABC Spirit

1-4

Dignity of the Human Person

You are Special by Max Lucado

A beautiful story that reminds us that we are precious to God just the way we are. It is through spending daily time with him that we begin to see ourselves through his eyes. This is an important truth that children and parents need to know: God loves us even though we make mistakes and have flaws!

Crossway Publishing

K-3

Dignity of the Human Person

Horton Hears a Who By Dr. Seuss

A story that can be used to teach lessons on the dignity and value of each person.

Randomhouse Books for Young Readers

K-5

Dignity of the Human Person

Circle of Grace

<http://www.aod.org/our-archdiocese/protecting-children/abuse-prevention-training/circle-of-grace/>

An approved safe environment training program for elementary students in the Archdiocese. The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

Archdiocese of Detroit

K-8

Dignity of the Human Person

The Virtues Project

<http://www.aod.org/parishes/staff-and-ministry-resources/virtue-project/>

Lesson plans to help children learn and apply the virtues to everyday living.

Archdiocese of Detroit

K-8

Theology of the Body

Theology of the Body for Kids (3 Volumes) By Monica Ashour - God Has a Plan for Boys and for Girls

K-4

<https://tobet.org/product/tob-for-kids-3-volume-set/>

A set of 3 books that lay the foundation for John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The books help children see the body as a gift from God to be treasured and treated as such. The books provide a compelling response to the recent confusion regarding gender dysphoria.

Theology of the Body

Raising Faith-Filled Kids Ordinary Opportunities to Nurture Spirituality at Home

Loyola Press

K-8

<http://www.loyolapress.com/products/books/family-life-and-parenting/raising-faith-filled-kids>

Raising Faith-Filled Kids, offers a generous collection of easy tips and tools to help Catholic families realize a spiritual path, and to help parents inspire virtue, discipline, and hope in their children. Shows fellow parents how to bring faith into everyday family life through familiar objects and regular routines. The book features twenty-three "Taking Action Tips," allowing parents to make immediate strides in helping their children's faith to grow.

Community

The Crayon Box that Talked by Shane Derolf

K-5

A book that contains a poem that celebrates the creation of harmony through diversity.

Community

Vocation Lessons Website

Vianney Vocations

<http://www.vocationlessons.com/>

K-8

A website that provides vocations lessons for students K-12.

Morality

Living Faith Kids: - Learning About the Ten Commandments - Living the Beatitudes

Pflaum Publishing

<https://cart.pflaum.com/home.php?cat=9>

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Interactive sticker booklets that help students learn the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes. Students apply colorful stickers as they learn about the

biblical source and application of each commandment. Activities help students live how Jesus wants them to live. When completed, the booklets can

serve as an examination of conscience for First Reconciliation.

Morality

Catholic Identity Links

Sadlier Publishing

<http://www.sadlier.com/religion/parish-school/catholic-virtues-and-values>

K-8

An online program that aims to strengthen Catholic Identity. Focuses on 52 virtues and values—one for every week of the year.

Witness

Leo's Gift by Susan Blackaby and Joellyn Cicciarelli

Loyola Press

<https://www.leosgift.com/>

Preschool -5

Leo's Gift beautifully illustrates with words and pictures, the importance of discovering, nurturing, and celebrating the unique gifts that all children possess and the value in sharing those gifts to bless others. Sometimes children – like Leo – need a loving nudge from someone else to help them realize their talents. Leo's Gift is a wonderful way to encourage children not only to think about their personal talents and to explore how they might share them to help others, but also to urge children to recognize and champion the unique gifts in others. Website includes lesson plans and games.

Witness Catholic Social Teaching Resource

Preschool-8

<http://www.anneneuberger.com/>

A website that contains a series of pages that explain the principles of Catholic Social Teaching in language accessible to children of various ages. .Includes ideas for lessons and activities.

Witness

Maryknoll/Orbis Books

Corporal Works of Mercy Posters

K-8

<http://www.orbisbooks.com/corporal-works-of-mercy.html>

A set of eight 12" X 18" full color posters of contemporary scenes are a powerful reflection of the traditional Catholic call to practices of penance and charity.

Witness

RCL/Benziger

Helping Kids Live Their Faith - Service Projects that make a difference

K-8

<https://store.rclbenziger.com/product/helping-kids-live-their-faith>

This book offers numerous ideas and opportunities to help children understand the importance of carrying out the Church's mission of serving their families, the community, and parish.

Witness

SharetheJourney

SharetheJourney

K-12

<https://www.sharejourney.org/resource-library/>

#SharetheJourney is a global, two-year campaign in support of migrants and refugees. This website sponsored by Catholic Relief Services has educational and pastoral resources— including prayers, activities, videos, and Church teaching— can help communities to support refugees and immigrants in the U.S. and around the world in a variety of ways.

Witness

USCCB

We Are Salt and Light

K-12

<https://www.wearesaltandlight.org/find-resources>

We Are Salt and Light is under the joint direction of the Committee on International Justice and Peace and the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and has been developed by the staff of the Office of Education & Outreach of USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. This resource page provides a variety of information and activities according to specified criteria.

Witness

Catholic Relief Services Website

<http://www.crs.org/resource-center/catholic-social-teaching-lesson-plans>

A website that contains lessons on the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Lessons focus issues facing countries outside the United States.

Catholic Relief Services
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Witness

USCCB Justice, Peace, and Human Development Webpage

<http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/resources-and-tools.cfm>

A webpage that contains lessons and other resources and tools for helping students learn about Catholic Social Teaching.

USCCB
1-8

Prayer

Goodnight Jesus By Matthew Kelly

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/good-night-jesus-hardcover>

Children will learn how to build a powerful habit of evening prayer that will help them form a lifelong relationship with Jesus.

Dynamic Catholic
Preschool-3

Prayer

Living Faith Kids: - Praying the Rosary - Praying the Stations of the Cross

<https://cart.pflaum.com/home.php?cat=9>

Interactive sticker booklets that help students learn the rosary and stations of the cross. When completed, the booklets serve as a prayer book.

Pflaum Publishing
Preschool-5

Prayer

Resources for Teaching Meditation to Children

<http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2012/03/resources-for-teaching-meditation-to-children/>

A website that provides resources for teaching children how to meditate.

Loyola Press
Preschool-8

Prayer

Listening and Talking to Jesus, and the Children Pray

<http://www.vdpublishing.net/Listening-and-Talking-to-Jesus.html>

Written for: Parents, Catechists, Teachers and Caregivers who would like to share stories about Jesus with children and teach them to pray.

Each chapter has an interactive activity to reinforce the content.

Visual Dynamics

K-3

Prayer

OUR FAMILY PRAYS - Catholic Prayers & Traditions

<https://store.rclbenziger.com/product/our-family-prays-catholic-prayers-traditions-english>

Our Family Prays is a collection of rituals, blessings, prayers, and traditions meant to encourage and inspire Catholic families to keep prayer at the heart of their home. It is organized by the seasons of the liturgical year and includes religious traditions and celebrations from around the world

RCL/ Benziger

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