

Blest Are We – Kindergarten

Creator

The wonders of God's creation surround us.

A generous God creates and loves all things.

God creates us and gives us talents, feelings, and the five senses.

God enriches our lives through creating, especially the people in our lives.

The Sacraments

At Baptism, we become friends of Jesus, members of the church.

The friends of Jesus gather at Mass (the Eucharist).

- At Mass we hear stories of Jesus and pray the Gospel responses.
- We celebrate that Jesus is with us and pray the eucharistic responses.
- We pray in Jesus' name.

Morality

God creates people who love me.

God gives us family, friends, teachers, and neighbors to love us and to teach us to love ourselves and others.

Saints John Bosco, Margaret, Maria and Isodore of Scotland are examples of love of others.

Church

Jesus invites Peter, Andrew, and Matthew (who people do not like), to be his friends.

Jesus' friends help him gather others.

We are one of Jesus' friends and we gather to thank God.

Jesus

God's love gives us Jesus.

Jesus is the sign of God's love.

Jesus tells us we are God's children.

Jesus chooses us as friends.

Jesus teaches us to love God, ourselves and others.

Mary is the Mother of Jesus.

Praying

The Sign of the Cross

The Hail Mary

The Jesus Prayer

Mass Responses

Thank You Prayers

Prayers of Petition

Prayer Skills

- Processing
- Singing
- Blessing

- Responding to litanies
- Dancing
- Praying spontaneously

Prayers are used in lessons throughout the program.

The Bible

The Holy Bible is God's storybook.

- Creation (Genesis)
- Psalms
- Noah
- Hannah's Gift of Samuel
- The Annunciation
- Jesus Blesses the Children
- Jesus Calls Andrew and Peter
- Jesus Cures a Blind Man
- Jesus Chooses Matthew to Be His Friend
- The Lost Sheep
- Jesus Shares Food
- Jesus Tells about his Father
- The Wedding Feast at Cana
- Mary Visits Elizabeth
- The Birth of Jesus
- The Grain of Wheat
- The Shepherds Adore Jesus
- Jonah

We Celebrate gives the children an opportunity to celebrate:

All Saint's Day
 Thanksgiving
 Advent
 Christmas
 Valentine's Day
 Lent
 Easter
 Mary
 Changes
 New Beginnings

Early Childhood Skills

Recalling Story Facts

- Storytelling
- Read-along stories
- Add-on stories
- A picture Bible

Using Picture Clues

- Hidden pictures

- Read-along stories
- Prayer wheels
- Rebus stories
- Picture stories

Following Sequence

- Make a book
- Maze solution
- Ordering

Working with Symbols

- Letter and number recognition
- Everyday signs
- Ritual symbols

Visual Discrimination

- Hidden pictures
- Matching
- Tracing letters

Following Directions

- Craft projects
- Dramatic play
- Action songs and rhymes

Scope & Sequence

Catechism...Curriculum...Community

Unit 1 – God’s Love Creates the Universe

Children are helped to realize that all of creation is a gift from God, who created all things out of a deep, abiding love for us.

- God Creates the Skies
- God Creates the World
- God Creates the Animals
- God Creates the People

What Catholics Believe

- God always sees the good in creation
- The beauty God created exists everywhere
- God created animals to be our friends
- We are made in God’s image and likeness

How Catholics Worship

- Water is introduced as a sacramental sign of God’s presence with us.

How Catholics Live

- We are responsible for caring for all created things
- We believe that God created everything we need to be happy
- Many saints’ lives can teach us how to care for God’s gifts
- God wants us to love one another

How Catholics Pray

- We thank and praise God for God’s wonderful gifts to us – Ps.136
- All of creation gives praise to God – Ps. 148
- “Alleluia” – all of creation gives praise to God

Unit 2 – God’s Love Makes Me Who I Am

To help the children realize that their bodies, talents, feelings and senses are gifts from a loving God.

- God Creates Me
- God Gives Me Feelings
- God Creates My Senses

What Catholics Believe

- Our human body is a creation of a loving God
- God’s love makes us special
- Our five senses are gifts from God

How Catholics Worship

- At Mass, we engage our five senses to worship God
- Sacramentals and symbols enhance our worship by evoking our senses

How Catholics Live

- We recognize our talents as gifts from God
- Feelings are good; we must learn to identify and share them with others
- We use our senses to discover our world

How Catholics Pray

- We thank God that we are wonderfully made – Ps. 139
- Litanies and singing are forms of prayer

Unit 3 – God’s Love Gives Me People to Love

Children will realize that God gives them many people to love – families, friends, and community members.

- God Gives Me a Family
- God Gives Me Friends
- God Gives Me Teachers
- God Gives Me Neighbors

What Catholics Believe

- Our human body is a creation of a loving God
- God’s love makes us special
- Our five senses are gifts from God

How Catholics Worship

- We can give love as well as receive it

How Catholics Live

- There are many ways children can help others
- Cooperate with one another as friends
- We appreciate all the people who teach us to live as Christians; we learn about saints
- Being helpful toward others is being a good neighbor

How Catholics Pray

- We thank God for our families and friends
- Children affirm the goodness of their friends in prayer; We can ask God to help us to be good friends to others
- We can pray using movements and gestures
- We pray for people who show God’s love by helping others

Unit 4 – God’s Love Gives Me Jesus

To help the children realize that God gives them Jesus who teaches them to love God, themselves, and others.

- Jesus Comes to Us
- We are God’s Children
- Jesus Gathers Friends
- Jesus Tells Stories
- Jesus Gives Thanks
- Jesus Celebrates
- Jesus Lives God’s Love

What Catholics Believe

- Jesus is the greatest sign of God’s love
- Appreciate that we are all God’s children, and are both alike and different

- Jesus told stories to reveal God's love and we find these stories in the Bible
- Through the Incarnation, Jesus reveals God's love for us
- Jesus promises to be with Christians when they gather to celebrate Eucharist
- The Mass helps Christians celebrate and live God's love as Jesus did

How Catholics Worship

- Christians are a "symbol-making" people
- Friends of Jesus gather at Mass; we use special prayers, signs and objects to worship God
- We listen to Jesus' stories at Mass; Gospel acclamation is introduced
- The Mass is a prayer of thanks for God's love; term "Eucharist" is introduced
- At mass, the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus

How Catholics Live

- We too, can be signs of God's love
- Recognize that Jesus is present in all people
- We gather as a community to listen to God's word in the Bible
- We offer prayers to God in Jesus' name
- We gather as a community to listen to stories, give thanks, and celebrate
- We show our love for Jesus by loving others as Jesus did

How Catholics Pray

- The Sign of the Cross is introduced
- Children pray Mass responses and perform a liturgical gestures
- Prayer is words put into action

Unit 5 – God's Love Teaches Me to Love

To help the children celebrate God's love for them and their own love for Jesus and others.

- God Loves Us
- We Love Jesus
- We Love Others

What Catholics Believe

- The Sacrament of Baptism makes us friends of Jesus and members of the Church for eternity
- Jesus is the Son of God
- Mary, the Mother of Jesus, loved others

How Catholics Live

- We welcome new members into the Church through Baptism
- We tell Bible stories to remind us of how Jesus wants us to live
- Jesus and Mary teach us how to be good friends to others

How Catholics Pray

- The symbols of Baptism can be used in prayer, Jesus is the light of the world
- We pray with joy and give thanks for all God's blessings
- The Hail Mary is introduced; children participate in the May Crowning