

Diocese of Buffalo, Department of Lifelong Faith Formation

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RELIGION CURRICULUM – GRADE PRE K – K

Websites providing FREE lesson plans, ideas, computer games, and teacher formation :

www.faithfirst.com ; www.catechist.com ; www.blestarewe.com; www.harcourtreligion.com; www.sadlierwebelieve.com

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	DOCTRINE	CONTENT UNDERSTANDINGS	RESOURCES/TEXT ALIGNMENT	ASSESSMENT
<p>Why did God make everything? Did God make everyone alike? What are talents? What does respect mean? How can you try to prevent someone from hurting you? What is the difference between a good and a bad touch? How do I know Jesus is always with me? Why did Jesus tell people about God? What was Jesus' family like? Do we have to love everyone?</p>	<p>God Created the Universe out of Love</p> <p>(Contains mandated content from the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" for Kindergarten ONLY)</p> <p>Jesus is God's Special Gift to Us</p> <p>Our Family is God's Gift</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize that God made all things and wants us to care for all creation lovingly Explain that God created animals and people to grow and develop Explain that God made people unique, wonderful and different and that He loves all people Identify family, and friends (both boys and girls) are gifts from God Discuss that God gives different bodies to girls and boys to become mothers and fathers State that our talents, gifts, feelings and senses are gifts from God Discuss respect; using our senses wisely and lovingly; eating properly and practicing cleanliness and good hygiene Differentiate good from bad touches Describe Jesus as our friend who teaches us all to love one another Explain that Jesus told people about God Discuss the presence of Jesus with us always Introduce the Our Father & Hail Mary Explain that we celebrate Jesus' presence in the Mass Describe different kinds of families and homes Identify Jesus' mother, Mary, and Joseph, step-father Recognize that Jesus wants us to love and help others Explain that Jesus grew up in the Holy Family and learned how to love, help, work, play and share State that we belong to God's family, the Church through Baptism Know the Sign of the Cross 	<p>Gn. 1:1ff Is 43:1,4</p> <p>Sample lesson plans for mandated material found at www.officeoflifelongfaithformation.org <i>Catie the Caterpillar</i> by T. Schamburg (Liguori Press) <i>Keeping My Body Safe</i> (Channing Bete) <i>Safetynet Kids : No Easy Targets</i> (Videos with Values)</p> <p>Mt 28:19 Mt 28:20 Mk 12:31</p> <p>Jn 15:15</p>	<p>Draw a self-portrait. Explain the ways you are unique and lovable.</p> <p>Create cards and send to a nursing home, hospital, AIDS facility, etc, reminding the residents that God loves them.</p> <p>Practice saying "no!" to someone by pretending they used bad touch and then telling a trusted adult.</p> <p>Make a list of qualities of a 'good friend' and compare to how Jesus is also our friend.</p> <p>Make a family tree discuss how important all families are.</p> <p>Draw a picture helping someone who is difficult to like/love.</p>

<p>How do we prepare for Jesus' birth?</p> <p>How do we prepare for Jesus' suffering, death, & resurrection?</p>	<p>Celebrate the Liturgical Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce & celebrate: Season of Advent – prepare for Jesus' birth; Season of Christmas – Jesus with us; Season of Lent – time of sacrifice; Easter Sunday & Season of Easter – rejoice in the Resurrection 	<p>Mt 1:18-21 ; Mt 2:23 (Nativity) Lk 4 :1-13 (Lent) Mt 28 :1-10 (Easter)</p>	<p>Ask each child to do something for Lent and why it is important.</p>
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