

RELIGION CURRICULUM – GRADE 1

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ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	DOCTRINE	CONTENT UNDERSTANDINGS	RESOURCES/TEXT ALIGNMENT	ASSESSMENT
Who is God? What is Baptism? Who is in God’s family? How do we treat people in God’s family? How do we keep ourselves healthy and happy? How do we express our feelings? How can you try to prevent someone from hurting you? How can we handle our feelings in a better way?	<p>God is Creator of All</p> <p>The Church is God’s Family</p> <p>God Wants Me to Be Happy</p> <p>(Contains mandated content from the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People”)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize that God’s world is good and it was created because God loves us Demonstrate that God wants all people to care about creation Recognize that God created everyone and each person is a special creation in unique ways to do wonderful things Describe God’s love for all that He created- sick/well, boys/girls, men/women, and He wants people to love one another Recognize that Baptism is God’s calling to membership in the Catholic Church, part of God’s family Describe God’s family as all people on earth Recognize that we have neighborhood, parish, and school families Describe how each of us can grow to be the best person we can be Show respect and gratitude for God’s gift of life by caring for myself and staying in good health State how God shows love for me through people who care for me including family, friends and neighbors Recognize ways to protect myself from people and things that might harm me Describe ways to say “No!” to those who are causing you to feel uncomfortable by what they do or say and to tell an adult whom you trust Describe the feelings God gave us and how to use them in positive ways Explain how prayer and family can help us with our feelings 	<p>Gn. 1:1ff 1 Cor 12:4-11 Lk 5:12-16 Is 43:4</p> <p>Jn 7:42 Tim 5: 4-8 Mark 1:8</p> <p>Eph 4:26 Mt 5:3-10</p> <p>Sample lesson plans online 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>Make a collage of all that was made by God and present to the class.</p> <p>Create a prayer that reminds you and others of how important it is to gather as God’s family, the Church.</p> <p>Using pictures from a baptism, ask the children to discuss what they see and why baptism is important.</p> <p>Draw a picture and write a sentence describing your best self.</p> <p>Practice saying “No” to people who are making you feel uncomfortable</p> <p>Share photos (or draw pictures) of all the people</p>

