

Diocese of Buffalo, Department of Lifelong Faith Formation

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RELIGION CURRICULUM – GRADE 3

Websites providing FREE lesson plans, ideas, computer games, and parent & 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>Who are the three persons in one God?</p> <p>How do we understand the Trinity?</p> <p>How does the Bible help us to know Jesus?</p> <p>Why do we go to Mass on Sunday?</p> <p>What is the Living Word of God?</p> <p>How does God speak to us?</p>	<p>Jesus Calls Us to Believe</p> <p>Jesus is Present in the Mass in the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the Trinity as three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit • State that God the Father is our creator and we are made in His image • Recognize Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior • Discuss that Jesus lived, died, and rose to new life (resurrection) • Name the Holy Spirit as our helper and sanctifier who is within us at all times • Recite and discuss the meaning of the <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> • Locate and read passages in the Bible according to books, chapters, and verses • Show the difference between spontaneous prayer and liturgical prayer • Recognize that Christians celebrate a day of rest and worship each week on the Lord’s Day, Sunday • Explain we are an assembly of believers who proclaim the Living Word of God at mass. • Name 2 major parts of the Mass (Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist) • Review the change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus during the Liturgy of the Eucharist • Explain that listening to God’s Word in Scripture is one way God speaks to us and teaches us who He is in Liturgy 	<p>Mt 3:16-17 Lk 24:45-46</p> <p>See: <i>The Angel’s Series</i> from www.twentythirdpublications.com</p> <p>Gal 4:4-6 Jn 14:26</p> <p>Mt 28:16-20 Lk 24: 13-35 Mk 14:22-25</p>	<p>Have a “Scripture Citation Bee” – having students look up scripture passages and reading them aloud.</p> <p>Create a booklet identifying the parts of the Mass.</p>

<p>How do we remember Jesus during the liturgical year?</p> <p>What events make up the Triduum?</p> <p>What is Pentecost?</p> <p>What is the Church?</p> <p>Why do we belong to a parish?</p> <p>Why should we learn the Apostles' Creed?</p> <p>Why are the saints and all God's holy people who have gone to heaven before us important to me?</p> <p>How should we treat one another as members of God's family?</p> <p>Why is life precious?</p> <p>What is God's plan for creation and reproduction?</p>	<p>We Remember Jesus During the Liturgical Year</p> <hr/> <p>Pentecost Celebrates the Coming of The Holy Spirit</p> <hr/> <p>The Church is the People of God The Catholic Church- One Body</p>	<p>of the Word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the commission we all receive at the end of the mass to serve Jesus through our service to one another Examine the ways to celebrate Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, the Triduum, and the Easter Season Explain that the Holy Spirit is sent to be our source of strength, joy and peace Name the gifts of the Holy Spirit and explain that they help us to be holy Describe the Church as a community of friends and followers of Jesus that welcomes all people and helps them belong Recognize that prayer & worship join us together, especially at Mass Discuss that we gather to pay attention to God's Good News at Mass Recall that through Baptism, we belong to the Church Distinguish your Catholic parish as a community of Christians and one that cares for all of its members Explain the marks of the Church: one, holy, catholic and apostolic Explain the Apostles' Creed Recognize that we are called to be saints and the Communion of Saints shows the Church is a community of holy people Identify saints as heroes and heroines of the Church Explain that all people are to be treated with respect and love Discuss that all life is precious and children are the greatest gifts God can give a husband and wife 	<p>Display a Liturgical Calendar in the classroom alongside the yearly calendar and identify what 'the day is' within the Church as part of the morning routine.</p> <p>Mt 26:22-26 Rom 12:6-8</p> <p>Video: <i>A Walk Through the Mass</i> (#716 in Diocesan Library)</p> <p>Acts 2:1-13 1Cor 12:1-12</p> <p>Connect the history of Halloween to the Communion of Saints; have the children dress up as a saint for Halloween.</p> <p>Acts 2:43-47</p> <p>Respect Life Month is October, contact the diocesan office for resources.</p>	<p>Illustrate the events of the Triduum</p> <p>Make a list of signs of new life and its connection to the resurrection of Jesus</p> <p>Illustrate the "Gifts of the Spirit" showing ways the Spirit is alive in your family/parish/self.</p> <p>Draw a picture depicting the different kinds of people that make up your parish family.</p> <p>Write a prayer to the saint you are named after.</p>
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<p>What are ways that you can be kept safe from harm?</p>	<p>(Contains mandated content from the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People”)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain that human beings share in God’s gift of creation and make loving thoughtful decisions to bring new human life into the world • Identify humans as the highest form of earthly creation with God given intelligence, freedom and sensibility to care for the rest of creation • Describe part of God’s loving plan is for living creatures to reproduce and reproduction is an instinct • Tell that God desires that babies be born in the sanctity of marriage to form a community of love • Teach that when someone tries to hurt you or touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset, you must tell them to stop and to tell another adult you trust immediately, even if you are told not to tell. • Explain that God calls us to love all of the sick, care and pray for them • List the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy • Recognize that "Whatever we do for others, we do for Jesus" 	<p>Sample lesson plans go to : www.officeoflifelongfaithformation.org Video : <i>Don’t Knows and Kinda Knows</i> (Diocesan Library #889, 847-8778 to borrow for free)</p> <p>Jn 10:1-5</p> <p>Acts 2:42-47</p>	<p>Practice saying “No!” to someone who is bothering you by tickling too much or hurting your feelings.</p>
<p>Who are the leaders of the Church and what do they do?</p>	<p>Our Parishes Make Up a Diocese</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the roles of the pope, bishop, priest, and deacon • Identify the Vatican • Explain the process for electing the pope • Define laity • Name St. Joseph as the patron saint of our diocese; recognize that <i>St. Joseph</i> is the name of our diocesan cathedral, the place from which our bishop presides over his diocese. 	<p>PS 139</p>	<p>Name all the current leaders of the church from the Vatican to your parish.</p> <p>Journal about some service projects needed in your parish or your neighborhood and how your parish could help.</p>
<p>What are Sacraments? Why do we celebrate one’s First Eucharist?</p>	<p>Sacraments: Signs of God’s Love</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize that we celebrate the Sacraments • Name the seven sacraments in three categories: Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and Vocation <hr/>	<p>Acts 6:1-7 Find out how you can support the students’ preparation for 1st Eucharist by contact the parish director of faith formation (multiple contacts if at a regional school).</p>	<hr/>

