



St. Mel's Catholic School

Religion Standards: Grade Two

THEME:

Understanding that God shares His love through creation, Eucharist, redemption and guidance.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. To understand that God's gift of creation brings with it a call for responsibility.
- B. To understand that God sent Jesus to redeem the world.
- C. To learn that Jesus shares Himself in a special way through Eucharist.
- D. To learn that the Holy Spirit helps and guides us.
- E. To assist the child in an appreciation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

1.0 MESSAGE: God, our Creator, sends Jesus and the Holy Spirit to help and guide us.

1.1 God

- 1.1.1 To learn that God made us.
- 1.1.2 To understand that God always loves us.
- 1.1.3 To learn that God always forgives us if we are sorry.
- 1.1.4 To learn that God allows us to make choices.
- 1.1.5 To learn that Jesus is the Son of God.
- 1.1.6 To understand that Jesus is our brother and friend.
- 1.1.7 To learn that Jesus died for us.
- 1.1.8 To learn that Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life.
- 1.1.9 To learn that Jesus gives us Himself in the Eucharist.
- 1.1.10 To learn that the Holy Spirit helps us to make choices.

1.2 Scripture

- 1.2.1 To understand that the Bible is a collection of stories divided into two parts.
- 1.2.2 To begin to respond to God's word by doing what Jesus asks of us.
- 1.2.3 To read and experience the Parables.
- 1.2.4 To introduce the use of the Bible.

1.3 Doctrine

- 1.3.1 To learn that we receive Jesus in the form of bread and wine through the Eucharist.
- 1.3.2 To learn that we give and receive forgiveness through the Holy Spirit.

2.0 WORSHIP: We participate in worship through liturgy and sacraments.

2.1 Sacraments

- 2.1.1 To understand sacraments as celebrations of Jesus' love and signs of His presence.
- 2.1.2 To reinforce that we enter God's family, the Church, through Baptism.
- 2.1.3 To reinforce that we are given new life through Baptism.
- 2.1.4 To emphasize that Eucharist was given to us at the Last Supper by Jesus.
- 2.1.5 To learn that through Eucharist we experience healing, forgiveness, and mission.
- 2.1.6 To learn that Eucharist is a sacrament of thanksgiving.
- 2.1.7 To learn that bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus at Eucharist.



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2.1.8 To learn that Eucharist is a remembrance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

2.1.9 To learn that we will be welcomed back to God's family when we ask for forgiveness.

2.2 Prayer

2.2.1 To learn that we call on God as Creator, Redeemer, and Guide through prayer.

2.2.2 To understand the meaning of the following prayers: (1) Sign of the Cross; (2) Our Father; (3) Hail Mary; (4) Doxology (Glory to the Father...).

2.2.3 To introduce an Act of Contrition.

2.2.4 To learn the responses of the Liturgy as prayer.

2.2.5 To have the opportunity to participate in a variety of prayer forms such as recitation, spontaneous prayer, petitions, and guided meditation.

2.3 Liturgy

2.3.1 To participate in school and Sunday liturgies.

2.3.2 To understand that we gather at Liturgy to celebrate Jesus' life with us.

2.3.3 To understand that we receive special food at Eucharist.

2.3.4 To learn the two parts of the Mass.

2.3.5 To learn the basic responses and prayers used during Mass.

2.4 Liturgical Year

2.4.1 To experience Advent as a time of preparation.

2.4.2 To experience Christmas as the message of God's love.

2.4.3 To experience Lent as a time for sacrifice and giving.

2.4.4 To reinforce knowledge of the events of Holy Week.

2.4.5 To emphasize and experience the Eucharistic theme of Holy Thursday.

2.4.6 To experience the Easter season as a time for great happiness.

2.5 Feast Days

2.5.1 To learn that feast days help us celebrate special members of God's family.

2.5.2 To celebrate special feast days.

2.6 Traditions

2.6.1 To experience a variety of Marian devotions.

3.0 MORALITY: We develop personal responsibility.

3.1 To learn that decisions involve choices.

3.2 To reinforce that all decisions have consequences.

3.3 To experience reconciliation as a part of forgiveness.

3.4 To learn conflict resolution skills.

4.0 CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: We live the message of Jesus through service to others.

4.1 Justice

4.1.1 To learn and experience that we can make choices and follow rules.

4.1.2 To learn that others help us to make choices.

4.2 Peace

4.2.1 To learn that we can try again if we make a mistake.

4.2.2 To learn to share our personal gifts with others.



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- 4.2.3 To learn that we belong to a parish community.
- 4.2.4 To learn that many communities make up the world.
- 4.2.5 To learn that we have a Christian responsibility for others in need.

4.3 Local Needs

- 4.3.1 To participate in local outreach.

5.0 COMMUNITY: God's people are connected by faith.

5.1 Models of Church

- 5.1.1 To know that the Church is the people of God.
- 5.1.2 To know that the Church is a community of people who follow God.
- 5.1.3 To know that our local community is called a parish.
- 5.1.4 To know that the Church is the Family of God.

5.2 Church History

- 5.2.1 To learn that Mary was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus.
- 5.2.2 To understand that Mary is the mother of Jesus.
- 5.2.3 To learn that Mary shows us how to love.
- 5.2.4 To begin to learn about patron saints.

6.0 FAMILY LIFE: The uniqueness of each person is to be nurtured.

6.1 Human Dignity

- 6.1.1 To understand that families come in many "forms": mothers, fathers, and children; mothers and children; fathers and children; grandparents and children.
- 6.1.2 To understand that families work together.
- 6.1.3 To learn that friends are special people.
- 6.1.4 To learn that we grow and change.
- 6.1.5 To learn that we are special and unique.
- 6.1.6 To understand our unique characteristics.

7.0 TERMINOLOGY:

Advent, God's Family, altar, grace, apostles, Jesus, Baptism, Last Supper, Bible, Lent, celebrate, liturgy, Christ, Mary, Christmas, Mass, communion, prayer, Easter, reconciliation, Eucharist, Sacrament, forgive, saint

8.0 SCRIPTURE REFERENCES to be used to develop the themes of the religion standards.

- Genesis 2-3 First failure to love God enough
- Exodus 1-14 Moses leads the people out of Egypt; first Passover
- 1 Kings 17: 1-16 Elijah and the widow; God provides for the poor
- Psalms 51 Prayer of repentance
- Psalms 139 God knows us
- Mark 10: 17-25 The Rich Man, Lazarus
- Luke 10: 25-37 The Good Samaritan
- Luke 14: 16-24 Good News
- Luke 15: 1-7 Lost Sheep
- Luke 15: 11-32 Prodigal Son
- Luke 19: 1-10 Zacchaeus



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Luke 22: 14-20 Last Supper
John 2: 1-11 Wedding at Cana
John 6: 1-13 Jesus feeds the five thousand
John 6: 25-58 Bread of Life