



Diocese of Greensburg Curriculum Religion Grade K

Unit	Content	Skills
Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• God made the world and all that is in it• Everything God made is good• God shows his love through creation• Creation stories follow an order (Earth and skies, animals, and people)• God made people to be like him• God made people to love him and others• We show God our love by caring for all created things• God gives us our senses to discover His world	The students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify God as the creator of the world and all that is in it• Explain that God made people to be like him and love him• Express that God shows his love through creation• Express that everything God made is good• Identify ways to show God's love to others• Identify ways that we can take care of God's world• Connect stories of creation to the Bible• Investigate God's creations through senses
The Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Bible tells us stories as lessons to help us live as Jesus did• Stories in the Bible teach us lessons	The students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retell stories from the Bible• Compare their lives to stories about Jesus• Identify specific persons and events from the Bible, e.g. Creation, Noah's Ark, the Nativity, the Good Samaritan• Recall events and people from the Bible
God Knows and Loves All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• God is good and we must serve Him first• Love one another as God loves us• Tell others when we are sorry• God wants us to make good choices• Talents are a gift from God• We thank God that we are wonderfully made	The students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain that God should come first in our lives• Explain why it is important to tell others when we are sorry• Explain that we need to love others as Jesus loves us• Explain that God wants us to make good choices

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<p>Our Church Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church is a large family of God • Each person has special talents to serve others and to teach others about God • When we help others we are good neighbors and living the Greatest Commandment • The people God has given us are gifts 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the Church as God's family • Identify talents that the students can use to serve others within their Church and school community • Identify the Liturgy as the place for the Church to gather as God's family • Demonstrate the Greatest Commandment through service projects and actions
<p>Jesus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Mary • Jesus gave us the example of how to live our lives through his teachings in the Bible • The people who follow Jesus are Christians • Jesus was a child like me • Jesus is our friend 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Jesus as the Son of God and Mary • Identify people who follow Jesus as Christians • Identify the Bible as the place to find examples of the way that Jesus wants us to live our lives • Spend time in prayer with Jesus • Retell events of Jesus' life • Compare our life to Jesus' life as a child
<p>Sacraments and Practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacraments are a sign of God's love for us • God gives us the Sacraments to help us to get to know Him and build a relationship with Him • Through Baptism we become part God's family • During worship time we pray to God through song, prayer, and actions • At Mass we use special prayers, signs, and objects to worship God • When we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist Jesus is present • The tabernacle is where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in the form of bread 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize God's presence in the Sacraments • Identify elements of the Rite of Baptism • Identify Baptism as the way become children of God and a member of the Church • Participate in Mass by singing, praying, and reciting prayers • Identify parts of the Mass--Consecration, Sign of Peace • Identify special features of the church--altar, statues, crucifix, and tabernacle • Know that Jesus is present in the Eucharist • Understand the importance of the community worshipping together

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<p>Liturgical Year and Celebrations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent is a time to prepare as we wait for the birth of Jesus • The Holy Family celebrated the first Christmas • Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday are celebrated in preparation for Lent • The 4 candles in the Advent wreath represent the 4 weeks of Lent • Ashes are last years palms and remind us of sacrifice and forgiveness • Lent is a time to sacrifice and forgive others, as Jesus did • During the Lent period we walk with Jesus and take up our cross • The sequential events of Holy Week lead up to Easter • Easter reminds of Jesus gave us the promise to new life • Mary, the Mother of God, is celebrated throughout the Liturgical year 	<p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Advent as a time to prepare our hearts while we wait for the birth of Jesus • Recognize Advent continues for 4 weeks which is represented by 4 candles • Retell the story of the Holy Family's travels and the birth of Jesus • Identify Christmas as the celebration of Jesus' Birthday • Explain the relationship between Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter • Understand ashes remind us of God's forgiveness and show we are proud to be a Christian • Identify Lent as the time to prepare our hearts for Easter by giving alms, praying, and fasting • Sequence the events of Holy Week • Identify the elements of the Last Supper • Reflect on the Stations of the Cross • Retell the story of Easter from the Palm Sunday to Easter as the day that Jesus rose from the dead • Identify the months of October and May as special times of honor for Mary, the Mother of God • Celebrate specific Saint and feast days
<p>Saints</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saints are friends of God • The Saints teach us about God, show us how to live, and how to care for God's gifts • The Saints pray for us to God, the Father, every day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saints to celebrate: • Mary (9-8 & Christmas & May) • St. Francis (10-4) • St. Joseph (3-19 & Christmas) • St. Nicholas (12-6) 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the Feast Days of the major saints • Explain that the saints offer daily prayer for us to God the Father • Retell stories of the lives of different saints celebrated throughout the year

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Valentine (2-14) • St. Patrick (Holy Trinity)(3-19) • Patron Saint of your school 	
<p>Prayers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer is talking to God both formally and informally • Prayer is a gift from God • God talks to us through prayer • God listens to us when we pray • The Sign of the Cross • Grace Before Meals • The Hail Mary • The Guardian Angel • The Our Father 	<p>The students will be able to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in formal and informal prayer • Create a prayer or intercession • Recite and have an understanding of the following prayers: • The Sign of the Cross-demonstrate • Grace Before Meals • The Hail Mary • The Guardian Angel • The Our Father

