

Kindergarten Religion

Course Description: The scope and sequence of the *Faith First Kindergarten* has been developed to provide students with a readiness for future catechesis. This course focuses on core teachings of the Catholic Church that are foundational to Catholic life. This is accomplished through Bible stories, celebration of the seasons and special days of the Church year.

Text(s): *Faith First Kindergarten Guide*, 2001, Publisher: Resources for Christian Living

Quarter-Weeks	Date	Objectives	Instructional Materials	Archdiocese Standards	Assessments
	8/6 & 8/7	-Get to know the students	Resources found on website; possibly a book	N/A	N/A
1-1	8/10-8/14	-Discover that taking care of someone or something is a sign that a person or thing is special to us. -Explain in their own words that God made us and we are children of God. -Identify gifts that show God's love for us. -Demonstrate thanks to God for His love for us. - Celebrate that we are children of God.	Chapter 1: I am a child of God	Value 1- A, B, C Value 3- A, B, C, D	Observation of active participation in class activities.
1-2	8/17-8/21	-Discover the importance of our five senses by listening to a story -Identify that our five senses are gifts from God. -Describe ways we use our five senses to learn about God's world. -Tell about something in the world that we discover with our senses that shows God's love. -Celebrate the gift of our five senses.	Chapter 2: God gives me five senses	Value 3- A,B,C,D	
1-3	8/24-8/28	-Explain that God created the land, water, sun, moon, and stars. -Describe God's gift of day and night -Understand that water and land are gifts to us from God. -Discuss ways we care for water and	Chapter 3: God Gives us the Earth.	V 3-D	

		land. -Thank God for creating the Earth.			
1-4	9/31-9/4	-Explore and celebrate the great love that God has for Mary	Text: Mary's Birthday-pg 288.	V 2- A, B, C V 6 – A, B, C, D	
1-5	9/9-9/11	-Discover that God cares for all creation. -Understand that God wants us to care for the creatures that He created. -Explain that God created plants and trees that give us foods to eat. -Express thanks to God for making the world. -Celebrate and thank God for making the world.	Chapter 4: God gives us Animals and Plants.	V1-B, V3-A,B,C, D	
1-6	9/14-9/18	-Discover that all people belong to the family of God. -Tell the biblical story of the creation of people. -Explain that God made all people good. -Celebrate and thank God for creating each one of us good.	Chapter 5: God Creates People.	V1-B, C V2-A,B,C V5-A, B, C	
1-7	9/21-9/25	-Identify the Bible as a special book from God -Describe the Bible as a special book in which God tells us about his love for us. -Explain that the Bible tells us about Jesus. -Demonstrate ways to learn to live as children of God. -Celebrate and thank God for the Bible.	Chapter 6: The Bible Tells us about God's Love.	V 6- A, B, C, D	
1-8	9/28-10/2	-Discover the promise God made to Noah. -Relate the story of Noah and the ark to their lives. -Explain that the rainbow is a reminder of God's love for us.	Chapter 7: God's Promise to Noah.	V2-A, B, C	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Identify ways that we can care for each other. - Celebrate that God loves us and cares for us. 			
1/9	10/5-10/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Explain that our family helps us to learn to live as children of God. -Describe the family as a gift from God. -Explain that the family helps us know and love God. -Demonstrate respect and show love for their families. -Celebrate and thank God for the family. 	Chapter 8: My Family Is a Sign of God's Love.	V4- A, B, C	
2-1	10/12-10/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discover that the church family is a sign of God's love. -Describe the Church as our home in God's family. -Explain that there are many people in our church family. -Identify ways we can do things together with our church family. -Celebrate and thank God for our church family. 	Chapter 9: My Church Family Is a Sign of God's Love.		Observation of active participation in class activities.
2-2	10/19-10/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discover that Jesus was a child and did many things all children do. -Identify that Jesus is the Son of God. -Describe the family of Jesus as the Holy Family. - Demonstrate ways family members care for one another. -Celebrate that each of us is a child of God. 	Chapter 10: Jesus Lived in a Family.	V4-A, B, C	
2-3	10/26-10/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Explore and celebrate the saints as followers of Jesus and our helpers 	Text: All Saints' Day pg 290-291	V6- A, B, C, D	
2-4	11/2 – 11/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tell the story of Zacchaeus meeting and talking with Jesus. -Discover the importance of listening to Jesus. -Explain that Jesus teaches us to be fair. -Identify ways that we can listen to Jesus and be kind to other people. 	Chapter 11: Zacchaeus Listens to Jesus.	V6- A, B, C, D	

		-Celebrate that we listen to Jesus.			
2-5	11/9 – 11/13	-Discover that we are called to care for other people as Jesus did. -Explain that Jesus taught people how much God loves them. -Describe some ways that Jesus taught people about God’s love. -Demonstrate ways we listen to Jesus. -Celebrate how much God loves and cares for us.	Thanksgiving Day- Text pp. 292-293	V1- A, B, C	
2-6	11/16- 11/20	-Explore and celebrate that we give thanks to God in a special way on Thanksgiving Day. -Prepare for Thanksgiving Mass.	Chapter 12: Jesus is my Teacher	V5- A, B, C	
2-7	11/30- 12/4	-Discover that Jesus is always with us. -Describe ways we can talk to Jesus anywhere and anytime. -Discover that things tell us about Jesus. -Demonstrate ways we can tell other people about Jesus. -Celebrate that Jesus is always present with us.	Chapter 13: Jesus is Always with Us.	V6-A, B, C, D	
2-8	12/7- 12/11	-Explore and celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons.	Text: Advent and Christmas pp 294-295	V1- A, B, C V2-A, B, C	
2-9	12/14- 12/18	Explore and celebrate God’s love for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph-the Holy Family.	Text: The Holy Family pp 296-7	V4-A, B, C	
3-1	1/4- 1/8	-Explain that Jesus invited the children to come to him. -Know why it is important to pray to Jesus. -Explain what it means to listen to Jesus. -Celebrate that we are friends of Jesus.	Chapter 14: Jesus Blesses the Children.	V1-A, B, C	Observation of active participation in class activities.

3-2	1/11 – 1/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Explain that we are members of the Catholic Church. -Describe the Church as being made up of the friends of Jesus. -Explain that through our baptism we became members of the Church. -Explain that we belong to the Catholic Church. -Celebrate that our baptism makes us special friends of Jesus and members of the Church. 	Chapter 15: We Belong to the Catholic Church.	V2- A, B, C	
3-3	1/18- 1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Identify that Jesus is present with us at Mass. -Describe Sunday as the day the Church gathers for Mass. -Explain ways we take part in the Mass. -Show that we thank God for his love at Mass. -Celebrate and give thanks to God. 	Chapter 16: We Thank God at Mass.	V1-A, B, C	
3-4	1/25- 1/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Define saints as those holy people who live with God in heaven. -Explain that Mary is the greatest saint. -Discover that the saints show us ways to love God and live as friends of Jesus. -Understand that the saints help us live as children of God. -Celebrate and pray to the saints. 	Chapter 17: The Saints are Special Friends of God.	V1- A, B, C V6-B, D	
3-5	2/1- 2/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Know that the Holy Spirit is always with us to help us live as children of God. -Explain that Jesus made a promise that the Holy Spirit would be our helper. -Demonstrate ways the Holy Spirit helps us. -Identify ways to call on the Holy Spirit in prayer. -Celebrate that the Holy Spirit is with us. -explore and celebrate our love for our 	Chapter 18: The Holy Spirit Helps Us. Valentine’s Day pp. 298-299	V1- A, B, C	

		family friends.			
3-6	2/8-2/12	Explore and celebrate Lent as a time to grow as children of God	Lent-Text: pages 300-301	V2-A, B, C	
3-7	2/22 - 2/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Understand that each of us makes choices. -Identify the many good choices we make each day. -Describe how people help us make good choices. -Explain that good choices can help people. -Celebrate ways we can make good choices. 	Chapter 19: We Make Choices.	V3-A, B, C, D	
3-8	3/1 – 3/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discover how Christian families keep Sunday holy. -Explain that Jesus taught us to love God. -Describe ways our families teach us to love God. -Demonstrate ways our families help us love God. -Celebrate our love for God. 	Chapter 20: We Show Our Love for God.	V4-A, B, C	
3-9	3/8 – 3/12	<p>Kindergarten Retreat-March 10th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discover Jesus' command to love other people by listening to the parable of the Good Samaritan. -Describe what it means to be a good neighbor. -Explain that a good neighbor treats other people with kindness. -Demonstrate ways to be a good neighbor. -Celebrate that we are good neighbors to one another. 	Chapter 21: The Good Neighbor-A Bible Story.	V3-A, B, C, D	
4-1	3/15-3/19	<p>Explore and celebrate St. Joseph and St. Patrick.</p> <p>Explore and celebrate Easter.</p>	Text : pgs 302-304	V2-A, B, C	Observation of active participation

					in class activities.
4-2	3/22-3/26	Identify ways we can respect and show love for others. -Explain that life is a gift from God. -Demonstrate ways that we take care of ourselves. -Demonstrate ways we take care of others as we take care of ourselves. -Celebrate God's gift of life to each of us.	Chapter 22: We Take Care of Ourselves	V3-A, B, C, D	
4-3	3/29-4/2	-Describe an experience of asking for forgiveness. -Identify various feelings and the consequences of acting on those feelings.	Chapter 23: We Say I am Sorry	V6-A, B, C, D	
4-4	4/5 - 4/9	-Explain that words affect people's feelings. -Describe the importance of feeling sorry. -Celebrate forgiveness.	Chapter 23: We Say I am Sorry	V6-A, B, C, D	
4-5	4/12-4/16	-Tell the gospel story of Jesus teaching his friends to pray the Our Father. -Demonstrate an understanding that Jesus is talking to us today through this Bible story.	Chapter 24: Jesus Taught Us to Pray.	V1-A, B, C	
4-6	4/19-4/23	-Explore ways the Our Father is a prayer that Christians can pray anywhere and anytime. -Demonstrate the ability to pray, at least in part, the Our Father. -Celebrate our love for and trust in God.	Chapter 24: Jesus Taught Us to Pray.	V1-A, B, C	
4-7	4/26-4/30	Explore and celebrate that Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother too.	Text: pp. 306-307	V2-A, B, C	
4-8	5/3-5/7	Review prayers and songs for Graduation		V1-A, B, C	
4-9	5/10-5/14	Out of School		Out of School	