

Grade 1
CONDENSED CURRICULUM

God is the Creator who made all things: angels, human persons, the whole world.

God is all loving, all holy, can do everything, is everywhere, knows everything and always was and always will be.

Through prayer and worship we respond with love and gratitude to God.

Created in God's image, each person has dignity and value. It is our responsibility to respect life and to care for ourselves, others and all that God has created (stewardship). We are to be respectful of the life, good name, property and possessions of others. (Gen. 1:1-27)

(Matt. 18:10)

Learn: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth."

Trust in Providence (Matt. 6:25-34)

We are children of God. God is our Father who made us, loves us, cares for us, and who wants us to be happy with him, on this earth and in heaven.

Through Baptism we become members of the Church, God's family, and receive grace, a sharing in God's life. (1 Pet. 1:3-5)

Have children learn the Sign of the Cross.

We are called to be members of God's family, to be saints. Saints are people who live God's way.

We are to be truthful. We do not lie, destroy property, or steal.

Jesus, the Son of God, became human like us and loves us. (Luke 2:7-14)

Explain that Advent is the beginning of the Church year and is a preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Jesus shows us how to live.

We are to show love and obedience to our parents and those who take care of us, as Jesus did to his parents.

We are to be like Jesus and to care for others who are in need. (Luke 2:41-52; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 4:40; Matt. 14:13-21)

Teach children to pray for other people.

Jesus teaches us how to listen and talk with God our Father. (Matt. 6:9-13)

Teach children the Our Father.

Foster daily prayer, especially in the morning, evening and at mealtimes.

At Mass, we listen to God's Word and pray together as God's family.

Encourage children to participate in Sunday Mass at their parish.

Jesus suffered and died for us and rose from the dead. (John 21:1-14)

To live in peace it is necessary at times to say we are sorry, to forgive and to make up with others.

Explain that Lent is a season of the Church year, a time of preparation for Easter.

The Holy Spirit is sent by Jesus to make us holy. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray. (Gal. 4:6)

Have the children review the Sign of the Cross and learn the Glory to the Father (Doxology)

Sacred Scripture is the Word of God. (Psalm 119:105)

In Sacred Scripture we learn about God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Give Sacred Scripture a special place in the classroom. Encourage the children to do the same at home.

WORDS TO BE TAUGHT

Advent	Creator	Mass
Amen	Easter	Parish
Catholic	Guardian Angel	Sacrament of Baptism
Christmas	Lent	Sacred Scripture
Church	Liturgical Year	Saint

LITURGICAL SYMBOLS AND GESTURES TO BE TAUGHT

Altar	Holy Water	Sanctuary
Baptismal Font	Kneeling	Sign of the Cross
Genuflection	Lectern	Tabernacle
		Tabernacle Lamp

PRAYERS TO BE TAUGHT

- Sign of the Cross
- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory to the Father (Doxology)*

PRAYERS TO BE ENCOURAGED

- Morning and evening prayer
- Grace at Meals
- Spontaneous Prayer

*** DOXOLOGY**

Glory to the Father,
 and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.