

Religion Grade Level Standards for Catholic Schools

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Grade Level 1

Scripture/ Christian Life

- Recognizes the Bible as the story of God's people
 - Reverences the Bible as God's special book
 - Learns about Jesus from the Bible
 - Becomes familiar with stories from the Bible
- Examples include:
- Creation of world and us (Gen 1:1-31)
 - Christmas story (Lk 2: 8-18)
 - Jesus blesses the children (Mt 19: 13-15; Mk 9: 13-16; Lk 18: 15-17)
 - The Good Samaritan (Lk 10: 29-39)
 - Jesus and Zaccheus (Lk 19: 1-10)
 - Jesus loved and helped many people (Mk 8: 22-25; Lk 17: 11-19)
 - The Last Supper (Mt 26: 17-30; Lk 22: 13-20; Mk 14: 12-26)
 - The Easter Story (Jn 20: 1-20; Lk 24: 13-35)

Sacraments/ Worship

- Recognizes sacraments as special signs of God's love:
 - BAPTISM - welcomes us to God's family, the Church
 - EUCHARIST - Mass, Bread of Life, Saving Cup
 - RECONCILIATION - "I'm sorry," Jesus forgives
- Experiences prayer as listening and talking to God
- Prays: Sign of the Cross, Glory be to the Father, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace and Angel of God
- Expresses love of God and personal needs in spontaneous prayer
- Gathers with God's family at Mass
- Begins to pray at Mass (e.g. Lord Have Mercy, Glory to God, Alleluia, the Response "And also with you," Holy-Holy-Holy, Amen, Our Father, and Lamb of God)

- Celebrates rituals and activities which express our Christian beliefs, for example: The Advent Wreath, The Christmas Crib

Morality/ Social Justice

- Knows that Jesus gave two great commandments: LOVE GOD - LOVE SELF AND OTHERS
- Names how she/he loves God, self and others
- Shows care for others
- Demonstrates responsibility for God's creation
- Recognizes sin as turning away from God, hurting self and others
- Recognizes the need to say "I'm sorry"
- Tries to live at peace with oneself and others
- Learns to develop friendships and share with others
- Participates in Mission awareness and other christian service activities

Christian Faith and Practice

- Names God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Recognizes that God creates people and the world out of love
- Begins to recognize that God sent us Jesus to show us how to live and love
- Learns to identify Church as God's family
- Understands saints as models of faith in our lives
- Learns to identify Church as a community of people who come together in God's name
- Recognizes Mary as Jesus' mother