

Catechetical Guidelines

Grade 2

Doctrine

- Describe God as loving and merciful.
- Describe how the Holy Spirit can help us to know right from wrong.
- Describe how sin hurts God, others and ourselves.
- Tell that, at Mass, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- State that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist.

Scripture

- Demonstrate familiarity with the stories of forgiveness in the Gospel, ie. The Prodigal Son, the Lost Sheep and Zacchaeus.
- Demonstrate familiarity with the meal stories in the Gospel, ie. The Wedding Feast at Cana, the multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, the Last Supper.
- Listen to the story of Mary saying “yes” to God and describe ways in which they can say “yes” to God.

Sacraments and Liturgy

- Recall that Sacraments are signs of God’s love for us in which we receive God’s grace.
- Describe the term ‘grace’ as the gift of God’s love, which enables us to live good Christian lives.
- Talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an opportunity to celebrate God’s love and forgiveness of sin.
- Describe the Sacrament of Eucharist as a prayer of the community that gives thanks and praise to God.
- Connect the story of the Last Supper with the celebration of the Mass.
- Tell that at Mass the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ and offered to us as a sign of God’s love in Holy Communion.
- Describe how participation in Mass and prayer unites us in the Body of Christ.

Moral Formation

- Recite the two Great Commandments: the love of God and love of neighbor.
- Examine the effects of their own behavior in family and group settings.

- Discuss and practice ways to stand up for what is right.
- Explain that everyone deserves respect because they are made in the image of God.

Prayer and Spirituality

- Express their love of God and others through prayer and action.
- Express their love of Jesus through the reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- Pray a spontaneous prayer.
- Describe the difference between communal and personal prayer.

To Be Learned By Heart

- Say an Act of Contrition.
- Say the Glory Be.
- Be familiar with and be able to participate in the Mass response.

Service/Mission

- Discuss ways they can put their love of others into action (service) with God's help.
- Participate in a group project that provides service to others.
- Explain that at the end of Mass we are sent out to share Jesus' love with others.
- Demonstrate understanding of our responsibility to support our church community.