

# Religion

Trimester	Content	Goals
<p>1<sup>st</sup> August 21<sup>st</sup> — November 8th</p>	<p>Our Catholic Faith: We Believe in God, Jesus is God's Son, The Holy Spirit is Our Helper, We Belong to the Catholic Church, We Belong to Our Parish, Prayer, The Bible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The children experience the wonder of God's creation. The children appreciate that God created everyone and everything good. The children realize that Jesus Christ is God's greatest gift to us. The children understand that God the Holy Spirit is our special Helper. The children become aware of the loving action of the Blessed Trinity in their lives.</li> <li>• To motivate the children to want to follow Jesus. The children know that Jesus is truly the Son of God. The children understand Jesus' Law of Love. The children understand that Jesus is always with us. To deepen the children's understanding of the importance of Jesus in their lives.</li> <li>• The children talk about and share experiences of being afraid. The children appreciate how the Holy Spirit helped the friends of Jesus. The children understand the meaning of Baptism. The children understand the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. The children recall and celebrate what they have learned about the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>• The children appreciate the feeling of being welcomed into a group. To develop in the children the concept of the Church as a community. The children understand that we are called to serve one another. The children appreciate the Mass as our greatest prayer. To strengthen the children in their desire to live as followers of Jesus.</li> <li>• To guide the children toward a better appreciation of belonging to a family. To introduce the parish as our special home in the Catholic Church. To introduce ways in which the parish carries on Jesus' mission today. To demonstrate ways in which our parish prays and works together. To reinforce for the children what they have learned about the life of their parish.</li> <li>• To recall experiences of communicating with those we love. The children understand the meaning of prayer and how to pray. To deepen the children's understanding of prayer. The children prepare for a prayer service. The children will experience a prayer service.</li> <li>• To demonstrate our need for others to help us learn. The children know the meaning of the Bible. To deepen the children's understanding of the Bible. The children prepare for a Bible prayer service. The children will experience a Bible prayer service.</li> </ul>

<p>2<sup>nd</sup> November 11<sup>th</sup> – February 21<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>The Sacrament of Reconciliation: God Loves Us Always, We Make Choices, God Forgives Us, We Prepare for Reconciliation, We Celebrate Reconciliation Our Catholic Faith: Advent, Christmas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The children recognize signs of love. The children understand God's great love for them. The children understand that Jesus showed us how to live the Law of Love. The children are motivated to pray to the Holy Spirit when making difficult choices. The children are motivated to love other people and treat them fairly.</li> <li>• The children make good choices in their lives. To present the meaning of sin and the importance of making right choices. The children understand and appreciate the Ten Commandments. The children understand that Jesus shows us how to do what God wants. The children choose ways to live the Ten Commandments.</li> <li>• The children understand the need to be sorry when we have done wrong. The children understand the meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation. The children are taught and explained the Act of Contrition. The children know that in the sacrament of Reconciliation we celebrate God's love and forgiveness. The children's understanding of the meaning of Reconciliation will be deepened.</li> <li>• The children understand Reconciliation in their own lives. The children learn and use a sample examination of conscience. The children are prepared to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. The children realize that as God forgives us, we must forgive others. The children are motivated to share God's peace and forgiveness with others.</li> <li>• To present Jesus' words about forgiveness and share reasons for forgiving. The children understand the individual rite of Reconciliation. The children understand that we can also celebrate Reconciliation with others in our parish. The children review the essential parts of the sacrament of Reconciliation. The children learned about Reconciliation and to celebrate forgiveness.</li> <li>• The children appreciate the importance of preparing for special times. The children know that Advent is our time of special preparation for Jesus' coming. The children think of ways they can prepare well to celebrate Christmas. The children prepare for an Advent celebration. The children will have an Advent prayer celebration.</li> <li>• The children know the story of Jesus' birth. The children understand some symbols of Jesus used at Christmas. The children focus more deeply on the real meaning of Christmas. The children prepare for a Christmas prayer service. The children will celebrate what they have learned about the birth of Jesus.</li> </ul>
<p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>The Sacrament of the Eucharist: Jesus Gives Us the Mass, We Prepare for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The children are introduced the story of Jesus feeding the people. The children know that the Mass is our celebration of</li> </ul>

<p>February 24<sup>th</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Eucharist, The Liturgy of the Word, The Liturgy of the Eucharist, We Are Sent to Love and Serve Our Catholic Church: Lent, Easter We Celebrate the Eucharist: We Celebrate First Holy Communion, We Celebrate Our Life With Jesus, Jesus Christ is With Our Community, Mary, Our Mother, Jesus Christ is With Us Forever, A Reconciliation Celebration</p>	<p>Jesus' Last Supper. The children understand Mass as a remembrance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The children appreciate Jesus' great gift of Himself in Holy Communion. The children's understanding of the Mass as sacred meal and sacrifice will be deepened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The children appreciate the importance of thankfulness in our lives. The children understand that the Mass is our great thanksgiving prayer. The children understand how all the ministers of worship help in our celebration of Mass. The children realize that the Mass is our greatest prayer to God. The children deepen their understanding of the Mass.</li> <li>• The children experience the importance of listening. The children understand what happens at Mass in the Liturgy of the Word. The children understand the gospel, homily, and Creed of the Mass. The children understand the Prayer of the Faithful. The children understand what happens at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word.</li> <li>• To explain the feelings associated with giving and receiving gifts. The children understand the meaning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The children understand what happens during the Consecration of the Mass. The children understand the Communion of the Mass. The children's understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist will be deepened.</li> <li>• The children understand how we can show our love for God. The children know that at the end of Mass we are sent forth to love and serve others. The children will be Jesus' peacemakers. The children understand that as friends of Jesus, we are called to love and serve others. Review and enhance what the children have learned about the Mass and Holy Communion.</li> <li>• The children understand the importance of change and growth. The children realize that Lent is a special time before Easter. The children's understanding of Lent will be deepened. The children prepare for a Lenten prayer service. The children will review and celebrate a Lenten prayer service.</li> <li>• The children understand the importance of springtime. The children realize that Easter is a time of new life in the Church. The children's understanding of the meaning of Easter will be deepened. The children prepare for the dramatization of an Easter play. To review what the children learned about Easter and to celebrate an Easter play.</li> <li>• To lead the children to appreciate the help they receive in preparing for First</li> </ul>
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