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The Faith Professed				The Faith Professed	
Doctrine				Doctrine	
God is one God and three divine persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Spirit) is God.	X			God is one God and three divine persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Spirit) is God.	
		X		God reveals himself in the Holy Trinity.	
God the Father is the first person of the Trinity.	X			God the Father is the first person of the Trinity.	
Jesus is the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity.	X			Jesus is the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity.	
God the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.	X			God the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.	
		X		Identify the Persons of the Holy Trinity in the Creed.	
No one made or created God. He always existed and will always exist.	X			No one made or created God. He always existed and will always exist.	
God is everywhere, all knowing, all seeing, all powerful, and all good.	X			God is everywhere, all knowing, all seeing, all powerful, and all good.	
God the Father is a loving Father and he always loves us. Nothing we do or do not do can change how much he loves us.	X			God the Father is a loving Father and he always loves us. Nothing we do or do not do can change how much he loves us.	
God's always cares for us, wherever we go. We cannot go somewhere that his care and love cannot reach.					
God loves us more than anyone else could love us.					
God is the creator. He created everything from nothing.					
		X		God the Father created everything out of love, because he wanted to share his own goodness. All creation shows us the wisdom and beauty of God.	
God's creation includes the visible (nature, people, etc.) and the invisible (angels, etc.)	X			God's creation includes the visible (nature, people, etc.) and the invisible (angels, etc.)	
Creating and making are different. Creating means bringing something into existence out of nothing. Making means forming something new out of parts you already had.	X			Creating and making are different. Creating means bringing something into existence out of nothing. Making means forming something new out of parts you already had.	
God creates; man makes.					

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We can know that God is the creator because of the beauty and order of nature.				
Creation shows us God's love and helps us know who God is.	X			Creation shows us God's love and helps us know who God is.
God made everything good.				
Jesus is the only Son of God the Father.	X			Jesus is the only Son of God the Father.
Jesus is fully God and fully human.		X		The Second Person of the Holy Trinity became man while remaining God. He is fully God and fully man. He is Jesus Christ.
		X		Jesus Christ is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
		X		Jesus is like us in every way except sin.
Jesus received his mission to make God's love visible to us from God the Father.	X	X		Jesus was sent by God so that we can know God's love. His death, resurrection, and ascension are the source of the forgiveness of our sins and our salvation.
Jesus loves everyone and has special mercy for those who are weak, needy, poor, or suffering.				
Jesus loves us and desires our love and friendship.	X			Jesus loves us and desires our love and friendship.
Jesus is our friend and helper				
The names of Jesus help us understand who he is. Jesus means "God Saves", Christ means "anointed", and Emmanuel means "God is with us."	X			The names of Jesus help us understand who he is. Jesus means "God Saves", Christ means "anointed", and Emmanuel means "God is with us."
Jesus tells us that God is our Father and to ask for help whenever we need it.				
		X		The Holy Spirit lives in the souls of those who are in God's grace.
The Holy Spirit lives inside of us and helps us do what is right.	X	X		The Holy Spirit guides us and is our companion.
The Holy Spirit is alive in us and in the Church.				
Know and explain where images of the Holy Spirit come from in the Scriptures. - Fire – from the time the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles at Pentecost	X			Know and explain where images of the Holy Spirit come from in the Scriptures. - Fire – from the time the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles at Pentecost

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God made the angels.				
Angels have no bodies, but they think and can choose to love.	X	X		Angels are pure spirits and are very powerful. They can think and choose, but do not have bodies.
God made the angels to be loved by God, to love, and to help God.	X			God made the angels to be loved by God, to love, and to help God.
Good angels choose to do what God asks. They live in heaven.	X			Good angels choose to do what God asks. They live in heaven.
God gave the angels special jobs. Some good angels are messengers, some guard and protect us, and some have other jobs.	X	X		The angels always praise God and love him. They are God’s messengers, guard and protect us, and help God in other ways.
Everyone has a guardian angel, whose job is to guide and protect.	X			Everyone has a guardian angel who guides and protects him/her.
Bad angels choose to disobey God. They live in hell. Bad angels can bother humans and try to keep them away from God.	X			Bad angels choose to disobey God. They live in hell and they can tempt humans and try to get them to disobey God.
Heaven is being happy with God forever. Earth is only a temporary home. Heaven is God's home and our real home.	X			Heaven is sharing joy and happiness with God forever, with Mary, the angels, and saints. Earth is only a temporary home. Heaven is God's home and our real home.
		X		God invites and wants everyone to go to Heaven.
Faith is a gift from God so that we can love, believe, and follow him. It lets us believe in God even when we can't see Him and believe in what he teaches us through the Church.	X			Faith is a gift from God so that we can love, believe, and follow him. It lets us believe in God even when we can't see Him and believe in what he teaches us through the Church.
Explain that the Nicene Creed is a summary of what we believe as Jesus' followers.				
		X		A creed is a short summary of our key beliefs. The Apostles Creed is a very short summary and the Nicene Creed is more detailed.
		X		Grace is a gift from God which helps us to be holy.

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		X		Sanctifying grace is sharing in God’s life and it is what makes us holy. It is a gift from God.
Scripture		Scripture		
The Bible		Bible		
Show respect and love for the Bible as the Word of God.	X			Show respect and love for the Bible as the Word of God.
The Bible teaches us the truth about God and how we are to live.				
Old Testament Scriptures show that God loves his creation and cares for it.		X		The Bible is one way that God speaks to his people; Church Tradition is another way.
		X		The Bible is made up of two sections: the Old Testament and New Testament.
		X		The Old Testament is about God and his people before Jesus, and the New Testament is about God and his people when Jesus was on Earth and afterward.
The Bible shows us God’s love for us.	X			The Bible shows us God’s love for us.
		X		The Bible shows us who we are.
The word “Gospel” means “good news”.	X			The word “Gospel” means “good news”.
		X		The Gospels are part of the New Testament. They tell us stories about Jesus and what he taught us.
		X		The four Gospel writers were Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
		X		The Bible was written by real people who were inspired by God.
Old Testament Scriptures		Old Testament Scriptures		
Adam and Eve (creation and sin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God created the world in a way that reflects his goodness, wisdom, and love for his creatures. - Adam and Eve were very good, and made with the special ability to know God, think, and love. - When God created them, he gave them special gifts and they had a wonderful relationship with God. 	X	X		Adam and Eve (creation and sin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God created the world in a way that reflects his goodness, wisdom, and love for his creatures. - Adam and Eve were very good, and made with the special ability to know God, think, and love. - When God created them, he gave them special gifts and they had a wonderful relationship with God.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God gave creation to human beings to protect and nurture it. - Adam and Eve sinned. They were still loved by God but they damaged their relationship with him and lost his gifts. - The natural world suffered when Adam and Eve sinned. - Adam and Eve’s sin is called original sin, and everyone is affected by it. - Even though Adam and Eve were sorry, they couldn’t fix their bad decision. - God promised them a savior. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God entrusted creation to human beings. - Adam and Eve sinned. They were still loved by God but they damaged their relationship with him and lost his gifts. - The greatest thing Adam and Eve lost was sanctifying grace, or God’s life in their souls. - The natural world suffered when Adam and Eve sinned. - Adam and Eve’s sin is called original sin. It was a free and intentional act of disobedience toward God. - Everyone is affected by original sin, and is born without sanctifying grace except Mary. God protected her because he knew he was going to ask her to be the mother of Jesus. - Even though Adam and Eve were sorry, they couldn’t fix their bad decision. - God promised them a savior.
<p>Abraham and Sarah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God leads Abraham and Sarah from their home to a new home and blesses them with a son, Isaac. - They are the beginning of God’s chosen people. 	X	X		<p>Abraham and Sarah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God leads Abraham and Sarah from their home to a new home. He promises to bless them with a son, even though Sarah is too old to have a baby. - Three visitors come by Abraham’s tent. Abraham welcomes them and recognizes that they are visitors from God. He gives them the best of everything he has. - As the visitors leave, they tell Sarah that she is going to have a baby before the end of the year. Sarah knows she is too old, and she and Abraham have been waiting a long time for a baby, so she laughs.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God fulfils his promise and before the end of the year, Abraham and Sarah have a baby. They name him "Isaac," which means laughter. - They are the beginning of God's chosen people. - The sacrifice of Isaac: God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Abraham believed God, and even though it was hard, he was willing to obey. Abraham believed that God was powerful enough to bring Isaac back from the dead.
<p>Noah and the Ark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noah was faithful to God when all the other people God was guiding decided to do the wrong thing. - God told Noah about a flood that was coming. - Noah listened to God, built an arc, and brought animals on the arc with him. - After the rain stopped, Noah sent birds out to see if there was land so that he and the animals could get out of the ark safely. - When Noah and his family got out of the arc onto land, God gave the world a new start. He put a rainbow in the sky to symbolize his love and that he would never let a flood cover the whole world again. 	X			<p>Noah and the Ark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noah was faithful to God when all the other people God was guiding decided to do the wrong thing. - God told Noah about a flood that was coming. - Noah listened to God, built an arc, and brought animals on the arc with him. - After the rain stopped, Noah sent birds out to see if there was land so that he and the animals could get out of the ark safely. - When Noah and his family got out of the arc onto land, God gave the world a new start. He put a rainbow in the sky to symbolize his love and that he would never let a flood cover the whole world again.

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<p>Moses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When Moses was a baby, he was adopted by the Pharaoh's daughter. - The Egyptians were very mean to God's people. - God asked Moses to lead his people out of Egypt so that they could worship him. - Pharaoh didn't want to let the people go, but after God showed his power in 10 signs, he agreed. - Pharaoh changed his mind and chased after the Israelites with his whole army. - Moses parted the water of the Red Sea and led the Israelites through it. Then he told the water to go back, and all of Pharaoh's army was stopped. - God made sure to protect his people, to lead them, and to give them the freedom to worship him. <p>10 Commandments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God chose Moses to lead his people. - Moses went up on a mountain, called Sinai, to talk with God. - God gave Moses 10 commandments so that his people would know what was right and wrong and so that they could be happy and know what would help or hurt them. 	X	X	<p>Moses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When Moses was a baby, he was adopted by the Pharaoh's daughter. - The Egyptians were very mean to God's people. - God asked Moses to lead his people out of Egypt so that they could worship him. - Pharaoh didn't want to let the people go, but after God showed his power in 10 signs, he agreed. - Pharaoh changed his mind and chased after the Israelites with his whole army. - Moses parted the water of the Red Sea and led the Israelites through it. Then he told the water to go back, and all of Pharaoh's army was stopped. - God made sure to protect his people, to lead them, and to give them the freedom to worship him. <p>10 Commandments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God chose Moses to lead his people. - Moses went up on a mountain, called Sinai, to talk with God. - God gave Moses 10 commandments so that his people would know what was right and wrong and so that they could be happy and know what would help or hurt them. - The 10 commandments help us live in a manner that prepares us to welcome Jesus when he comes. - When God took the people out of Egypt, he promised them a new home. Moses led God's people as they traveled to the new home.
		X	<p>David and Goliath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David was the youngest, so in the culture people did not think he was very important.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David was a poor shepherd. - When Israel, God’s people, were fighting a group called the Philistines, who wanted to kill them or enslave them, the Israelites were losing. - God called David to lead the Israelites to a victory. - The King offered David strong weapons and armor, but David trusted God’s power and fought with only a sling and a stone. - David became the next king.
		X		Elijah was a famous prophet, and he told God’s people the truth. He taught them so that they would be getting ready for the savior God promised Adam and Eve.
<p>Retell the events and meaning of the Annunciation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Annunciation is when God, through the angel Gabriel, asked Mary to be the mother of Jesus. - Mary was the perfect person to be Jesus’s Mom because he protected her from original sin right from the beginning. - Gabriel was sent by God to Mary. He asked her to be Jesus’ mom. - Mary said “yes.” - Gabriel told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby, too. 	X	X		<p>Retell the events and meaning of the Annunciation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Annunciation is when God, through the angel Gabriel, asked Mary to be the mother of Jesus. - Mary was the perfect person to be Jesus’s Mom because he protected her from original sin right from the beginning. - Gabriel was sent by God to Mary. He asked her to be Jesus’ mom. - Mary said “yes” and obeyed what God wanted her to do. - When Mary said yes, the second person of the Trinity took on a human nature – Jesus entered into time and Mary became the Mother of God. - Gabriel told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby, too.
<p>Retell the story of the Visitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary went to visit Elizabeth because she heard that Elizabeth was going to have a baby. - Elizabeth and Zachariah were the parents of John the Baptist. 	X			<p>Retell the story of the Visitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary went to visit Elizabeth because she heard that Elizabeth was going to have a baby. - Elizabeth and Zachariah were the parents of John the Baptist.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When Mary came, the baby recognized that Jesus was God. - Mary and Elizabeth both praised God. - The Holy Spirit helped Mary and Elizabeth be faithful to God’s plan, recognize God’s presence, and praise God. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When Mary came, the baby recognized that Jesus was God. - Mary and Elizabeth both praised God. - The Holy Spirit helped Mary and Elizabeth be faithful to God’s plan, recognize God’s presence, and praise God.
<p>Retell the story of the first Christmas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because King Herod told them to go to the place where their family was from so he could count them. They obeyed. - It was a long, hard trip and they were tired. - No one had a place for them to stay. - One person offered them a stable/cave where his animals lived. - Jesus was born in the stable, and when he was born, a new star started shining in the sky. - Right away, angels appeared to shepherds and told them about Jesus. They went to adore Jesus. - Three wise men saw the star and made a very long journey to come to worship Jesus. They recognized that Jesus was God and worshipped him. - The wise men’s visit is called the Epiphany. Epiphany means recognizing that Jesus is God. - Identify that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ. 	X	X		<p>Retell the story of the first Christmas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because King Herod told them to go to the place where their family was from so he could count them. They obeyed. - It was a long, hard trip and they were tired. - No one had a place for them to stay. - One person offered them a stable/cave where his animals lived. - Jesus was born in the stable, and when he was born, a new star started shining in the sky. - Right away, angels appeared to shepherds and told them about Jesus. They went to adore Jesus. - Identify that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ.
		X		<p>Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three wise men who were Gentiles (so they didn’t have the promises that God made to the Jewish people) saw the star and made a very long journey to come to worship Jesus. - They made it to Israel and asked King Herod for directions to the newborn king. Herod told them to go to Bethlehem and to come back and tell him

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				<p>where the new king was so he could worship. Herod was lying; he didn't want any competition and wanted to hurt Jesus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The wise men found Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in their home in Bethlehem. They recognized that Jesus was God and worshipped him. They received God's gift of a savior from his chosen people, the Jews. - The wise men's visit is called the Epiphany. - Epiphany means recognizing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and Savior of the world. - On their way back, an angel warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. - When Herod found out, he planned to kill all the babies in Bethlehem. - An angel warned Joseph in a dream, and he took Mary and Jesus to Egypt.
<p>Retell the story of Jesus' presentation in the Temple.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Jewish law said that 40 days after the first day a boy baby was born, the parents should take him to the Temple for a rite of purification. - Joseph and Mary obeyed the law and took Jesus. - They offered God 2 turtledoves. - Simeon, who was the priest, recognized that Jesus was the one God was sending to save his people. He praised God, and his prayer is written in the Bible. 	X			<p>Retell the story of Jesus' presentation in the Temple.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Jewish law said that 40 days after the first day a boy baby was born, the parents should take him to the Temple for a rite of purification. - Joseph and Mary obeyed the law and took Jesus. - They offered God 2 turtledoves. - Simeon, who was the priest, recognized that Jesus was the one God was sending to save his people. He praised God, and his prayer is written in the Bible.
Identify Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as members of the Holy Family.	X			Identify Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as members of the Holy Family.
The Holy Family is the model for all families.	X			The Holy Family is the model for all families.
Jesus was obedient to his parents.	X			Jesus was obedient to his parents.
Retell the story of the finding of the child Jesus in the Temple.	X			Retell the story of the finding of the child Jesus in the Temple.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary and Joseph traveled on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem with Jesus. - When they were coming back home, Jesus stayed behind. - After a day, Mary and Joseph realized that he was not traveling with their family, so they went back to look for him. - They found him teaching in the temple after 3 days. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary and Joseph traveled on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem with Jesus. - When they were coming back home, Jesus stayed behind. - After a day, Mary and Joseph realized that he was not traveling with their family, so they went back to look for him. - They found him teaching in the temple after 3 days.
Nazareth is the place where Jesus grew up.	X			Nazareth is the place where Jesus grew up.
<p>Retell the story of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John was Jesus' cousin. - John was telling the people to get ready for the savior by repenting (being sorry for the bad things they did and promising to do better). - The people would show their repentance by being baptized by John, but this baptism did not forgive their sins. - Jesus asked to be baptized. - John baptized him, and when Jesus came out of the water a dove appeared over him and everyone heard a voice say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." - This was the start of Jesus' public ministry. 	X	X		<p>Retell the story of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John was Jesus' cousin. - John was telling the people to get ready for the savior by repenting (being sorry for the bad things they did and promising to do better). - The people would show their repentance by being baptized by John, but this baptism did not forgive their sins. - Jesus asked to be baptized. - John baptized him, and when Jesus came out of the water a dove appeared over him and everyone heard a voice say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." - This is one of the three times that the Church has recognized that God revealed Jesus as fully God and fully man in a special way and as the messiah. The other two times are the Wedding at Cana and when the wise men came. - When Jesus was baptized, he accepts his mission as our savior, which would include his suffering and death. - This was the start of Jesus' public ministry.
		X		Retell the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At a wedding, the bride and groom ran out of wine (like running out of drinks at a party today). - Mary noticed, and asked Jesus to do something about it. Mary told the servers to do whatever Jesus tells them. - The servers listen, and fill up jars full of water. Jesus turns it to wine. - This was Jesus' first miracle. - Lesson: Mary notices what we need and asks Jesus to help us. Jesus helps, but we need to listen to him. <p>Lesson: Just like Jesus turned water into wine at the Wedding, he turns wine into His Body and Blood at the Last Supper and at every Mass.</p>
<p>Temptation in the Desert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus went into the desert and the devil tried to get him to do bad things. - Jesus remained faithful to God. - When we are tempted to do bad things, God will help us do what is right. 	X	X		<p>Temptation in the Desert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus went into the desert and the devil tried to get him to give up God's way of being the savior (tempting him to show his power to make things more comfortable – bread, tempting him to make a display of God's power to impress others – throwing himself down, and tempting him to take the easy way out-worship the devil and the devil would give him all the people and all the world). - Jesus remained faithful to God. - After the temptations, Jesus began to preach the Good News. - When we are tempted to do bad things, God will help us do what is right.
<p>Jesus taught through parables, or stories that tell a lesson. Explain the meaning of the following parables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Good Shepherd 	X	X		<p>Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God through parables, or stories that tell a lesson. Explain the meaning of the following parables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Good Shepherd

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is the Good Shepherd: He knows us by name; he calls us to follow him; he leads us and makes sure we are safe. • Lesson: Jesus loves us and takes care of us. The sheep (us), also hear his voice. We are supposed to do what he asks of us and follow him. - The Good Samaritan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A man was hurt by robbers on a journey, and he was almost dead. • Two people from his country saw him on the road, and walked by him. • A third person, who was from an enemy country, saw him and felt bad. He went over, put bandages on his wounds, and put him on his donkey. • The Samaritan took him to an inn, took care of the man for a while, and then paid the innkeeper to help the man recover. He said that if it cost the man more, he would repay it when he came back. • Lesson: God shows us what it means to love our neighbor and teaches us who our neighbor is. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is the Good Shepherd: He knows us by name; he calls us to follow him; he leads us through life and to heaven. He guards and protects us, gives us what we need, calls us back from sin. The Good Shepherd leaves the 99 to go find and rescue the one who strays. • Lesson: Jesus loves us and takes care of us. The sheep (us), also hear his voice. We are supposed to do what he asks of us and follow him. Jesus seeks us out when we sin, and forgives us when we repent. - The Lost Son <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retell the story of the prodigal son • Lesson: God seeks us out and always welcomes us back. - Jesus is the Light of the World - The Good Samaritan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retell the story. • Lesson: God takes care of us and doesn't hold back anything that we need to be healed or brought to heaven. • Lesson: God shows us what it means to love our neighbor and teaches us who our neighbor is. - The Mustard Seed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retell the parable • Lesson: The kingdom of God is already started in a small way in our life. Our job is to help it grow.
Jesus taught by telling people the truth about God's love and how we are to live.	X	X		Jesus taught by telling people the truth about God's love and how we are to live.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The beatitudes are a list of blessings Jesus gave us. They help us see what will make us truly happy. Introduce students on a very basic level to the 8 beatitudes. - Jesus taught that the greatest in the Kingdom of God is the person who serves and cares for others. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The beatitudes are a list of blessings Jesus gave us. They help us see what will make us truly happy. Introduce students on a very basic level to the 8 beatitudes. - Jesus taught his disciples how to pray and what to pray in the “Our Father.” - Jesus taught that the greatest in the Kingdom of God is the person who serves and cares for others.
		X		<p>We care for others through the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy. The corporal works of mercy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feed the hungry - Give drink to the thirsty - Shelter the homeless - Clothe the naked - Visit the sick - Visit the imprisoned - Bury the dead
<p>Jesus taught through his actions and miracles. Jesus performs miracles if it will help a person physically and spiritually. He does that even today.</p>	X			<p>Jesus taught through his actions and miracles. Even today, Jesus performs miracles if it is for a person’s good.</p>
<p>Jesus and the Little Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus’ disciples wanted to make children wait to see him. Jesus said to help the children come to him. - The children came to him right away and Jesus blessed them. - Jesus always wants us near him, and we should always help people get to him. 	X			<p>Jesus and the Little Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus’ disciples wanted to make children wait to see him. Jesus said to help the children come to him. - The children came to him right away and Jesus blessed them. - Jesus always wants us near him, and we should always help people get to him.
<p>Calming of the storm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The disciples were out on a boat with Jesus and a very big storm started. They were afraid that the boat was going to flip and that they would drown, but Jesus was sleeping in the boat. They woke Jesus up and he stopped the storm, just by telling it to stop. 		X		<p>Calming of the storm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The disciples were out on a boat with Jesus and a very big storm started. They were afraid that the boat was going to flip and that they would drown, but Jesus was sleeping in the boat. They woke

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This showed that he had special power. 				<p>Jesus up and he stopped the storm, just by telling it to stop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This showed that he had power over nature. It helped the disciples believe that Jesus was God and increased their faith.
<p>Miracle of loaves and fishes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus had many people listening to him. They were hungry. A small boy offered a few loaves and fish to feed thousands of people. Jesus blessed them, and there were baskets of food left over. - Jesus is able to provide for anything we need. 		X		<p>Miracle of loaves and fishes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus had many people listening to him. They were hungry. A small boy offered a few loaves and fish to feed thousands of people. Jesus blessed them, and there were baskets of food left over. - Jesus is able to provide for anything we need. - Jesus was getting people ready to believe in the Eucharist.
<p>Healing the paralyzed man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A man was paralyzed, and his friends wanted Jesus to heal him. They couldn't reach Jesus because of the crowds, so they broke a hole in the roof and lowered the man down. - Jesus told him his sins were forgiven, and then healed him. - He took up the bed he was lying on, and walked away, healed. - Jesus has the power to heal and the power to forgive because he was God 		X		<p>Healing the paralyzed man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A man was paralyzed, and his friends wanted Jesus to heal him. They couldn't reach Jesus because of the crowds, so they broke a hole in the roof and lowered the man down. - Jesus told him his sins were forgiven, and then healed him. - He took up the bed he was lying on, and walked away, healed. - Jesus used his power to heal the man's soul first by forgiving him. Then he healed his body. Jesus had the power to do both because he was God.
<p>Raising Jairus' daughter from the dead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jairus had a daughter who died. - Jesus went with a few of his apostles and raised her from the dead, just by saying, "Little girl, I say to you awake." - Jesus has the power to raise people from the dead. 		X		<p>Raising Lazarus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus' friend Lazarus was very sick. When his sisters, Martha and Mary, sent Jesus the message, he stayed where he was and said that the whole situation was going to work for God's glory. - Jesus got the message that Lazarus died, and he was very sad and cried.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lazarus was dead for 3 days before Jesus came. Then, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. - Lesson: Jesus has the power to raise from the dead. God can do good things in a situation, even when it seems hopeless to us. - Link: Jesus also raised Jairus' daughter
Jesus had many disciples who learned from him. He also had 12 special friends, called the 12 apostles, who he was forming to be the first bishops.	X			Jesus had many friends who followed his way. He also had 12 special friends, called the 12 apostles, who he was forming to be the first bishops.
		X		Jesus made Peter the first pope and leader of the 12 apostles.
		X		Retell the story of the Last Supper. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples. - He washed their feet. - Jesus changed bread and wine into his body and blood and shared it with his disciples. - Jesus is the Bread of Life.
-		X		Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper.
-		X		Agony in the Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After the Last Supper, Jesus went with his disciples to the garden of Gethsemane, where he prayed and accepted the Will of God. - Jesus accepted his suffering and death to save us. No one forced him; he chose to save us this way.
-		X		Jesus was condemned, scourged, crucified and died. Mary stayed with him on the Way of the Cross and while he was crucified.
		X		Retell what happened on Easter Sunday. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The women come to the grave and don't find him, but instead an angel tells them that Jesus is risen. - They share the news with the other apostles. They all run, and Peter enters the tomb first to see. - The apostles are confused.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary Magdalen sees Jesus in the garden. - Jesus appears to all the apostles together and says, "Peace be with you." - Jesus appears to two disciples who are leaving Jerusalem, they don't recognize him, he explains the scriptures and stays for a meal, and they recognize Jesus when he blesses and breaks the bread with them.
		X	After the Resurrection Jesus taught his disciples and gave His Apostles the power to forgive sins.
		X	Jesus promised to be with his Church always, especially in the Holy Eucharist and through the Holy Spirit.
		X	Forty days after Easter, we celebrate the Ascension, when Jesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gave the apostles the Great Commission to go to all nations to teach, preach the Good News, and to baptize. - Returned to heaven body and soul
		X	We celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter. It is the Birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and they began to preach Jesus.
When telling stories about Jesus, reinforce that he loved everyone all through his life, even those who killed him. Jesus shows us how God loves us and how we are to love.	X		When telling stories about Jesus, reinforce that he loved everyone all through his life, even those who killed him. Jesus shows us how God loves us and how we are to love.
Jesus shows special love to the poor and sick.	X		Jesus shows special love to the poor and sick.

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Sacraments and Liturgical Life				Sacraments and Liturgical Life			
Sacraments				Sacraments			
A sacrament is an opportunity to meet Jesus and grow in our relationship with him.	X						A sacrament is a sign of God’s love and an opportunity to meet Jesus and grow in our relationship with him.
A sacrament is a sign of God’s love to us and a way he is present to us.							
Explain that through symbols we can understand and experience real, invisible things by touching and seeing tangible and visible signs.	X						Explain that through symbols we can understand and experience real, invisible things by touching and seeing tangible and visible signs.
Jesus gave the seven sacraments to the Church.	X	X					Jesus started (instituted) all seven of the sacraments and he shares his divine life with us in the sacraments.
				X			The seven sacraments are: 1) Baptism 2) Eucharist 3) Confirmation 4) Reconciliation 5) Holy Orders 6) Matrimony 7) Anointing of the Sick
Become familiar with the definition of a sacrament: “A sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace.”	X						Become familiar with the definition of a sacrament: “A sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace.”
					X		The sacraments always work, unless we put up a block to God’s grace.
Baptism				Baptism			
Baptism is a sacrament.							
For baptism to work, you need to have someone (a priest or deacon, unless there is an emergency) pour water on the person to be baptized and say, “I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” and intend to baptize the person.	X						For baptism to work, you need to have someone (a priest or deacon, unless there is an emergency) pour water on the person to be baptized and say, “I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” and intend to baptize the person.
Baptism:	X						Baptism:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Takes away all sins (original and any sins you have committed) - Makes the person a member of the Church and an adopted son/daughter of God. - Gives you a special, invisible mark that shows you belong to Jesus. It can't be taken away. - Gives the gifts of the Holy Spirit and faith, hope, and love - Gives sanctifying grace (God's life in our soul) - Makes us share in Jesus' mission to love God and share his love 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Takes away all sins (original and any sins you have committed) - Makes the person a member of the Church and an adopted son/daughter of God. - Gives you a special, invisible mark (marked with a sacramental character) that shows you are a child of God. It can't be taken away. - Gives the gifts of the Holy Spirit and faith, hope, and love - Gives sanctifying grace (God's life in our soul) - Makes us share in Jesus' mission to love God and share his love
		X		People can be baptized only once because of the sacramental character they receive in Baptism.
Baptism is the way that God wants to give us his salvation and the grace he won for us by dying and raising.	X			Baptism is the way that God wants to give us his salvation and the grace he won for us by dying and raising.
Baptism is the first sacrament and allows us to receive other sacraments.	X			Baptism is the first sacrament and allows us to receive other sacraments.
Symbols of baptism include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baptismal font – the rite of baptism takes place there - Holy Water - a sign of God's life and being washed free from sin - Candle – a sign of the light of Christ in the person - Oil – a sign that the baptized person shares in Jesus' ministry - White garment – a sign that the baptized person is "putting on Christ" and that Jesus lives in him/her 	X			Symbols of baptism include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baptismal font – the rite of baptism takes place there - Holy Water - a sign of God's life and being washed free from sin - Candle – a sign of the light of Christ in the person - Oil – a sign that the baptized person shares in Jesus' ministry - White garment – a sign that the baptized person is "putting on Christ" and that Jesus lives in him/her
		X		Jesus instituted the sacrament of Baptism when he commanded the apostle to go and baptize all nations.
		X		Everyone can be baptized, and Christians have a mission to invite others to accept Baptism.
		X		We need to be in a state of sanctifying grace (part of Christ's Body) to go to heaven.

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Eucharist (see "Eucharistic Liturgy" under "Liturgy")		Eucharist (see "Eucharistic Liturgy" under "Liturgy")	
Reconciliation		Reconciliation	
Reconciliation is the sacrament where God forgives our sins when we ask him and are sorry.		X	<p>The sacrament of Reconciliation has different names:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacrament of conversion: we turn away from our sins back to God - Sacrament of Confession: we confess our sins and we confess (and praise!) God's mercy and forgiveness. - Sacrament of Penance: we apologize and take steps to fix the wrong things we have done. - Sacrament of Reconciliation: continues Jesus' ministry of restoring communion to our relationship with God and with the Church - Sacrament of forgiveness: continues Jesus' mission of forgiving and spiritual healing. <p>CCC 1422-1442</p>
		X	<p>The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is the source of the forgiveness of our sins.</p>
We prepare for Reconciliation by forgiving others and saying sorry when we do something wrong.	X		Making Reconciliation is necessary before receiving First Holy Communion.
		X	Jesus instituted the sacrament of penance on Easter night, when he breathed on the apostles and said "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20)
		X	The sacrament of Penance forgives mortal and venial sins and gives us grace to avoid future sins.
		X	If a person commits a mortal sin and makes a good confession, God restores sanctifying grace.
		X	God gave the apostles, and through them, priests, the job of forgiving sins. God is the one forgiving, through the actions and intentions of the priest.
		X	<p>To make a good confession, you need:</p> <p>1) Examination of conscience</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Confession of sins 3) Contrition (being sorry) 4) Purpose of Amendment (meaning to avoid sinning again, with God's grace) 5) Absolution from the priest <p>Penance from the priest</p>
		X		Conduct a simple examination of conscience.
		X		<p>Formula for the sacrament of Penance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The penitent enters and says, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been ___ since my last confession." 2) Then, the penitent states his/her sins. You may use a sentence starter: "My sins are..." or "During that time, I have..." 3) The priest gives advice and a penance. 4) The penitent makes an Act of Contrition. 5) The priest gives absolution. <p>Closing: Priest: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" Penitent: "His mercy endures forever." Priest: "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace." Penitent: "Thanks be to God."</p>
		X		Students are able to and encouraged to go to Confession behind the screen or face to face.
		X		Doing penance is to help restore the damage caused by our sins.
		X		Participate in and understand the communal forms of the Rite of Penance (penance celebration).
		X		The bishops encourage reception of the sacrament of Penance at least once per month. The Church says that we must confess all serious sins at least once per year.

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A sacramental is an object that helps us to pray and reminds us of God.	X			A sacramental is an object that helps us to pray and reminds us of God.
The church is a sacred place where Jesus is truly present and God's people gather to worship him.	X			The church is a sacred place where Jesus is truly present and God's people gather to worship him.
Find in the Church: sanctuary, <i>sanctuary light</i> , <i>Tabernacle</i> , <i>confessional</i> , <i>altar</i> , <i>pulpit</i> , <i>pews</i> , <i>stations of the Cross</i> , <i>baptismal font</i> , crucifix, ambo/lectern, Easter candle, Holy Water fonts	X			Find in the Church: sanctuary, <i>sanctuary light</i> , <i>Tabernacle</i> , <i>confessional</i> , <i>altar</i> , <i>pulpit</i> , <i>pews</i> , <i>stations of the Cross</i> , <i>baptismal font</i> , crucifix, ambo/lectern, Easter candle, Holy Water fonts
Identify and become familiar with: crucifix, statues, rosary, Bible, candles, Holy Water, blessings	X			Identify and become familiar with: crucifix, statues, rosary, Bible, candles, Holy Water, blessings
Liturgical Life		Liturgical Life		
Liturgy is the formal prayer of the Church. The liturgy unites the Church community around the world.	X			Liturgy is the formal prayer of the Church. The liturgy unites the Church community around the world.
Liturgical Calendar		Liturgical Calendar		
Explain how the Church celebrates significant events in salvation history throughout the Liturgical year.	X			Explain how the Church celebrates significant events in salvation history throughout the Liturgical year.
<i>Identify</i> and explain the purpose of the following seasons of the Liturgical year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Advent</i>: preparation for Jesus coming at Christmas - <i>Christmas</i>: Season to celebrate Jesus coming to Earth. - <i>Lent</i>: preparation for commemorating Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension. We have a special focus on repentance at this time. - <i>Easter</i>: Season to celebrate Jesus' resurrection 	X			<i>Identify</i> and explain the purpose of the following seasons of the Liturgical year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Advent</i>: preparation for Jesus coming at Christmas - <i>Christmas</i>: Season to celebrate Jesus coming to Earth. - <i>Lent</i>: preparation for commemorating Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension. We have a special focus on repentance at this time. - <i>Easter</i>: Season to celebrate Jesus' resurrection
		X		Recognize that the seasons of the Church year are celebrations in the life of Jesus, Mary, and the saints.
Identify the symbols appropriate to specific liturgical seasons: Advent wreath, Lenten ashes, palms, cross, Easter candle	X			Identify the symbols appropriate to specific liturgical seasons: Advent wreath, Lenten ashes, palms, cross, Easter candle
Recognize the appropriate liturgical colors for liturgical celebrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lent and Advent – purple - Christmas/Easter– white 	X			Recognize the appropriate liturgical colors for liturgical celebrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lent and Advent – purple - Christmas/Easter– white

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ordinary time – green - Pentecost/Palm Sunday / Good Friday– red 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ordinary time – green - Pentecost/Palm Sunday / Good Friday– red
Palm Sunday is our celebration of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.	X			Palm Sunday is our celebration of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.
<p>Explain what happened at the Last Supper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus gathered the 12 apostles at the Last Supper and shared the Passover with them. - At the Last Supper Jesus instituted the Eucharist. - Identify Holy Thursday as the day we commemorate the Last Supper. 	X	X		<p>Explain what happened at the Last Supper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus gathered the 12 apostles at the Last Supper and shared the Passover with them. - Jesus blessed the unleavened bread and told the apostles to take and eat it; it was his body. - Jesus blessed the wine and told the apostles to take and drink it; it was his blood. - Jesus told the apostles that he was going to sacrifice himself for our sins, that he was going to rise from the dead, and that they should keep celebrating this meal after they couldn’t see him anymore. - At the Last Supper Jesus changed the Jewish Passover into the Mass. - Identify Holy Thursday as the day we commemorate the Last Supper.
Good Friday commemorates the day Jesus died for us.	X			Good Friday commemorates the day Jesus died for us.
Identify Easter Sunday as the day we celebrate the Resurrection and new life in Jesus.		X		<p>Explain the Resurrection and its importance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus rises from the dead. - His resurrection shows that death and the devil are defeated; we know that if we believe in Jesus, he will bring us to heaven with him. - Identify Easter Sunday as the day we celebrate the Resurrection and new life in Jesus.
<p><i>Ascension Thursday is the day when Jesus went back to heaven. He is in heaven and is present to us in the Eucharist.</i> Explain that the Ascension teaches us that we will get our bodies back at the end of time.</p>	X			<p><i>Ascension Thursday is the day when Jesus went back to heaven. He is in heaven and is present to us in the Eucharist.</i> Explain that the Ascension teaches us that we will get our bodies back at the end of time.</p>

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The Paschal Mystery is God's work to save us. It has three parts: Jesus' suffering and death, his resurrection, and his ascension.	X			The Paschal Mystery is God's work to save us. It has three parts: Jesus' suffering and death, his resurrection, and his ascension.
Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles.		X		Pentecost, which is celebrated 50 days after Easter, is when the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles.
<p>Define a Holy Day of Obligation. Be introduced to the meanings of the Holy Days of Obligation in the United States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1) – Mary is the mother of God. We have special thanks and reverence for what she did to help in our salvation. - Easter (changes every year) – Jesus raises from the dead. - Ascension (40 days after Easter) Jesus returns to heaven, with his body. - Assumption (Aug 15) Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul - All Saints Day (Nov 1) We celebrate all the people who have died and are with God in heaven - Immaculate Conception (Dec 8) Mary is conceived without sin. - Christmas (Dec 25)- Jesus is born 	X	X		<p>Define a Holy Day of Obligation. Become familiar with the meanings of the Holy Days of Obligation in the United States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1) – Mary is the mother of God. We have special thanks and reverence for what she did to help in our salvation. - Easter (changes every year) – Jesus raises from the dead. - Ascension (40 days after Easter) Jesus returns to heaven, with his body. - Assumption (Aug 15) Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul, where she is Queen of Heaven and Earth. - All Saints Day (Nov 1) We celebrate all the people who have died and are with God in heaven - Immaculate Conception (Dec 8) Mary is conceived without sin. - Christmas (Dec 25)- Jesus is born
		X		<p>Recognize and understand the significance of feast days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feast of Corpus Christi - Feast of the Holy Family - Feast of the Sacred Heart
Eucharistic Liturgy				Eucharistic Liturgy
God wants us to go to Mass each Sunday because it is very important and very good for us.	X			God wants us to go to Mass each Sunday because it is very important and very good for us.
We owe God our worship and the highest form of worship is the Mass.	X			We owe God our worship and the highest form of worship is the Mass. It is the perfect prayer.

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Eucharist is a thanksgiving meal and sacrifice. The word Eucharist means “give thanks.”	X			Eucharist is a thanksgiving meal and sacrifice. The word Eucharist means “give thanks.”
		X		Jesus, through the priest, makes the whole Paschal Mystery present at Mass. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Mass recalls the Last Supper, Sacrifice of the Cross, His Resurrection, and Ascension. - The Mass reenacts the Paschal Mystery and makes it present to us now. - The Paschal Mystery does not happen over and over again. Instead, we are present at the one Paschal Mystery each time we go to Mass.
		X		The Last Supper was the first Mass.
	X			At Mass, we listen to God’s Word, are present at and commemorate Jesus’ sacrifice, thank God for his gifts, offer ourselves to God, and receive His gift of the Holy Eucharist.
Jesus is present at Mass when we gather together in the assembly, in the Word of God, and in the priest. He is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament.	X			Jesus is present at Mass when we gather together in the assembly, in the Word of God, and in the priest. He is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament.
		X		At Mass, Jesus shares His Body and Blood
Recognize that it is important to thank God, and that the Eucharist is the best thanks that we can give.				
The Mass is the perfect prayer.				
The tabernacle is where the Blessed Sacrament is kept.	X			The tabernacle is where the Blessed Sacrament is kept.
		X		Identify the ciborium, chalice, cruets, paten and vestments.
		X		Recognize that there are two main parts of the liturgy: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
Describe key parts of the Mass.		X		Describe elements of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.
Recognize that the readings at Mass are from the Bible.		X		Recognize that the Readings at Mass are from both the Old and New Testaments in the Bible.

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At Mass, the priest says Jesus's words from the Last Supper and with God's power, <i>changes bread and wine into Jesus. The bread and wine is Jesus, even though it still looks like bread and wine.</i>		X		At Mass, the priest says Jesus's words from the Last Supper and with God's power, changes bread and wine into Jesus. There is no bread and wine anymore, only Jesus, even though it still looks like bread and wine.
		X		Jesus is completely present in each of the Eucharistic species (even a broken host or a crumb is completely Jesus).
The Blessed Sacrament is Jesus, looking like bread.		X		Jesus makes himself present in the bread and wine through the power of the Holy Spirit and through the prayers of the ordained priest.
Identify the Eucharist as our greatest treasure and the place where all good things come from (source and summit of our faith) because it is Jesus Himself.	X			Identify the Eucharist as our greatest treasure and the place where all good things come from (source and summit of our faith) because it is Jesus Himself.
		X		The Eucharist nourishes us and strengthens us to follow Jesus.
		X		The Eucharist unifies us as the Body of Christ. It calls each person to love God and love neighbor more.
		X		We may receive the Eucharist if we are in a state of grace. When we do, we become more like Him.
		X		If a person commits a mortal sin, they need to make a good confession before receiving Holy Communion.
		X		We need to fast from food or drink for 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion (medicine and water do not break the fast).
		X		Explain why the Church asks us to fast before Holy Communion.
Describe what people do when they receive Jesus in Holy Communion.	X			Describe what people do when they receive Jesus in Holy Communion.
Cultivate an age-appropriate attitude of active participation in the sacraments (including reciting or singing responses with the congregation).	X			Cultivate an age-appropriate attitude of active participation in the sacraments (including making appropriate gestures, such as kneeling, bowing, etc. and reciting or singing responses).
Liturgical Gestures and Para-Liturgical Celebrations			Liturgical Gestures and Para-Liturgical Celebrations	

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Appropriately participate in liturgy; exhibit appropriate church behavior.	X			Appropriately participate in liturgy; exhibit appropriate church behavior.
Use the words “Amen” and “Alleluia” in prayer, understanding their meaning and appropriate context.		X		Recognize that celebrations such as Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, etc. are para-liturgical celebrations.
Explain how liturgical gestures are prayers of our bodies and signify attitudes of our heart. (sign of the cross, use Holy Water entering a church, genuflect, bow, appropriate sign of peace, singing)	X			Explain how liturgical gestures are prayers of our bodies and signify attitudes of our heart. (sign of the cross, use Holy Water entering a church, genuflect, bow, appropriate sign of peace, singing)
Identify that we use signs of reference and liturgical gestures to respect God, because he is present in the church in a special way.	X			Identify that we use signs of reference and liturgical gestures to respect God, because he is present in the church in a special way.
Understand the purpose of silence in Church. Exhibit quiet and reverent behavior in church.	X			Understand the purpose of silence in Church. Exhibit quiet and reverent behavior in church.
Know how to fold hands, sit, stand, and kneel in church.	X			Know how to fold hands, sit, stand, and kneel in church.

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Living in Freedom				Living in Freedom	
Understand that morality is coming to recognize God's loving call and responding in freedom.	X			Understand that morality is coming to recognize God's loving call and responding in freedom.	
We are made to love and to be happy with God forever.	X				
God made us to be happy by knowing, loving, and serving him, loving our neighbor, and taking care of all creation.	X			God made us to be happy on Earth by knowing, loving, and serving him, loving our neighbor, and taking care of all creation and to be happy with him forever in Heaven.	
				God wants everyone to choose Him, life in a state of grace, and to be happy with him in Heaven (be holy and be saints).	
Loving God, loving others, and respecting creation makes us truly happy and able to go to heaven.	X			Loving God, loving others, and respecting creation makes us truly happy and able to go to heaven.	
God gives us freedom to make right choices.	X	X		God gives us freedom to make right choices. We have responsibility for our choices and their consequences.	
Discuss differences between right and wrong.	X			Jesus' law of love and the 10 Commandments help us to understand what is right and wrong.	
The 10 Commandments tell us how to be good images of God.	X			The 10 Commandments tell us how to be good images of God.	
Brief introduction to the 10 commandments.		X		Understand and explain the 10 Commandments.	
		X		First Commandment means that God should come first in our life. Nothing else should be more important than God.	
Respect God's name and the names of the saints	X			The second commandment means that we must respect God's name the names of the saints. We should honor and be respectful of holy things and people.	
		X		The third commandment means that we should make Sundays a special day for God by resting from work, refraining from activities, such as shopping, that would require others to work, doing works of charity, family activities, and having the joy proper to the Lord's Day. It also means that Catholics must go to Mass on Sunday.	
Discuss the meaning of and exhibit the commandment: Honor your Father and Mother.	X			The fourth commandment means that we have a special respect for our father and mother, we obey them, and we do everything we can to show them special care.	

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Discuss obedience to parents, teachers, and legitimate authority. Name those who have legitimate authority in homes, schools, churches, and in our civil structure.	X			Discuss obedience to parents, teachers, and legitimate authority. Name those who have legitimate authority in homes, schools, churches, and in our civil structure.
Exhibit a balanced and healthy obedience.	X			Exhibit a balanced and healthy obedience.
Recognize that since God gave life as a gift, all life has more value than we can imagine.	X			Commandment five tells us to respect all human life as a gift from God.
		X		Make an examination of conscience based on the 10 commandments (cf. http://www.johnpaul2center.org/JohnPaulIICenter/LayFormation/AdultFormation/SeasonofMercyFaithFormationRes/10Commandments_Child_EC.pdf or https://www.catholicparents.org/examination-conscience-children/)
		X		Define conscience as the inner voice that helps us judge whether an action is right or wrong. We have a responsibility to listen to God to form our conscience.
Identify the two great commandments as a summary of the 10 commandments and explain their meaning.		X		Name the two great commandments and recognize that they summarize the 10 commandments. 1) Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, and all your strength: Commandments 1-3 2) Love your neighbor as yourself: Commandments 4-10
Demonstrate loving actions.	X			Demonstrate loving actions.
Jesus shows us how to live and love one another.	X			Jesus is the model of love and goodness.
Describe Jesus's loving actions in stories, songs, and pictures.		X		Christians try to think, speak, and act like Jesus. They do good and avoid evil.
Loving and helping brings joy.	X			Loving and helping brings joy.
Jesus asks us to do good and avoid evil, like he did.				
The way we treat others shows we are or are not followers of Jesus.	X			The way we treat others shows we are or are not followers of Jesus.
Express love and thanks to God for the gift of life and for God's gifts to us.	X			Express love and thanks to God for the gift of life and for God's gifts to us.

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Express the importance of respect and love in building strong friendships and acquaintances.	X			Express the importance of respect and love in building strong friendships and acquaintances.
Recognize and value the different gifts and talents of others.	X			Recognize and value the different gifts and talents of others.
Explore and celebrate friendships.	X			Explore and celebrate friendships.
Understand that rules help us treat each other fairly and respect each other as children of God.				
God gives us the ability to choose between right and wrong.				
Doing what is right pleases God and helps our relationships with others and God. Doing right does not make God love us more.	X			Doing what is right pleases God and helps our relationships with others and God. Doing right does not make God love us more.
The Holy Spirit helps us make good decisions.		X		We need the Holy Spirit's help to do good and avoid evil. We cannot do this on our own.
Grace is a gift from God that helps us love and make good decisions.		X		Grace is a free, undeserved gift from God. It helps us share in God's life and gives us the strength do the right thing.
		X		There are two kinds of grace. Both are needed to be holy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sanctifying grace: God's life in our soul, which we receive in Baptism - Actual grace: the help to do what is right and avoid what is evil, received by asking in prayer and in the sacraments
		X		God does not ever stop loving us, even when we sin.
		X		There is no sin too big for God to forgive; God's love is always greater than any evil.
		X		God hates sin, but loves and is patient with sinners. We should also hate sin but be patient with people.
		X		Recognize that a temptation is an invitation to do something wrong.
Sin is choosing to do something wrong. It displeases God and it hurts us, others, and our relationship with God and others.	X			Sin is choosing to do something wrong. It displeases God and it hurts us, others, and our relationship with God and others.
Sin is choosing to disobey God by thinking bad things on purpose, doing bad things on purpose, or choosing not to do good things that you know you should.		X		Sin is choosing to disobey God by thinking bad things on purpose (in thought), doing bad things on purpose (in deed)

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				by commission), or choosing not to do good things that you know you should (in deed, by omission).
Understand the difference between a sin and a mistake.		X		Understand the difference between a sin, a temptation, and a mistake.
Recognize that feelings are a gift from God and that emotional responses are not good or bad but our choices about how we deal with them can be.	X			Recognize that feelings are a gift from God and that emotional responses are not good or bad but our choices about how we deal with them can be.
		X		Recognize that there are two kinds of sins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Venial (less serious) sins - Mortal (very serious) sins
		X		Venial sins harm our relationship with God, but do not destroy the life of grace in our soul. If we are sorry, they can be forgiven by receiving the Eucharist and in the Sacrament of Penance.
		X		Mortal sin is a serious sin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a person commits a mortal sin, he/she should go to confession as soon as possible. - It is the only way to lose sanctifying grace (God's life in our souls) - Ordinarily, it is only forgiven by making a good confession. - If a person commits a mortal sin, he or she must make a good Confession before receiving Holy Communion.
		X		The three conditions for a mortal sin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The bad thing must be something serious in itself. - The person must know that the sin is serious. - The person must freely choose to do it anyway. - If a sin is missing at least one of these conditions, then it is a venial sin.
		X		Because sin hurts our relationship with God and with others, we need reconciliation with God and with the community.
Cultivate the ability to forgive and ask forgiveness by following Jesus' words and example.		X		Cultivate the ability to forgive and ask forgiveness by following Jesus' words and example.

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		X		Make an act of contrition when we sin.
God forgives when people are sorry.		X		After sinning, we can always try again. Going to Confession absolves our sins and gives us the strength to try again.
		X		Recognize that the best way to avoid sin and try again after sinning is to focus on working with the Holy Spirit on growing in the virtues rather than focusing on staying away from sin.
Give examples of forgiveness.		X		Understand that we love God and care about pleasing him because He loved us first.

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Prayer				Prayer			
Theology of prayer				Theology of prayer			
Define prayer as a response to God's desire for a relationship with us. When we see his love and goodness, we respond to his invitation to relationship.		X		Define prayer as a response to personally knowing God's love and goodness. Prayer deepens our relationship with God.			
Define prayer as coming into God's presence. When we love him, we are with him.		X		Define prayer as coming into God's presence and keeping company with God. Understand that God delights in keeping company with us.			
Define prayer as speaking and listening to God.	X			Define prayer as speaking and listening to God.			
God wants us to pray because he likes to communicate with us.		X		God always hears our prayers, even when we cannot see or feel it. Sometimes his answers are yes, sometimes no. He always gives us what is best.			
Wanting to pray or being asked to pray is an invitation from God to talk to him.	X			Wanting to pray or being asked to pray is an invitation from God to talk to him.			
Identify and explain the forms of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, petition, and contrition	X			Identify and explain the forms of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, petition, and contrition			
Attitudes and postures of prayer				Attitudes and postures of prayer			
Recognize ways that we experience God's love and see them as opportunities to pray.	X						
It is important to pray every day.	X			It is important to pray every day.			
Jesus prayed and taught his friends to pray.	X			Jesus prayed and taught his friends to pray. - By going to talk and listen to God alone. - By teaching them the Our Father			
Explain how Jesus teaches us to pray.							
The Holy Spirit helps us to pray.	X			The Holy Spirit helps us to pray.			
When we pray to the saints, our Blessed Mother, and the angels, they intercede (or pray for) us.	X			When we pray to the saints, our Blessed Mother, and the angels, they intercede (or pray for) us. We can always ask them for help, especially in times of need or temptation.			
		X		Develop a friendship and devotion to Mary and the Saints.			
Recognize times that are especially appropriate for prayer: Morning, before bed, meals, etc.		X		Recognize and take advantage of times that are especially appropriate for prayer: Morning, before bed, meals, etc.			
Prayer is a way of life for Christians.	X			Prayer is a way of life for Christians.			

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Silence helps us pray, listen to God, and be close to God.	X			Silence helps us pray, listen to God, and be close to God.
We can and should pray anywhere and we can and should pray alone.	X			We can and should pray anywhere and we can and should pray alone.
The Catholic Church/chapel is the most sacred place for prayer because Jesus is present in the tabernacle.	X			The Catholic Church/chapel is the most sacred place for prayer because Jesus is present in the tabernacle.
Explore various ways to pray (eg. Reading, art, listening, and singing, meditation)	X			Explore various ways to pray (eg. Reading, art, listening, and singing, meditation)
Explain spontaneous prayer and formal prayer. Understand similarities and differences.	X			Explain and practice spontaneous prayer and formal prayer. Understand similarities and differences.
Explain the difference between personal and community prayer. Understand the importance of both.	X			Explain and practice the difference between personal and community prayer. Understand the importance of both.
Identify communities with whom we pray and pray with them.				Identify communities with whom we pray and pray with them.
Explain how families can pray together. Understand that praying as a family is community prayer.	X			Explain how families can pray together. Understand that praying as a family is community prayer.
Demonstrate spontaneous prayer.	X			
Experience different kinds of personal prayer (reflection, Ignatian meditation, guided meditation, etc.).	X			Experience different kinds of personal prayer (reflection, Ignatian meditation, guided meditation, etc.).
	X			Understand and practice the sacraments as a way of prayer.
Share a prayer for the dead.	X			Write and share a prayer for the dead.
Explain and practice memorized prayers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sign of the Cross - Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory Be - Angel of God - Grace before and after meals - Morning Offering - Act of Contrition 		X		Explain and practice memorized prayers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sign of the Cross - Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory Be - Angel of God - Grace before and after meals - Morning Offering - Act of Contrition - Practice of nightly examination of conscience
Bow head at the name of Jesus.	X			Bow head at the name of Jesus.
Participate in the Stations of the Cross during Lent		X		Participate in the Stations of the Cross during Lent

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Understand and demonstrate the basics of praying the rosary, in private and public.	X			Understand and demonstrate the basics of praying the rosary, in private and public.
Participate in May Crowning.	X			Participate in May Crowning.
Participate and receive formation in how to pray in Adoration and at Benediction.	X			Participate and receive formation in how to pray in Adoration and at Benediction.

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Church: The Body of Christ			Church: The Body of Christ		
Who is the Church?			Who is the Church?		
Church is the sign of God's living presence in the world.		X		The Church is the Body of Christ on Earth. It is the way that God chooses to be present in the world.	
The Church is the community of those who believe in the Holy Trinity, who become members through Baptism, and who are under the leadership of the pope. Faith and baptism are necessary for being part of the Church.	X			The Church is the community of those who believe in the Holy Trinity, who become members through Baptism, and who are under the leadership of the pope. Faith and baptism are necessary for being part of the Church.	
		X		All Christians follow Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.	
Everyone in the Church belongs to God's family.	X			Everyone in the Church belongs to God's family.	
Students belong to their family and to God's family, the Church.	X			Students belong to their family and to God's family, the Church.	
All the people of the Church are connected - in heaven, on Earth, and in purgatory.	X			All the people of the Church are connected - in heaven, on Earth, and in purgatory.	
Catholic is the name of the Church of which we are members.	X			Catholic is the name of the Church of which we are members.	
Jesus started the Church and told it to grow.		X		Jesus started the Church and told it to grow. Jesus wanted all of his followers to be one, and we pray for unity because Jesus prayed for unity.	
The Holy Spirit helps the Church grow, spread to the whole world, and serve the whole world.	X			The Holy Spirit helps the Church grow, spread to the whole world, and serve the whole world.	
The mission of the Church is to spread the message of God's love to all people.	X			The mission of the Church is to spread the message of God's love to all people.	
Jesus entrusted the truth about God to the Apostles and sent them out to spread the message of God's love and to baptize all nations.	X			Jesus entrusted the truth about God to the Apostles and sent them out to spread the message of God's love and to baptize all nations.	
The Holy Spirit helps the apostles remember and understand all that Jesus taught.	X			The Holy Spirit helps the apostles remember and understand all that Jesus taught.	
We learn about God from the Church.	X			We learn about God from the Church.	
The four marks of the Church are: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. We can tell the true church by looking for these signs.	X			The four marks of the Church are: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. We can tell the true church by looking for these signs.	

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Church in Heaven		Church in Heaven	
Identify the saints as friends we can rely on for help. They live with God and they are examples and coaches as we try to live more loving lives.	X		Identify the saints as friends we can rely on for help. They live with God and they are examples and coaches as we try to live more loving lives.
Identify saints as normal people who grew close to God because they grew in love.	X		Identify saints as normal people who grew close to God because they grew in love.
		X	Recognize that while some saints, human beings living with God in heaven, are canonized, many are not.
The saints love us and want to help us with their prayers, and we should ask them for their help.	X		The saints love us and want to help us with their prayers, and we should ask them for their help.
Mary is the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.	X		Mary is the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.
Recognize that Mary Mother to Jesus and to us.	X		Mary, our mother, always leads us to her Son, Jesus.
Mary is an example of what it means to obey God totally, freely, and joyfully.		X	Mary is a model for all Christians because she is the Mother of Jesus and our mother and because she always did God's Will with faith and trust.
Identify Joseph as Mary's husband and the foster father of Jesus.		X	Recognize key stories about Joseph, Mary's husband and the foster father of Jesus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accepts Mary after the Annunciation. - Protects her and the unborn Jesus on the way to Bethlehem. - Saves the Holy Family when Herod was after them. - Role in the Presentation. - Role in the Finding of Jesus in the Temple.
Identify members of the Holy Family and recognize them as models for our families.	X		Identify members of the Holy Family and recognize them as models for our families.
Listen to and retell simple stories of the lives of the saints.		X	Recount the lives of several saints, including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St. Patrick, our diocesan patron - St. Peter, the first pope - Elizabeth Ann Seton, an American Saint who worked in Catholic Schools. - St. Francis of Assisi

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				- Mother Theresa
Identify patron saint.		X		Recount the life of his/her patron saint and begin to develop a relationship with him/her.
Church in Purgatory			Church in Purgatory	
People may go to purgatory to get ready for heaven if their choices show that they are not ready for heaven when they die.	X			People may go to purgatory to get ready for heaven if their choices show that they are not ready for heaven when they die.
We should pray for people in purgatory to help them get ready for heaven.	X			We should pray for people in purgatory to help them get ready for heaven.
Church on Earth			Church on Earth	
Recognize that the special group of families, led by their pastor, form a community in the Church called a parish.	X			Recognize that the special group of families, led by their pastor, form a community in the Church called a parish.
Understand that there are parishes around the world.	X			Understand that there are parishes around the world.
Priests/pastors are in charge of parishes, and they lead the faithful in prayer.	X			
Introduce roles in the Church: priest, deacon, religious sisters, brothers, laity, pope, archbishop, bishop		X		Understand roles in the Church: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pope: visible head of the Church and Vicar of Christ - Bishop: head of a diocese - Pastor: head of a local parish - Priest: man who received Holy Orders and helps the faithful live their vocation, especially by administering the sacraments - Deacons, religious sisters, religious brothers - Laity: faithful who are not ordained
Distinguish between “Church” as the Body of Christ, the people God has called and gathered together and “church” as the physical building in which we worship.	X			Distinguish between “Church” as the Body of Christ, the people God has called and gathered together and “church” as the physical building in which we worship.
Give examples of how parents are role models in the Christian family and how they are to be loved and obeyed like Jesus loved and obeyed Mary and Joseph.				
Identify members of their family.				
Tell how families can pray together.				

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Recognize that everyone is brother and sister in God's community.				
We show our love of family by helping at home.				
We show our love of friends, neighbors, and classmates by helping.				
All Christians are brought together by their baptism, but do not have everything that Jesus taught in common.	X			All Christians are brought together by their baptism, but do not have everything that Jesus taught in common.

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Christians in the World		Christians in the World	
Catholic Social Teaching		Catholic Social Teaching	
God loves and cares for all people, and we should, too.		X	The more we love Jesus in the Holy Eucharist the more we will love and serve others.
Exhibit respect for the environment, understanding that respect for the environment is part of respecting God and others.	X		Exhibit respect for the environment, understanding that respect for the environment is part of respecting God and others.
Recognize our responsibility to be good stewards of creation by sharing and conserving Earth's resources and all creatures entrusted to us.	X		Recognize our responsibility to be good stewards of creation and all goods we have by sharing and conserving Earth's resources and all creatures entrusted to us.
		X	Define stewardship as gratefully sharing gifts of time, talent, and treasure.
Each person is worthy of respect and kindness because of their dignity.	X		Each person is worthy of respect and kindness because of their dignity, which comes from being created by God, loved by God, and called to a life of holiness.
Each person has infinite value because he or she was made by God, is loved by God, and is called to a life of holiness.			
		X	Demonstrate an attitude of respect and reverence for one's background and toward people of different cultural and economic backgrounds.
Recognize and respect the rights and equality of all people.	X		Recognize and respect the rights and equality of all people.
Identify Christian service as a response to the needs of the community and a way to show God's love.	X		Identify Christian service as a response to the needs of the community and a way to show God's love.
Show empathy and a desire to care for the poor, hungry, and homeless, victims of injustice, for those who suffer.	X		Show empathy and a desire to care for the poor, hungry, and homeless, victims of injustice, for those who suffer.
Students engage in age appropriate service projects.	X		Students engage in age appropriate service projects.
Recognize ways adults serve the needs of others.	X		Recognize ways adults serve the needs of others.
Recognize ways children can serve the needs of others.	X		Recognize ways children can serve the needs of others.
Demonstrate care and concern for classmates.	X		Demonstrate care and concern for classmates.
Recognize ways that the parish can serve the needs of others	X		Recognize ways that the parish can serve the needs of others
Recognize stories of the saints who served the poor.	X		Recognize stories of the saints who served the poor. (C.f. Church – saints)

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Exhibit appropriate behavior in community. Rules and commandments help us grow in love and respect.		X		Identify rights and responsibilities of membership in: family, neighborhood, parish, and civil society.
Define what it means to have true peace and identify some means to achieve peace.	X			Define what it means to have true peace and identify some means to achieve peace.
Practice non-violent responses.				
Describe ways you can help someone feel welcome.				
Evangelization				Evangelization
The community of God includes family, friends, classmates, the Church, and those in the outside community.	X			The community of God includes family, friends, classmates, the Church, and those in the outside community.
God loves even those who are not baptized.	X			God loves even those who are not baptized.
We are called to share our faith in Jesus and invite others to know Him, love Him, and be part of his family, the Church.		X		Demonstrate how and when we should share our faith in Jesus and invite others to know Him, love Him, and be part of his family, the Church.
We have the light of Jesus shining in us so that we may love as Jesus showed us to love.	X			We have the light of Jesus shining in us so that we may love as Jesus showed us to love.
Show appropriate behavior in community.	X			Show appropriate behavior in community.
Hear stories of missionaries, priests, brothers and sisters.	X			Hear stories of missionaries, priests, brothers and sisters.

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Theology of the Body			Theology of the Body
Understand that each person was created from love and is meant to love and be loved.	X		Understand that each person was created from love and is meant to love and be loved.
God makes all human beings very good, because they are in His image and likeness.	X		God makes all human beings very good, because they are in His image and likeness.
God makes every person with a body and spirit. The body has five senses and emotions, which are gifts of God, which we should use for good. The spirit allows a person to think, love, and choose God and what is good.	X		God makes every person with a body and soul. The body has five senses and emotions, which are gifts of God, which we should use for good. The soul allows a person to think, love, and choose God and what is good.
The human person is the only earthly creature with a soul that will live forever.	X		The human person is the only earthly creature with a soul that will live forever.
God's greatest gift to us is life – both natural and supernatural (sanctifying grace) life.	X		God's greatest gift to us is life – both natural and supernatural (sanctifying grace) life.
God made humans with body, mind, and soul, in the image of God.	X		God made humans with body, mind, and soul, in the image of God.
		X	Understand and identify loving and selfish choices in real life situations.
		X	Discuss that respect for ourselves and others includes telling those who are harming us, themselves, or others to stop or seeking help from parents or other adults when they don't stop.
Human beings are the highest of all God's earthly creatures.	X		Human beings are the highest of all God's earthly creatures.
Explain that love is to want what is best for the other person.	X		Explain that love is to want what is best for the other person.
Understand that life (including ours, babies, the sick, and those with disabilities) is a "precious gift entrusted to us by God" (CCC 2288).	X		Understand that life (including ours, babies, the sick, and those with disabilities) is a "precious gift entrusted to us by God" (CCC 2288).
Jesus shows us what it is like live our life as a gift. He is the best model.		X	Jesus shows us what it is like live our life as a gift. He is the best model.
Since our life is a gift, we are called to share that gift with God and others. We share life by using our gifts and talents.		X	Since our life is a gift, we are called to share that gift with God and others. We share life by using our gifts and talents. For a gift to be authentic, it must be sincerely given and received.
		X	Everyone has special gifts to use for the good of others.

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Show ways of caring for God’s gift of the body.	X			Show ways of caring for God’s gift of the body (basic health and wellness, respect for the needs of our bodies).
		X		Recognize Jesus as the source of hope throughout our daily tasks and difficulties.
		X		Identify God as the source of good desires in our hearts.
		X		Explain, with prompting, that a pure heart is drawn to things that are true, good, and beautiful.
God's followers always respect life.	X			God's followers always respect life.
Engage in age appropriate respect life activities.	X			Engage in age appropriate respect life activities.
Each person is different and special.	X			
Identify and define the various vocations: marriage, priests, religious men and women, single people	X			Identify and explain the various vocations: marriage, priests, religious men and women, single people
A vocation is a way of loving and serving in the Church; it is a response to the call that we already received in our baptism and is a particular way that God is asking us to love and be loved.	X			A vocation is a way of loving and serving in the Church; it is a response to the call that we already received in our baptism and is a particular way that God is asking us to love and be loved.
Marriage is a vocation between a man and woman.	X			Marriage is a vocation between a man and woman.
Special ministers serve others. A priest has a special role of leading in prayer as an ordained minister.		X		Recognize families as the places that we learn to love.
We can make a gift of our selves by helping.		X		Tell how families can pray and work together.
		X		Discuss ways to contribute to good family relationships.