

October 29-30, 2017 Week 3 Grade 1

“Love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself”

Matthew 22:34-40

The only change in the lesson plan from week 2 to 3 is the reading.

Objectives:

The Holy Trinity - We will nurture, learn and help the students develop a relationship with God. Who is Jesus, Who is God, Who is the Holy Spirit?

Weekly Reading from the Lectionary - Each grade will explore one of the readings from the weekend Masses. The difference of each class will be in discussion, depth and personality of each group.

Journaling - Scrapbook - Activities from each session can be glued into the students notebooks. We want them to love their journals, draw or write their thoughts, questions and prayers about God, to God; a place to maintain all of their work. Sending them home is **not always ideal**. We are hopeful that they will grow attached to them, keeping them like a treasure. When a student forgets we can send them home with worksheets and have blank paper available in the classrooms.

Learning to Pray by Heart - Our goal is to have the students not only know the prayers of our faith but also to pray always and anywhere - Learn and Review depending on the grade: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, Glory Be, Apostles Creed. **Highlighted prayer this week - Our Father**

Because every class is different - We will have materials for you to help the children learn and love to pray. Please let us know if you have a specific need in the class. We will have worksheets available for all the prayers. We are here to support you! Please share your ideas as well.

Week 3

Opening Prayer - Sign of the Cross

Who is God - God is Love

Lectionary - Our Bible Story: Matthew 22: 34-40 Love of God and Love of Neighbor

Ten Commandments

Sign of the Cross

Closing Prayer - Sign of the Cross

Who is God? Where is God?



God is with us _____.

God promises to _____ us always.

God is creator of _____ things.

The Bible is a special _____ about God.

Word Bank:

love

always

all

book

Opening Prayer:

Sign of the Cross

Blessed are you, O God, our dear friend!
We thank you for everything you give us.
We thank you for Jesus our brother.
Help us now to listen and to learn.
Help us to share and to be your friends. Amen!

Who is God? - God is creator of all things. God loves and takes care of us. We are God's children. We learn from God and his son, Jesus how to be a good person. GOD IS LOVE! God loves each student individually with an unimaginable love.

activity

Lectionary Reading - Listen to Our Bible Story

Before beginning to read the story, show the students the Lectionary or Bible.

This is the Gospel story according to Matthew that was read today at Mass.

A group of leaders - scholars who would have been our Fr. Mark and Fr. Tom in the community where Jesus lived thought they kept God's laws best. The laws were the rules given to Moses. They did not like Jesus and how he was teaching the people.

So they gathered together, and one of them,
a scholar of the rules decided to question Jesus by asking,
"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Jesus said to him,

"You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Something to Talk about:

After reading the bible story, take a few minutes to ask and relate the story to the group with some questions:

What was Jesus telling them?

Most important is to Love God!

Second is to love yourself and others!

Love makes the world go around. For without love, the world would be a place of despair and sadness.

- **We have to love ourselves before we can love someone else**
- **Who is someone that shows us how to love God and one another - many answers - parents, Jesus, saints**

How can you show God your love?

Kind to others

What are some ways that you show your love for other people?

Helpful, smile...

Love of God. Love of neighbor. Easy to say but sometimes hard to do. That's why we have role models in Jesus, saints and others around us. God tells us how to love. We know how to act and love by following the Ten Commandments given to Moses to guide us. The first 3 commandments tell us about God and How we should love Him. The last 7 commandments tell us how to love ourselves and others the way God loves all of us.

Ten Commandment Coloring Pages

The Ten Commandments

1. I am your God - God comes first.

I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have other gods before me.

2. Pray and use God's name with care.

You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.

3. Go to church on Sunday—the Lord's Day; take time off to pray and play.

Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy.

4. Love and obey your parents, be kind to them.

Honor your father and your mother.

5. Be kind to others.

You shall not kill.

6. Be a true friend and keep your promises; faithful in what you do.

You shall not commit adultery.

7. Be honest and don't take what belongs to others.

You shall not steal.

8. Speak well of others and tell the truth.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

9. Be pure of heart in what you think and say.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife - be faithful in marriage.

10. Love your neighbor and be happy with what you have.

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Learning to Pray by Heart

The Sign of the Cross, a prayer to show our love for Jesus. We make the Sign of the Cross at beginning and end of Mass every Sunday. Practice at home with your family. We will keep using it each week so that everyone can learn it by heart. ([worksheets available](#))

We start the Mass by everyone singing a song.

Then we all pray a short prayer called the **Sign of the Cross**.

We pray with our bodies and our words.

At Mass the priest leads us and says most of the words.

Other times, when we pray this prayer, we say all the words.

We start by touching our forehead with all the fingers of our right hand. While we are doing this we pray,

“In the name of the Father...”

Then we move our right hand straight down to our chest, and, while touching our chest,

and of the Son...”

Then we move our right hand to touch our left shoulder 1st and finally our right shoulder.

...and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

If you need another activity:

The Our Father

Jesus teaches us about God’s great love for us. God always loves and cares for you just like your parents do. We are all God’s children! Jesus taught us to pray to God in a special way.

Closing Prayer

Begin with the Sign of the Cross

Recite:

God,
through the intercession of the saints,
our brothers and sisters,
Grant us the grace
to decide daily to love one another
as you have loved us. Amen!

Selected Lectionary Reading for Week 3

Full Text

New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition translation (NRSVCE)

As in The Catholic Faith and Family Bible

Matthew 22: 33-40

The Gospel According to Matthew.

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they gathered together, and one of them,

a scholar of the law tested him by asking,

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