

Make-up Packet for Sunday Session 1-b for Grade 3

October

Notes to Parents for Make-Up Work: (1) Please read and discuss the following information with your child. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Frances at our Church Parish Office (937-6888). (2) Please complete the last page of this make-up packet and return it to our church parish office so Mrs. Frances can update the attendance chart.

Large-Group Assembly for Grades 3-5

- After **Opening Prayer**, Mrs. Frances greeted the children and quickly reviewed the **Sign of the Cross** and the **Holy/Blessed Trinity**. (*God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit*) Please respectfully recite the Lord's Prayer as the Opening Prayer of your make-up session.
- Using a **liturgical calendar** as a guide, they also briefly discussed the current **liturgical season** (*Ordinary Time*) and **liturgical color** (*green*).
- Mrs. Frances talked about the **Old Testament** and **New Testament** sections of the **Holy Bible** for a few minutes and, in doing so, will show the children where the **Bible stories** (also called **Scripture passages**) which are featured in our summer programs may be found.
- Teachers checked roll and walked with their students to their classroom.

Teach/review:

- Proper, respectful **Sign of the Cross** (words and actions). *It is not an air prayer! It is a very real prayer that shows the world—and reminds us—that we are Catholic Christians! We should touch our forehead, our chest, our left shoulder, and then our right shoulder as we say, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," then we form praying hands as we say, "Amen." The cross pattern reminds us of how much Jesus loves us. Although the thought of His death on the cross may make us sad, we should be very grateful and happy that His death has given our souls a chance to spend eternity with God in Heaven! If Jesus hadn't died on the cross, the gates of Heaven would still be closed—since Adam and Eve's Original Sin! (The children will learn more about that in First Communion prep class in Grade 2.)*
- Every time we enter a Catholic Church, we dip one (or two) finger(s) in **Holy Water** and pray the Sign of the Cross while we focus our attention on the **Blessed Sacrament** in the **Tabernacle**. *Holy Water is water that has been blessed by a priest or deacon. Blessing ourselves with Holy Water reminds us of our own **baptism**—the moment when we became adopted children of God! (NOTE: I hope I will remember to provide a small, sealed jar of Holy Water for each classroom. Practice first without using Holy Water, then allow each child to bless himself/herself using Holy Water.)*
- Practice making a proper **Genuflection** (right knee touches the floor while focusing on the **Blessed Sacrament** in the **Tabernacle**). *Before we enter our pew at church, we always kneel before Jesus, our Lord and Savior—our King who is present in the **Body of Christ**—the **Blessed Sacrament**—in the Tabernacle. (When we watch movies and videos, the people of a kingdom always kneel—or respectfully bow—in the presence of their king. Why shouldn't we do the same?) When a genuflection is difficult because of age or health, a profound bow (at the waist) is acceptable. A simple bow (at the neck) is reserved for other moments during the liturgy of the Mass.)*

Review an assigned Grade-Level Prayer:

- View/print a copy of our [Grade 3 Prayer Sheet](#) from our church website.

- Read through the **Prayer after Meals** with your child at least once during this make-up class.

Review the Bible stories from our recent Summer Program

- For approximately 30 minutes, teachers and students reviewed the **Bible stories** which were introduced during the Summer Program in June 2018. All students and teachers in Grades 3-5 then gathered in the Big Classroom to play a review game.
- Please take time now review the summer program Bible stories which found in the make-up packets which are linked to our [Elementary Religious Education](#) webpage. Click on each link (Day 1-Day 9) and read through the summaries of the Bible stories.

Closing Prayer

Read through all four sets of the **Mysteries of the Rosary** found on our [Grade 3 Prayer Sheet](#) as today's closing prayer. (Don't forget to begin and end your prayer with a respectful Sign of the Cross.) We will learn more about all twenty Mysteries of the Rosary during one of our upcoming Sunday Sessions.

Thank you for your help!

We can't do any of this without the help of wonderful parents like you!

Parents:

Please read and sign the next sheet.

Return it to Mrs. Frances at our church office at your earliest convenience.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please complete this page and return it to our Church Parish Office as soon as possible so Mrs. Frances can update our attendance records to indicate that you have helped your child make up the work that he/she missed during Sunday Session 1-b in October.

My child, _____ (currently in Grade ____) and I have read and discussed all of the information included in this make-up packet for **Sunday Session 1-b for Grade 3** (in **October**).

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date