SYLLABUS GRADE 7—2017-2018

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|  Grade Page # 1 Text Safety Prog | Session/ Date |  Syllabus Review Notes/  Sequence |   Chapter & Content Points |   Safety  Program Lesson | Prayer(s) | Suggested Activities | Additional Suggestions and/orComments |
|  Grade 7Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press“Created forLove”Chastity  Program | Parent/studentMeeting**Tu** Sep. 26  |  |  | Parent/student meeting followed by:Opening ClassIntroductionsGetting to know one anotherReview Fire Drill Plan, Book, Syllabus, & Classroom Management **Unit 1: Session 1** (pg. #3) “Three Persons in One God” [if time does not permit, ask students to read at home]1. Trinity is central mystery of our faith2. Catholic Social Teaching3. Creation4. Nature5. St. Francis |  | Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary,Encourage Mass participationPrayer of Saint FrancisGlory BeReview prayer as listening to GodRemind to pray morning & evening prayers daily[October is the month of the Rosary]**See: The Rosary, pgs. #280-283**Review praying of the Rosary & Mysteries of the RosaryEncourage praying rosary as a family | Talk about the “Blessing of the Animals” that will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Saturday, October 1stSuggest to students that they complete the “What’s What?” activity on pg. #10 for opening of next class | Spend time with God—reflecting on the wonders of Creation |
|  Grade 7Page # 2Finding God: Following Jesus , Loyola Press“Created forLove”Chastity  Program | **Tu** Oct. 10**Continued on****Next Page** **Tu** Oct. 10 |  |  | Briefly review the “What’s What” from pg. #10**Unit 1: Session 2** (pg. #11) “Jesus is the Answer to a Promise;” and **Unit: 1 Session 3** (pg. #19) “Jesus Reveals God to Us”1.The Bible as Inspired Word of God2. Jewish & Christian Scriptures3. John the BaptistComing of Jesus as Promised Messiah4. Genealogy of Jesus5. Jesus as fulfillment of Revelation of God as found in history of Chosen people6. Covenants7. God Makes Himself Known |  | Importance morning & evening prayerJewish & Christian ScripturesReflecting on Scripture as prayer | “Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 17“Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. #25 (Suggest that students do this Activity at home, if times does not permit) | Optional: “What’s What,” pg. #18Optional: “What’s What,” pg. #26**\*\*Remember:****to pass out list of suggested food items for Thanksgiving baskets to each student****See: The Story of God’s Promise: The Bible and You, pgs. #253-265** |
|    | **Tu** Oct. 24 |  |  | Share responses from “Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. #25 [perhaps places for prayer or “gift-places”]**Unit 2: Session 6** (pg. #47) “Jesus Became One of Us” 1. Incarnation is Jesus Christ2. Jesus is Son of God made flesh3. Fully human, fully divine4. Jesus is model of humanity5. The Great Commandment6. The Our Father7. The Dignity of the Human Person8. Blessed Marie of the Incarnation (pg. #46)All Saints Day Nov. 1stAll Souls’ Day Nov. 2nd**See, “All Saints Day,” pgs. #247-249** |  |  Prayers to Mary & the Saints (prayers of Intercession)Explain Saints DaysCanonized vs. ordinary saintsCommunion of SaintsSaints as role models who can help form our conscience**See, “A Litany of the Saints,” pg. #250**Scripture: John 1:1-5; 14“Lectio Divina” (pg. #52) | Explore Activity, pg. #49“Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 53“What’s What,” (fill-in the blank activity) pg. #54Thanksgiving Food Collection and brainstorm other ways to put faith into action | **Thanksgiving Food Donations due by next class, Nov. 7 or no later than Nov. 15.**  |
| Grade 7Page # 3Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press“Created forLove”Chastity  Program | **Tu** Nov. 7 |  |  | Eucharist (Thanksgiving)See: **Session 16** (pgs. #135-139)Review Eucharist & parallels/roots with Passover meal, Thanks-giving table etc.Making choices to build a better world activity |  | Spontaneous prayers of Praise & ThanksgivingThe Apostles CreedGrace/blessings before & after mealsPrayers of the MassPrayers of the Faithful Sign of PeacePrayer with gestures/move-ment(Singing is praying twice!) | **See, “Making Good Choices,” pgs. #292-295****See, “Catholic Social Teaching,” pgs. #298-300** | [How do we build a better world?—like building “a house”. Do “Building a House Activity” with parallels to working together and cooperation vs. competition]**Confirmation Class Thanksgiving Baskets will be blessed at the 6:00 Mass on 11/19 at St. Clare’s. All families are invited to attend.** |
|   | **Tu** Nov. 21**Advent**Starts Dec. 3 |   |  | **See, “Advent,” pg. #223-226 (Mary Accepts God’s Promise; The Advent Wreath; the Magnificat)Unit 1: Session 4** (pg. # 27) “Jesus Calls Us to Say Yes;” “Jesus is God With Us”1. Mary first to say “yes” to Jesus & experience God’s grace2. The Annunciation3.The Magnificat4. Celebrating Mary5. Mary Mother of God6. Kinds of grace7. The VisitationFeast of Immaculate Conception—Dec. 8thFeast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12th |  |  Advent Wreath PrayerAdvent prayerMary’s MagnificatMarian FeastsThe Annuciation Meditation, pg. #32**ADVENT PENANCE**(Review Examination of Conscience; Sacrament of Reconciliation)[With or without prayer service of Reconciliation]Opportunity for teaching on Eucharistic AdorationAct of Contrition | Explain the Annunciation Activity, pg. #29“Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 33**See, “An Examination of Conscience and How to Make a Good Confession,” pgs. #296-297** **Faith in Action (Unit 2), “Toys Against Violence” activity, pg. #88** |  Reflection Question:“How will you prepare for the coming of Jesus?”Discuss obstacles/ challenges (to saying “yes” to God) that are faced in school or among your peersTwo forgiveness parables in Scripture: The Parable of the “Two Sons” of the “Lost SheepOptional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #34 |
| Grade 7Page # 4Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press“Created forLove”Chastity  Program | **Tu** Dec. 5 |  |  | **Unit 2: Session 7** (pg. # 55) “Jesus is God With Us; **Unit 2: Session 10** (pg. #79) “Celebrating Advent & Christmas;” and **Unit 2: Session 9** (pg. #71) “Jesus Grew in Wisdom, Age, and Grace” |  |  “The Canticle of Zechariah”Listening to God’s Word in order to ACT on God’s WordSilent prayerCentering prayerMeditation prayer | Role of John the Baptist & story of ZechariahGuided meditation or reflection, “Am I who I say”? (pg. #60)“Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 61Prayer on “gifts,” pg. #76 | Review the Jesse TreeOptional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #62Optional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #78 |
|   | **Tu** Dec. 19 |  |  | Complete **Unit 2: Session 10** (pg. # 82-) “Celebrating Christmas;” **Unit 2: Session 8** (pg. #63) “Jesus is for All People”The Baptism of the LordOrdinary Time**See, “Christmas,” pgs. #227-230 (The Birth of Jesus & Welcoming Jesus)**1. Names for Jesus2. God calls us by name and speaks to us3. Ways that God speaks to us4. Gifts given and received Solemnity of Mary Feast Day Jan. 1stFeast of the Epiphany (January 6th) |  | The PsalmsPraying with the PsalmsPsalms, pg. # 68“Epiphany”—see: Our Catholic Character, pg. 92 | Lighting A Way activity, pg. #85“Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 69 | Optional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #86Optional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #70 |
| Grade 7Page # 5Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press“Created for Love” Chastity  Program2018 | **Tu** Jan. 9 |  |  | **Unit 1: Session 5** (pg. #47) “Celebrating Ordinary Time” and**Faith in Action (Unit 1), “Becoming Gleaners” pgs. 43-44**1. Time to grow as disciple of Christ2. The Great Commission3. Daily choices4. Saints as role models5. Saint Therese6. Saint Vincent de Paul, et al**Unit 5: Session 24** (pg. # 206-207 (“Assumption of the Blessed Mother reflects her exalted place in the Communion of Saints”) |  | The Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy“Doing small things with great love,” Mother TheresaPraying for the sick | “Saint” video clips: “Who Cares About the Saints” by James Martin, SJExplore Activity, pg. #37“Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 41 | Discuss “instant communication” via internet, texting vs. “being with” |
| Grade 7Page # 6Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press“Created forLove”Chastity  Program | **Tu** Jan. 23**Continued on Next Page****Tu** Jan. 23  |  |  | **Unit 3: Session 11** (pg. #91) “Jesus Prepares for His Ministry” and **Session 12** (pg. #99) “Jesus Performs Signs”1. The Public Life of Jesus & the Four Gospel Writers (see: pgs. #89-90)2. Jesus’ Acceptance of Mission as Messiah3. Temptations & Facing Temptation4. Miracles5. Living Abundantly6. Sacraments7. Signs & Symbols from everyday life**Unit 3: Session 13**: (pg. #107) “Jesus is Our Teacher”1. Sermon on the Mount2. The Beatitudes3. Just War Theory4. The Kingdom of God**Unit 3: Session 14** (pg. #115) “Jesus Heals & Forgives” |  | Reflective reading of the Scriptures—Lectio Divina, pg. #104 John 2:1-12 (The Wedding Feast at Cana)Prayers for the sick & elderlyAnointing of the Sick RitualThe Beatitudes(pg. #267)Acts of Faith, Hope, & Love prayers(pg. #277) | Messages of Love activity, pg. #91 in Teacher text“Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 97“What’s What?” Crossword, pg. #98Activity on pg. #107—“Write some rules for living a deeply satisfying life…”Explore Activity, pg. #109 on the BeatitudesBuilding the Kingdom activity, pg. 113“Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 121“What’s What,” pg. #122 | Optional: “What’s What?” pg. #106 |
|  | Tu. Feb. 6**Ash Wednesday**February 14 |  |  | **Unit 4: Session 18** (pg. #151) “Jesus Redeems Us”**Unit 4: Session 19** (pg. #159) “Jesus Brings Us New Life”  |  | Stations of the Cross Pg. #284Renewal of Baptismal VowsWhere Do I Fit In? Pg. #165 and Reflection Activity | Suggest for home:Where Do I Fit In?, “The Other Side of Suffering” and the “Victory of the Cross” pg. #157 Reflection activity | What’s What?Pg. 166 |
|  Grade 7Page # 7Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press“Created forLove”Chastity  Program | **Tu** Feb. 28**Continued on****Next Page****Tu** Feb. 28 |  |  | **See, “Lent,” pgs. #231-234 (A Retreat in the Desert; Renew Our Hearts)****Unit 3: Session 15** (pg. #123) “Celebrating Lent” and AshesPrayer, Fasting, and AlmsgivingTime to renew BaptismTime of Preparation for Easter (cont’d.)Purple color of Penance/Preparation1. Forgiveness2. The Sacrament of Reconciliation3. The Gift of Healing4. Asking for Forgiveness |  | Renewal of Baptismal Promises(Recall your Baptism)(see: pg. #127)Prayer: “Renew Our Hearts,” pg. #128**Faith in Action (Unit 3), “The Human Contribution,” pgs. #131-132** |  |  |
|   |  **Tu** Mar. 6 |  |  | **Unit 4: Session 16** (pg. #135) “Jesus Gives Us Himself”1. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist2. The Last Supper3. Transubstantiation4. Liturgy5. The Mystical Body of Christ**Unit 4: Session 17** (pg. #143) “Jesus Makes a Choice”1. Called to Stay True to Our Identities2. The Agony in the Garden3. Making Moral Choices4. How to Choose5. Forming a Good Conscience6. The Morality of an Act7. Courage |  | Prayers of the Eucharistic liturgyFull Participation in Prayers/ResponsesPrayers of Petition Prayers for needs of Christian community & worldExamination of Conscience“The Daily Examen” (Saint Ignatius of Loyola), pg. #279 | Suggest for activity at home:Mystical Body of Christ, pg. #141 and the What’s What?” pg. #142Where Do I Fit In?, pg. #149 activity | Optional: “What’s What?” pg. #150 |
|  Grade 7Page # 8Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press“Created forLove”Chastity  Program | **Tu** Mar. 20**Continued on****Next Page** **Tu** Mar. 20**Palm Sunday**March 25**Easter Sunday**April 1 |  |  | **Unit 4: Session 20** (pgs.167) “Celebrating Holy Week & Easter”**See, “Holy Week” & “Easter” pgs. #235-241** **(The Holiest Week of the Year & Jesus is Risen)**1. The Suffering Servant2. Who is Jesus?3. Discipleship4. Suffering & the Cross5. The Paradox of the  Cross6. The Empty Tomb |  |  | Where Do I Fit In? Pg. 173 Reflection Activity | What’s What?Page #174 |
|  | **Tu** Apr. 10 |  |  | **Unit 5: Session 21** (pg. 179) “Jesus Opens our Eyes”**Unit 5: Session 23** (pg. 195) “We are called and Sent”**Unit 5: Session 24** (pg. 203) “Jesus Calls us to Eternal Life” |  |  | “Where Do I Fit In?” Activity Pg. 185 (suggest to do at home if time does not permit)Where Do I Fit In? Pg. #201 andReflection ActivityWhere Do I Fit In? Pg. #209 and Reflection Activity | Optional: “What’sWhat.” Pg. #186What’s What?Pg. #202What’s What?Page #210 |
| Grade 7Page #9Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press“Created forLove”Chastity  Program | **Tu.** Apr. 24**LAST CLASS****Continued on****Next Page****Tu.** Apr. 25 |  |  | **Unit 5: Session 22** (pg. #187) “Jesus Sends Us Forth with His Spirit) and **Unit 5: Session 25** (pg. #211) “Celebrating Pentecost”**See, ““Pentecost” pgs. #243-246 (Pentecost & the Beginning of the Church)** 1. Celebrating Holy Spirit within Us & the Church2. Pentecost3. Gifts of Holy Spirit4. The Seal of Confirmation5. Church began with sending of Holy Spirit at Pentecost6. Holy Spirit Guides the Church7. Portrayals of Holy Spirit in Sacred Art8. The Holy Spirit & Prayer9. Gifts of the Holy SpiritEvaluation of year |  | Introduce/discuss topic of Shroud of TurinSaint Augustine’s Prayer to the Holy Spirit (pg. #216)Closing Ritual |  “What’s What?” activity, pg. #218**Faith in Action (Unit 5), “Planting Seeds” activity, pg. #219** | Optional: Where Do I Fit In?, pg. #193 activityOptional: Where Do I Fit In? pg. #217 activity |