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/or  Comments |
| Grade 7  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press  “Created for  Love”  Chastity   Program | Parent/student  Meeting  **Tu** Sep. 26 |  |  | Parent/student meeting followed by:  Opening Class  Introductions  Getting to know one another  Review 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 faith 2. Catholic Social Teaching  3. Creation  4. Nature  5. St. Francis |  | Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary,  Encourage Mass participation  Prayer of Saint Francis  Glory Be  Review prayer as listening to God  Remind 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 Rosary  Encourage 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 1st  Suggest 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 7  Page # 2  Finding God: Following Jesus , Loyola Press  “Created for  Love”  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 God  2. Jewish & Christian Scriptures  3. John the Baptist  Coming of Jesus as Promised Messiah  4. Genealogy of Jesus  5. Jesus as fulfillment of Revelation of God as found in history of Chosen people  6. Covenants 7. God Makes Himself Known |  | Importance morning & evening prayer  Jewish & Christian Scriptures  Reflecting 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. #18  Optional: “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 Christ  2. Jesus is Son of God made flesh  3. Fully human, fully divine  4. Jesus is model of humanity  5. The Great Commandment  6. The Our Father  7. The Dignity of the Human Person  8. Blessed Marie of the Incarnation (pg. #46)  All Saints Day Nov. 1st  All Souls’ Day Nov. 2nd  **See, “All Saints Day,” pgs. #247-249** |  | Prayers to Mary & the Saints (prayers of Intercession)  Explain Saints Days Canonized vs. ordinary saints  Communion of Saints  Saints 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. #54  Thanksgiving 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 7  Page # 3  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press  “Created for  Love”  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 & Thanksgiving  The Apostles Creed  Grace/blessings before & after meals  Prayers of the Mass  Prayers of the Faithful   Sign of Peace  Prayer 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 grace  2. The Annunciation  3.The Magnificat  4. Celebrating Mary  5. Mary Mother of God  6. Kinds of grace 7. The Visitation  Feast of Immaculate Conception—Dec. 8th  Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12th |  | Advent Wreath  Prayer  Advent prayer  Mary’s Magnificat Marian Feasts  The 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 Adoration  Act 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 peers  Two forgiveness parables in Scripture: The Parable of the “Two Sons” of the “Lost Sheep  Optional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #34 |
| Grade 7  Page # 4  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press  “Created for  Love”  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 Word  Silent prayer  Centering prayer  Meditation prayer | Role of John the Baptist & story of Zechariah  Guided meditation or reflection, “Am I who I say”? (pg. #60)  “Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 61  Prayer on “gifts,” pg. #76 | Review the Jesse Tree  Optional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #62  Optional: “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 Lord  Ordinary Time  **See, “Christmas,” pgs. #227-230 (The Birth of Jesus & Welcoming Jesus)**  1. Names for Jesus  2. God calls us by name and speaks to us  3. Ways that God speaks to us  4. Gifts given and received Solemnity of Mary Feast Day Jan. 1st  Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th) |  | The Psalms Praying with the Psalms  Psalms, 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. #86  Optional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #70 |
| Grade 7  Page # 5  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press  “Created  for  Love”  Chastity   Program  2018 | **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 Christ  2. The Great Commission  3. Daily choices  4. Saints as role models  5. Saint Therese  6. 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 Theresa  Praying for the sick | “Saint” video clips: “Who Cares About the Saints” by James Martin, SJ  Explore Activity, pg. #37  “Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 41 | Discuss “instant communication” via internet, texting vs. “being with” |
| Grade 7  Page # 6  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press  “Created for  Love”  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 Messiah 3. Temptations & Facing Temptation  4. Miracles  5. Living Abundantly  6. Sacraments  7. Signs & Symbols from everyday life  **Unit 3: Session 13**: (pg. #107) “Jesus is Our Teacher”  1. Sermon on the Mount  2. The Beatitudes  3. Just War Theory  4. 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 & elderly  Anointing of the Sick Ritual  The 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. #98  Activity on pg. #107—“Write some rules for living a deeply satisfying life…”  Explore Activity, pg. #109 on the Beatitudes  Building 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. #284  Renewal of Baptismal Vows  Where 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 7  Page # 7  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press  “Created for  Love”  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 Ashes Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving  Time to renew Baptism  Time of Preparation for Easter (cont’d.)  Purple color of Penance/Preparation  1. Forgiveness  2. The Sacrament of Reconciliation  3. The Gift of Healing  4. 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 Eucharist  2. The Last Supper  3. Transubstantiation  4. Liturgy 5. The Mystical Body of Christ  **Unit 4: Session 17** (pg. #143) “Jesus Makes a Choice”  1. Called to Stay True to Our Identities  2. The Agony in the Garden  3. Making Moral Choices  4. How to Choose  5. Forming a Good Conscience  6. The Morality of an Act  7. Courage |  | Prayers of the Eucharistic liturgy  Full Participation in Prayers/Responses  Prayers of Petition Prayers for needs of Christian community & world  Examination 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. #142  Where Do I Fit In?, pg. #149 activity | Optional: “What’s What?” pg. #150 |
| Grade 7  Page # 8  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press  “Created for  Love”  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 Servant  2. Who is Jesus?  3. Discipleship  4. Suffering & the Cross  5. The Paradox of the  Cross  6. 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 and  Reflection Activity  Where Do I Fit In? Pg. #209 and Reflection Activity | Optional: “What’s  What.” Pg. #186  What’s What?  Pg. #202  What’s What?  Page #210 |
| Grade 7  Page #9  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press  “Created for  Love”  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 Church  2. Pentecost  3. Gifts of Holy Spirit  4. The Seal of Confirmation  5. Church began with sending of Holy Spirit at Pentecost  6. Holy Spirit Guides the Church  7. Portrayals of Holy Spirit in Sacred Art  8. The Holy Spirit & Prayer  9. Gifts of the Holy Spirit  Evaluation of year |  | Introduce/discuss topic of Shroud of Turin  Saint 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 activity  Optional: Where Do I Fit In? pg. #217 activity |