SYLLABUS GRADE 8—2016-2017

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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 8  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press    Created for Love/  Chastity  Program | Parent/student  Meeting  **Tu** Sep. 25 |  |  | 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) “Jesus’ Message” **[if time does not permit, ask students to read at home]** 1. Peter’s example of proclaiming Good News  2. Meaning of Salvation  3. The Our Father  4. Pentecost & beginning of Church |  | 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. #278-282**  Review praying of the Rosary & Mysteries of the Rosary  Encourage praying rosary as a family  Importance morning & evening prayer | 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 “**Where do I Fit In?” activity on pg. #9 [“A Clear Voice”] for opening of next class** | Spend time with God—reflecting on the wonders of Creation  Optional: “What’s What,” pg. #10 | | |
| Grade 8  Page # 2  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press    Created for Love/  Chastity  Program | **Tu** Oct. 10 |  |  | Review the “Where do I Fit In” activity from pg. #9  **Unit 1: Session 2** (pg. #11) “The Church Grows”  1. Peter & Paul—Apostles & missionaries of Church  2. Following early Church leaders, we are called to welcome others to join Church  3. Converts—the Holy Spirit working through Peter & Cornelius  4. Peter, Paul & Council of Jerusalem  5. Jewish Laws & Gentile Christians |  | Jewish & Christian Scriptures Reflecting on Scripture as prayer Enthronement of the Bible  Past Meets Present: “The Eucharist,” pg. #15 | Spread the Good News activity, pg. #13  “Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 17  “What’s What,” activity pg. #18 | **\*\*Remember:**  **Pass out list of suggested food for the**  **Thanksgiving Baskets to each student** | | |
|  | **Tu** Oct. 24 |  |  | **Unit 1: Session 3** (pg. #19) “Witnesses to the Faith”  1. Early Christian Martyrs  2. Martyrdom  3. The Martyrs & the Communion of Saints  4. Charisms  5. Intercessors & intercessory prayer  **Unit 1: Session 4** (pg.  #27) “The Catechumenate in the Early Church”  1. Joining the Church  2. Sacraments of Initiation  3. Baptismal Promises  All Saints Day Nov. 1st  All Souls’ Day Nov. 2nd  Review: Canonized Saints  Review: Called to be saints  **See, “All Souls Day,” pgs. #247-249** |  | Scripture: Acts of the Apostles 6:5 (Stoning of Stephen) as “Lectio Divina”  Baptismal Promises  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  Litany of the Saints’  Pg. #24 | Opening reflection question, pg. 19  “Where Do I Fit In?” & “A Journey of Faith” activities, pg. #25  “What’s What,” (fill-in the blank activity) pg. #26  “Where Do I Fit In?”/Gifts to Share activity, pg. #33 | Thanksgiving Food Collection and brainstorm other ways to put faith into action  Mary’s Magnificat (pg. #40)  **Thanksgiving Basket food donations due by next class, Nov. 7, or in the office no later than Nov. 15.**  Optional:“What’s What,” activity pg. #34 | | |
| Grade 8  Page # 3  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press  Created for Love | **Tu** Nov. 7 |  |  | **Unit 1: Session 5** (pg. #35) “Celebrating Ordinary Time” and  **Faith in Action (Unit 1),” pgs. 43-44**  1. Models of Discipleship  2. Saints show the way  3. Saints & Feast Days  4. Sacramentals 5. Mary & devotion to Mary    Eucharist (Thanksgiving)  **Unit 3: Session 13** (pgs. #107-114) “Nourished by the Eucharist”  Review Eucharist & parallels/roots with Passover meal, Thanks-giving table etc.  1. Participating in Eucharist/Body of Christ  2. Terms: dogma, Precepts of the Church, absolution, mortal sin  Making choices to build a better world—using our individual and communal gifts and working for the common good |  | The Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy  Praying for the sick  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!) | “Saint” video clips: “Who Cares About the Saints” by James Martin, SJ  Explore Activity, pg. #37  “What’s What,” activity pg. #42 | Discuss “instant communication” via internet, texting vs. “being with”  Optional: “Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 41  **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**.  Optional: “Where Do I Fit In,” pg. #113  Optional:“What’s What,” activity pg. #114  [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] | | |
| Grade 8  Page # 4  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press    Created for  Love/  Chastity Program | **Tu** Nov. 21  **Advent**  Starts Dec. 3 |  |  | **See, “Advent,” pg. #223-226 (Prepare the Way [Zechariah & Elizabeth]; the Jesse Tree; Christ Our Light)**  **Unit 2: Session 10** (pg. #79) “Celebrating Advent & Christmas”1. Preparing for the Coming of Jesus at Christmas  2. Liturgical Year  3. O Antiphons  4. Liturgy of the Hours  5. Emmanuel  6. Heralds |  | Advent Wreath  Prayer  Advent prayer  Mary’s Magnificat Marian Feasts  The Annuciation  “The Canticle of Zechariah”  **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 | Role of John the Baptist & story of Zechariah  **See, “An Examination of Conscience and How to Make a Good Confession,” pgs. #294-295**  **Faith in Action (Unit 2), “Wisdom of the Ages” activity, pgs. #87-88** | 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  Review the Jesse Tree  Optional Meditation: Matthew 16: 13-16 (see pg. # 84)  Optional Meditation: Two forgiveness parables in Scripture: The Parable of the “Two Sons” of the “Lost Sheep  Optional: “What’s What,” pg. #86  Plan Christmas Project with/for elderly? | | |
|  | **Tu** Dec. 5 |  |  | **Unit 2: Session 6** (pg. # 47) “We Believe”  1. The Early Ecumenical Councils: The Council of Nicaea, Council of Constantinople, Council of Ephesus, Council of Chalcedon  2. “Consubstantial”  3. Mary,Mother of God  4. Trinity, Magis-terium, Nicene Creed  **See, “Christmas,” pgs. #227-230 (The Birth of Jesus [the *Incarnation*] & Welcoming Jesus)**  Feast of Immaculate Conception—Dec. 8th  Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12th |  | Listening to God’s Word in order to ACT on God’s Word  Silent prayer  Centering prayer  Meditation prayer | “Where Do I Fit In?”  ”Who am I?” activity, pg. #53 | Reflection Question, pg. #47  Optional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #54 | | |
| Grade 8  Page # 5  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press    Created for Love | **Tu** Dec. 19 |  |  | **Solemnity of Mary Feast Day**  (January 1st)  **Feast of the Epiphany**  (January 6th)  **(see pg. #229)**  Baptism of the Lord  Ordinary Time  **Unit 2: Session 7** (pg. #55) “Praise God in Worship;”  **Unit 2: Session 8** (pg. #64) “Monasteries & Communities;” and  Unit 2: Session 9 (pg. #71) “Sent on a Mission”  1. Grow in relationship with God by living first three Commandments  2. Virtues of Poverty, Chastity & Obedience  a.k.a. Evangelical Counsels  3. Some religious communities  4. Like early missionaries, we’re called to spread the Good News  5. The New Evangelization |  | The Psalms  Praying with the Psalms “A Psalm as Prayer” (pg. #60)  The Rule of Saint Benedict  Reflective reading/ prayer/meditation: “Witnesses of Love,” pg. #76 | Keeping the Commandments activity on pg. #59  Write “A New Rule”—see pg. #65  A Modern Missionary activity, pg. #75 | | Optional: “Where Do I Fit In?” activity, pg. # 69  Optional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #70  Optional: “A Model of Faith” activity, pg. #77  Optional: “What’s What?” activity, pg. #78 | |
| **2018**  Grade 8  Page # 6  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press    Created for Love/  Chastity Program | **Tu** Jan. 9  **Tu** Jan. 9 |  |  | **Unit 2: Session 9** (pg. #71) “Sent on a Mission”  **Unit 3: Session 11** (pg. #91) “The Church & Society” and  **Unit 3: Session 12** (pg. #99) “The Great Cathedrals & Worship” 1. The Middle Ages & Religious Orders  2. Francis of Assisi 3. The Marks of the Church—One, Holy, Catholic, & Apostolic  4. Cathedrals  5. Sacraments, Rites, sacramentals  6. PRAYER |  | Prayers of Intercession for the sick & elderly  Anointing of the Sick Ritual  Reflective reading of the Scriptures—Review: Lectio Divina—choose a Scripture to read | “Where Do I Fi8tvIn?” pg. # 77  “Where Do I Fit In?” Activity, pg. # 97  Cathedrals: see pg. #100 | | Optional: “What’s What?” pg. #78  Optional: “What’s What?” pg. #98  Optional: “Where Do I Fit In?” activity, pg. # 105 | |
|  | **Tu** Jan. 23 |  |  | **Unit 4: Session 17** (pg. #143) “Renewal in the Church”  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 |  |  |  | | Optional: “What’s What?” pg. #150 | |
|  | **Tu** Feb. 6  **Lent**  starts Feb. 14 |  |  | **Unit 4: Session 14** (pg. #115) “Serving Physical and Spiritual Needs”  1. Church during the Middle Ages  2. The Avignon Papacy  3. Saint Catherine of Sienna  4. The Great Schism  5. Sacraments at the Service of Communion  6. Holy Orders  7. Matrimony |  | Open reflection question, pg. #115  “Where Do I Fit In?” activity, pg. #121  Optional: “What’s What?” pg. #122 | Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy, see pg. #116  The Beatitudes  Acts of Faith, Hope & Love  Prayers  (pg. #273 | |  | |
| Grade 8  Page # 7  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press    Created for Love/  Chastity Program | **Tu** Feb. 27 |  |  | **See, “Lent,” pgs. #231-234 (A Retreat in the Desert; Renew Our Hearts)**  **Unit 3: Session 15** (pg. #123) “Celebrating Lent”  Ashes Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving  Time to renew Baptism  Promises Time of Preparation for Easter  Purple color of Penance/Preparation  1. Forgiveness  2. The Sacrament of Reconciliation  3. The Gift of Healing  4. Asking for Forgiveness  and **See pg. #183: Session 21: “Truth Revealed by God” for “Evangelization and Using Technology Wisely”** |  | Renewal Baptismal Promises  (Recall your Baptism)  (see: pg. #127)  Act of Contrition, pg. #128  **Faith in Action (Unit 3), “A Thousand Paper Cranes,” pgs. #131-132 (Read & discuss-Consider making mobile)**  Stations of the Cross pg. #282  **PENANCE LENT**  Examination of Conscience |  | |  |
| Grade 8  Page # 8  Finding God: Following Jesus, Loyola Press  Created for Love/  Chastity Program | **Tu** Mar. 6  Cont’d next page  **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 18** (pg. #151) “Jesus Redeems Us”  **Unit 4: Session 19** (pg. #159) “Faith & Reason”  1. Faith & Science are complementary  2. Age of Enlightenment  3. Fundamentalists  **Unit 5: Session 21**  (pg. # 179) “Truth Revealed by God” |  | Introduce/discuss topic of Shroud of Turin  “Where Do I Fit In?” (pg. #165)  “Where Do I Fit In?” 9pg. #185) | Suggest for activity at home:  Mystical Body of Christ, pg. #141 and the What’s What?” (pg. #142)  Suggest for home:  “Where Do I Fit In?” (pg. #157)  “What’s What?” (pg. #166)  “What’s What?” (pg. #186) | | Side of Suffering” and the “Victory of the Cross” (pg. #157) Reflection activity  Optional: “What’s What?” (pg. #158) | |
|  | **Tu** Mar. 20  **Palm Sunday**  **March 25**  **Easter**  **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 |  | Renewal of Baptismal Vows |  | |  | |
|  | **Tu** Apr. 10 |  |  | **Unit 5: Session 22**  (pg. #187) “Acting on  Behalf of Justice”  1. Building the Kingdom of God by working and serving.  2. Rerum Novarum  3. Catholic Social  4. Solidarity |  | “Where do Ifit In?” (pg. 193) | “What’s What?”  (Pg. #194) | | Prayer: “Litany to Heal Injustice,”  (pg. #192) | |
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