

# **EIGHTH (8) GRADE LESSON PLAN 2010-2011**

Note to all Catechists: Please begin each session by taking attendance and placing the attendance information outside your door in the provided folder. Please do prayer and focusing points with your learners.

**Sept. 28 MEET YOUR CATECHIST NIGHT– MEET YOUR CATECHIST NIGHT– parents will bring their teens to their assigned classroom then travel to Emerald Hall for a brief overview of the program. Catechists and learners will do Ice Breaker activities in the classroom. During gathering time at the end of the session-Catechists will be introduced to the larger community-Please prepare a brief statement that includes, your name, how many years you have been involved with formation, the age of the learners you will be teaching and a reason why you decided to share your gifts and talents with in faith formation this year. The Time is 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday night**

**Oct. 5 Unit 1-The Marks of the Church from the Beginning-Chapter 1-Apostolic: Founded on the Apostles page 28A-Read the Acts of the Apostles 10:31-49 with the provided Bibles. I will have sheets in the classroom explaining how to look up a Bible Verse. Discuss what it must of felt like to follow Jesus in the early church. Go over the main words- Apostolic, Magisterium, and Trinitarian perhaps making a game out of spelling the words correctly. Do the provided Trinity worksheet.**

**Oct. 12 Special date-All learners and their families are invited to a special Faith Formation Mass in the church at 6:00 p.m.-Catechists will receive a blessing at this mass-Then after mass we will have a special potluck dinner and tours of church.**

**Sunday,  
Oct. 30 All Saints Day Party/Retreat in Emerald Hall. –Special event- Catechists and learners from all session times will be asked to help with the games and interactive catechesis in Emerald Hall/Haunted House in the Youth Room.**

**Nov. 2 Chapter 2-Holy: Jesus Christ in the Sacraments page 41A- Read the story about the Road to Emmaus-Luke 24:13-35. Do the role play activity described in "Additional Activities" in your catechist guide on page 45. I will have the questionnaire printed and waiting for you.**

**Nov. 16**

**Advent Lesson-page 322**-Each class will begin with Prayer in their classroom and by going over the distributed Advent material and craft project. Please give out the provided Advent calendars at the end of class time. **Please send home the Thanksgiving prayers.**

**Dec. 7**

**Chapter 3-Catholic: Open and Respectful of All page 52A**-Read The scripture-Acts of the Apostles-15:1-20. Do the provided Council of Jerusalem worksheet. Go over fair decision making processes with the provided worksheet. Hand out the provided information on Catholic Social Teaching. Discuss how it is important that we welcome and help all people not just our immediate family or friends. Do the provided skits about decision making.

**Dec. 14**

**All classes will meet in the gathering space then head to the church for a reconciliation service and to receive the sacrament of reconciliation**

**Jan. 4**

**SPECIAL NIGHT!!! Epiphany Performance and Party**

All learners will meet in Shamrock Hall and then head to the church for the Epiphany performance when the three kings visited the baby Jesus. We will celebrate after the performance with Happy Birthday Cake for Jesus and beverages in Shamrock Hall.

**Jan. 11**

**Chapter 4-One: Praying for Unity page 64A-Read the Scripture-1**

Corinthians 12:12-28. Do the provided worksheets about a message from St. Paul and Does it Matter. Design the "We Believe" Posters with the provided materials and place in

**Wednesday,**

**Jan. 18**

**Catechist Retreat/Dinner in Emerald Hall at 6:30 p.m.**

**Jan. 25**

**Unit 2-The Growth of Christendom-Chapter 5-Councils, Cultures, and conflicts page 87A**-Read the scripture-2

Thessalonians 2:1-15. Arrange the learners in small groups and have them give supporting arguments for each item of church doctrine with the provided worksheet. Do the match game activity provided on a worksheet. Give out the Nicene creed/Apostle creed information. See how many learners can recite either one of the creeds from heart.

**PCYI Protection of Children and Youth Initiative information will be discussed in Emerald Hall at the beginning of the session time.**

**Feb. 8**                    **Chapter 6-Liturgy and Unity, Worship and Beauty page 99A**-Go over the provided worksheets about the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Do the provided Liturgical Customs worksheet. Discuss how as Catholic Christians we believe in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Break up the learners into 2 groups-one group will design a poster with symbols of the Western Catholic Church. The other group will design a poster with symbols of the Eastern Catholic Church. All materials will be provided. **Planning sheets for the Faith Formation Fair are due tonight. The commission will review the booths and give each classroom an action plan for their board.**

**Feb. 15**                    **Lenten Retreat**-all grades will stay in their classrooms for this retreat. Special prayer will be given and special crafts will be prepared for an hour of reflection about the coming 40 days of Lent. **Go over the Lenten Lesson beginning on page 336**

**Feb. 29**                    **Chapter 7-The Church and the Empire page 110A**-Go over the faith words. Unscramble the words about Christian influences in the provided worksheet. Do the match the fact worksheet about church history. Discuss following God's law vs. Man's law show them examples from the provided worksheet and have a discussion about some of the people involved like Rosa Parks, Oscar Romero, and Nelson Mandela.

**Mar. 14**                    **Chapter 8-Prayer for Understanding-page 122A**-Go over the scripture story-I will have different forms of liturgical art and prayers to share with the learners.

**Mar. 28**                    **Chapter 9-Faith Expressed and Lived page 144A**-Share the different forms of life in the monastery with your learners. I will have example from all the different groups.

**Apr. 18**                    **Last day of classes- -Finish up any last minute additions to your Faith Formation Fair board and make sure Teresa Neuman has all the components for your booth. Send home the books with your learners. Leave your Catechist's Guide in your classroom. If you are finished with fair prep, please join us for the living stations of the Cross in church tonight with the Confirmation Candidates.**

**Wed.**  
**April 25**                    **FAITH FORMATION FAIR-from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Shamrock**