

FIRST (1) GRADE LESSON PLAN 2011-2012

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. Please note that color sheets will be provided at the beginning of each session time.

Sept. 25/27 MEET YOUR CATECHIST NIGHT– parents will

bring their children 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 beginning 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 decide to share your gifts and talents with in faith formation this year. Times are 9:05 a.m.-10:20 a.m. on Sunday & 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday night

Oct. 2/4 Unit 1-Our Church Community-Lesson 1-We Belong to Jesus' Church-page 24A-Read about Jesus being the "Good Shepherd" in Jesus' time. Have students do the lamb craft. Have students practice the sign of the cross. Have students dress up like shepherds with the provided costumes.

Oct. 9/11 Lesson 3-God's Word Teaches us-Page 44A-Do the provided worksheet. Read the Bible story and have students share their favorite Bible Story. I will provide color sheets and stickers about the story of Noah, Jonah and Daniel. Object bags will be provided with small objects for the children to test their senses. Please send home lesson 2 and 4 in the communication folders.

Wed. 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.

Oct. 30 All Saints Day Party/Retreat in Emerald Hall. –Special event-NO Lesson/classes-Catechists will be asked to help with the games and interactive catechesis in Emerald Hall-Tuesday night learners will be invited to this party-There will be NO CLASSES ON TUESDAY, NOV. 1st

Nov. 13/15 **Unit 2-Our Loving God- Lesson 6 –Baptism is a wonderful gift Page 76A-** Role play a baptism. Have students play parents, godparents, priests and relatives. Bring in a baby doll, I will provide the other props. There will be a work sheet about the symbols of baptism to color. **Send home lessons 5, 7, and 8 In the communication folders along with the Thanksgiving prayers and activities.**

Dec. 4/6 **Advent/St. Nicholas Lesson-page 239-242-**Each class will begin with Prayer in their classrooms and by going over the distributed Advent material and craft project. Please give out the provided Advent calendars at the end of class time. **St. Nicholas will make an appearance to distribute candy canes and share information about his life as a bishop.**

Dec . 11/13 **Unit 3 –God’s Son Jesus-Lesson 9-Jesus is God’s Son page108A –**Read the story of the Annunciation. I will provide paper dolls of the main people for the students to color. **Go over the Christmas story on page 243 and send home the Christmas lesson with the learners as well.**

Jan. 4 **SPECIAL NIGHT!!! Epiphany Performance and Party**
All learners will gather in Shamrock Hall for attendance and then head to the church to perform 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. 8/10 **Lesson 10 –We celebrate the Gift of Eucharist page 118A –**
Do the provided worksheet. I will provide pita bread and juice so that the special meal of Eucharist can be shared in the classroom. Each student will create a Eucharist mobile. **Send home lessons 11 and 12 in the communication folder for the learners to do at home with their families.**

Wed. Jan. 18 **Catechist Retreat in Emerald Hall at 6:30 p.m. –Dinner will be provided**

Jan. 22/24 **Unit 4-The Holy Spirit– Lesson 13 –Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit Page 150A-**Explain how the Holy Spirit is a special helper. Bring in pictures of other special helpers like police, teachers, firepersons. Make the Holy Spirit Bookmarks. **Teresa will be rotating age groups to cover the mandated PCYI lessons (Protection of Children and Youth Initiative)**

- Feb. 5/7** **Lesson 15-The Holy Spirit is our Helper Page 170A**-Do provided worksheet and craft about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
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. 12/14** **Lenten Retreat**-all grades will stay in their classrooms for this retreat. Special prayer will be given and special crafts will be prepped for an hour of reflection about the coming 40 days of Lent.
Go over the Lenten Lesson page 249
 St. Valentine will be remembered as well with a sweet treat
- Feb. 26/28** **Unit 5-Jesus' Church of Followers-Lesson 17-Jesus' Followers become the Church page 192A**-Read the stories and do the worksheets. Create the provided Amen posters
- Mar. 11/13** **Lesson 18-We celebrate Pentecost**-Page 202C-Share the scripture story about Pentecost with the students. Explain how Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church. Do the provided worksheets.
- Mar. 25/27** **Lesson Holy Week and Easter on p. 253-255-Go over the Holy Week and Easter lessons**- Do the provided Easter craft. Distribute the Jelly Bean Prayer bags.
- Apr. 15/17** **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.**
- Wed. April 25** **FAITH FORMATION FAIR**-from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Shamrock Hall- All learners, catechists and family members come together to share what they have learned. Food, prizes, arts and craft, games and More!!!