

# KINDERGARTEN 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**     **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**        **Chapter 2-We Care for Creation page 42**-Tell the story of creation from The children’s bible in the prayer center. Have each the of the children tell you two things they like best about creation-dogs, trees, their families and so on. Read the story on page 44 “Music in the Park” point out the ways that the family is helping the environment. Make the creation on a stick craft all supplies will be provided. Connect the lesson by having each learner pick up trash in the bag provided that they will decorate. I will also provide the trash.
- Oct. 9**        **Chapter 5-Jesus Welcomes the Children page 54**-Tell the scripture Story about how Jesus welcomed the children. Do the provided door Knob holders that will state welcome. All materials will be provided. Example is on page 161 in your guide. Play the game that is in the Children’s leaflet. Play the Simon Says game in the catechist guide.
- 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
- Nov. 13**      **Chapter 8-We Care for Others page 66**-Go over the “Not Enough Toys” story in the catechist guide. Play the kindness game. Do the provided Thanksgiving craft.

- Dec. 4**      **Special Catechesis-Advent Retreat-** 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**      **Ch. 9- Jesus lived in a family page 70- page 178-**Read the story of Jesus' birth. Hand out the provided stickers and go over the worksheet Act out the nativity with the provided costumes. Practice your song for the Epiphany production on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>
- 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. 8**      **Chapter 10-My Family is a Sign of God's Love page 74-**read the story about "Family Fun on Friday" in the catechist guide. Go over the worksheet. Ask each child what they are good at and explain this is a gift From God. Create gift boxes for each child. Write down on the provided Slips of paper some of the things that each particular child stated they were good at doing. Put the slips of paper in a box and help each child To decorate their box so that they can present the gift to their Parents after class.
- Wednesday,**  
**Jan. 18**      **Catechist Retreat/Dinner in Emerald Hall at 6:30 p.m.**
- Jan. 22**      **Chapter 12-We Pray Everyday page 82-**Go over how to make the sign of the cross. Talk about the Trinity and do the color sheet about the Trinity in the worksheet. Do the provided Trinity paper plate craft. Go over the Our Father Prayer with your learners, have them repeat the words after you. Do the actions to the Our Father Prayer.
- Feb. 5**      **Chapter 13-Jesus has many Friends-page 86 -**read the The story "New Friends of Jesus". Do the provided puzzle from page 165 in the guide. Have learners create posters of belonging by putting Their hand print on the provided church picture. Make the provided Church craft/stain glass window. **Planning sheets for the Faith Formation Fair are due tonight. The Faith Formation Commission will review and return your planning sheet with the details for the fair.**

- Feb. 12**      **Lenten Retreat-Please make the prayer pots with your class. Please make sure the catechesis for the parents and the different items to place in the pots during the season of Lent go home today. Please do the making better choices sheet Please talk about the ways we can "Be Good" to show that we love God during this Lenten season.**
- Feb. 26**      **Chapter 15-Jesus Feeds Many People-page 94-Read the story. Have the learners create the loaves and fishes bag craft. Have the Learners sample the provided different samples of bread. Do the Provided worksheets. Act out the story.**
- Mar. 11**      **Chapter 16-WeThank God at Mass- page 98-Read the story Do the provided worksheet on items in the church. Hopefully, I can Get Fr. Bob or Deacon John to come and talk to the Kindergartners About the mass.**
- Mar. 25**      **Chapter 19-The Good Neighbor-page 110-Read the story Explain what a good neighbor does. Do the provided worksheets On helpers. Place dress up with the provided community helpers Costumes.**
- Apr. 15**      **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. Apr. 25**      **FAITH FORMATION FAIR-from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Shamrock Hall- All learners, catechists and family members come together to share what they have learned. Food, fun, crafts prizes for everyone.**