

PRE-SCHOOL 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 Chapter 7-God Made the World page 58-Tell the story of creation, Ask the learners to share one thing they like about creation. Recite the poem on page 61 in the teacher's guide. Do the creation color book and put together the creation mobile.

Oct. 9/11 Chapter 3-Jesus welcomes the children page 42-read the Bible Story about how Jesus welcomed the children. Do the finger play on page 45. Help the children print their names on the Jesus loves me Sheet. Glue the special parts to the "Bee thumb body sheet.

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.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 NO TUESDAY NIGHT CLASSES-All Learners attend the All Saints Party on Oct. 30th

Nov. 13/15 Chapter 24-Thanksgiving Day page 126-go over the thank you God Sheet. Do the provided thanksgiving prayer hand turkey. Decorate the The special thanksgiving placemats to take home. Help your learners fill out a thanksgiving leaf to place on the big tree in Emerald Hall.

Dec. 4/6 Special Catechesis-Advent Retreat-Ch. 29-We prepare for Christmas Advent Lesson-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 Chapter 12-We Celebrate Jesus' Birthday page 78-Read the story of Jesus' birth. Hand out the provided stickers and go over the presents for Jesus sheet. Act out the nativity with the provided costumes.

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. 8/10 Chapter 5-The Good Shepherd page 50-read the story about the good Shepherd in the catechist guide. Go over the find the lost sheep sheet. Create the lamb puppets and dress up like shepherds with the provided Costumes.

Wednesday,

Jan. 18 Catechist Retreat/Dinner in Emerald Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 22/24 Chapter 9-God always loves us page 66-Tell the story about Noah and the ark. Go over the provided sheet about creation. Do the provided Ark and animal craft. **Teresa will be rotating age groups to cover the mandated PCYI lessons (Protection of Children and Youth Initiative)**

Feb. 5/7 Chapter 27-We celebrate Valentine's Day-page 138-read the helping mom story in the catechist guide. Go over we love our family sheet. Decorate the provided valentines. Have them make several to share with friends and family members to show their love. **Planning sheets for the Faith Formation Fair are due. The commission will review the booths and give each classroom an action plan for their board**

Feb.12/14 Ch. 28-We Celebrate Lent and More-p. 142-Special Catechesis-Lenten Retreat- 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. 26/28 Chapter 18-Jesus gives us special food page 102-**Read the story in the catechist guide. Go over the we thank God for our gifts sheet. Have learners decorate the special provided basket and color the provided fish and bread to place inside.
- Mar. 11/13 Chapter 19-David teaches us to pray page 106-**Read the story about David. Go over the We pray sheet. Hand out the pray hand and go over the different ways to pray. Do the provided David craft.
- Mar. 25/27 Chapter 29-We Celebrate Easter page 146-**
Do the provided Easter craft. Distribute the special Easter Treat.
- 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.**

**Wednesday,
April 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.