

SEVENTH (7) 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**– 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 Mystery of the Incarnation-Chapter 1-The Birth of Our Savior- 28A**-Have your students take turns reading the birth narratives of Jesus within the gospel of Matthew-Chapter 1, verses 18-24 and the gospel of Luke-Chapter 1, verses 26-38 with the provided Bibles. Explain with the provided worksheets how to look up a bible verse if your learners have never read the bible before. Have the learners compare the two accounts in the different gospels. How are they different/how are they the same? Break the learners into groups and have a race to see who can complete the provided crossword puzzle and word scramble about the incarnation in the shortest amount of time. Have learners make birth announcements about the birth of Jesus with the provided supplies.
- 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 3-Jesus! Son of God, Son of Man-page 52A-Have learners read about Jesus as a boy in the temple –Luke2:41-52 with the provided bibles. Go over the ten commandments and Catholic Social Teaching with the provided worksheets. Break up the learners into groups and give them problems that they may have encountered in school or their neighborhood such as bullying, vandalism or cheating. Ask the learners to decide as a group which one of the 10 commandments would apply in each situation. Make morality posters with the provided supplies. **Send home in the communication folders Lesson 4**

Nov. 16 Advent Lesson-page 321A-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 with the learners.**

Dec. 7 Unit 2-The meaning of the Kingdom-Chapter 5-The Kingdom of God-page 86A-Have learners take out their bibles and read Matthew 13:24-30 about the parable of the kingdom. Have them do the provided worksheet about parables. Give them the provided comparison sheet about the many different parables of Jesus. **Send home lessons 6 and 7**

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 8-A prayer for the Kingdom-page 123A-Have the learners read the scripture about the beatitudes-Matthew 6:9-13 and do the provided worksheet that give the explanations for each beatitude. Divide the learners into groups. Then assign each group one or two of the beatitudes. Each group will then search the provided newspapers for examples of how people may be living out/or not living out the beatitudes in everyday life. Have a discussion about each. Hand out the information sheets on the "Our Father" and do the provided actions.

Wednesday,

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

Jan. 25 **Unit 3- The Christian Life-Chapter 9-Living in Christ's Service page 145A**-Distribute the provided information about Catholic Social Teaching. Read the scripture. View the provided video on Catholic Social Teaching. Discuss how to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure. Explore effective communication by using the provided index cards. **PCYI Protection of Children and Youth Initiative information will be discussed in Emerald Hall at the beginning of the session time.**

Feb. 8 **Chapter 10-Jesus, Our Eucharist page 157A**-Do the provided worksheets about the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Read the scripture passage about the bread of Life John 6:27-40. Make cards for the First Eucharist students sharing how important Eucharist has been to the 7th graders with the provided supplies. **Send home Chapters 11 and 12 to be done at home. 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 **Unit 4-The Paschal Mystery-Chapter 13-Jesus' Persecution page 202A**-Compare the gospel stories about the events that led up to Jesus' Passion. How are they alike and how are they different? Have learners reflect on what kind of sacrifice they have made this Lent. Have they made other sacrifices in their lives for school, friends or family?

Mar. 14 **Holy Week and Easter Lessons-pages 345 and 351**-Read the different passages in Luke's gospel and break the learners up into 3 groups to discuss what Jesus was trying to teach during these meals. Discuss the symbolism of water with the provided supplies and what it means to us at the Easter Vigil.-**Learners may be asked to join in the Lenten Soup Supper in Shamrock Hall before coming to class.**

- Mar. 28** **Chapter 14-Jesus' Passion page 214A**-Read the account of Jesus' passion from Mark's Gospel. View the video of the passion of Christ. Discuss the video after viewing.
- 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.**
- Wed. 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. Prizes, foods, crafts and Fun.**