

THIRD (3) 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.

Sept. 25/27 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-The Church is One-lesson 1–The Holy Spirit Guides Us to Become Church page 24A- Read St. Paul’s message Have the learners write the e-mail, talk about how they would share their faith with people around the world who did not know about Jesus our Savior. Do the provided short skit with the learners to drive home Paul spreading the good news. Make the boats with the provided supplies as a symbol of Paul’s journey.

Oct. 9/11 Lesson 4 –Jesus Teaches Us to Pray page 54A –Talk about the different ways to pray. Go over the “Our Father” break it into sentences with the provided activity sheet so that they can understand what it means. Do the provide prayer cube craft.
Please send home lesson 2 and 3 in the communication folders. Send home provided rosary information

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- 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- The Church is Holy- Lesson 6 –We Celebrate Reconciliation and Healing Page 76A- Go over the steps of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the provided worksheet. Pray the Act of Contrition. Do the provided word search. Make apology cards with the provided materials **Send home lessons 5 and 7 in the communication folders along with the Thanksgiving prayers and activities.**

Dec. 4/6

Advent/St. Nicholas 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

Lesson 8 –We Pray to the Holy Spirit p. 96A
Go over the Story. Help students understand what a petition is and make up some in class. Decorate a petition notebook for your class with the provided supplies. Make the Holy Spirit pinwheels with the provided supplies. **Go over the Christmas/Epiphany lessons page 239/240 if there is time**

**WED.,
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

Unit 3 –The Church is Catholic-Lesson 9 Catholics are Open to All page 108A --Talk about how Jesus accepted everyone. Do the provided worksheet. Share the story of the Woman at the well Decorate the provided crosses for learners to take home and place in their rooms. **Send home lessons 11 and 12 in the communication folder for the learners to do at home with their families.**

**Wednesday,
Jan. 18**

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

Jan. 22/24

Lesson 10 –We Gather For Mass page 118A – Explain the two parts of the mass are the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist. Do the worksheet in their books. Use the provided worksheets to go over the components of the mass. Watch a video about the mass. **Teresa will be rotating age groups to cover the mandated PCYI lessons.**
(Protection of Children and Youth Initiative)

Feb. 5/7

Unit 4-The Church is Apostolic– Lesson 13 –The Church continues the Mission of the Apostles Page 150A- Create a Christian Fish as a symbol of spreading the good news Do the provided worksheet about words used to spread the good news. Ask the students what messages from the gospels do they remember or like to share. **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. Some classrooms will be sharing board projects.**

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

Feb. 26/28

Lesson 14 –We Are Committed through the Sacraments page 160A. Read the story and scripture. Discuss what it means to keep a promise. Do the provided sacrament match game. **A Deacon or priest will visit 3rd grade classrooms to talk and answer questions about vocations. Send home lesson 15 and 16 to do at home.**

Mar. 11/13

Lesson 15-We Are Faithful to Our Commitments Page 149-Have learners write thank-you notes to their teachers, priests and deacons-I will provide the thank you notes. Have learners sign their commitment certificates.

Mar. 25/27

- Lesson Holy Week and Easter on p. 253-255- Do the provided Easter Craft and discuss Holy week activities with your class.

Apr. 11/14 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.