

Grade 2

Theme: Jesus Christ

Grade 2 focuses on Jesus Christ and explores in more depth both the divinity and humanity of Jesus, as Son of God and Son of Mary. It also looks at his mission on earth and how he taught us to love God, self, and others. The sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are also examined in depth.

Key Concepts

The Blessed Trinity

Jesus

Mary and the Saints

The Sacraments

The Church

The Church Year

The Ten Commandments/Great Commandment/Beatitudes

Conscience and Sin

Our Faith Believed Doctrine – Message

The Blessed Trinity

The Blessed Trinity (Holy Trinity) is one God, three divine persons.

Jesus

Who Jesus Is

1. Jesus is the Son of God.
2. Jesus is divine.
3. Jesus is Savior, Lord, Christ, Messiah, the Good Shepherd, Teacher.
4. Jesus is the son of Mary and Joseph, and belonged to the Holy Family.
5. Jesus is human.

Jesus' life and mission

1. Jesus helps us to know the Father.
2. Jesus helps us to know that God loves us.
3. Jesus suffered and died for us.
4. Jesus rose from the dead to new life.
5. Jesus saved us from sin and death, and gives us eternal life.
6. Jesus left us the Church.
7. Jesus gives us life through the Sacraments.

Mary and the Saints

1. God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus.
2. The angel Gabriel announced God's choice to Mary.
3. Mary said "yes" to God, and thus became the Mother of Jesus.
4. Before he died Jesus gave Mary to us to be our Mother.
5. Overview of the major feasts of Mary: Mary, Mother of God (January 1st), Annunciation (March 25th), Visitation (May 31st), Assumption (August 15th), Immaculate Conception (December 8th), Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th).
6. Mary and the saints are models, holy people who teach us how to live with love.
7. We are all called to be saints - called to say "yes" to God and to live holy lives.

Our Faith Celebrated Sacramental Life in Community

The Sacraments

1. God shares life with us in the loving relationship called grace.
2. We celebrate our relationship with God/Jesus/Holy Spirit through the Sacraments.
3. The Church celebrates seven Sacraments:
 - a. Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist are Sacraments of Initiation
 - b. Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick are Sacraments of Healing
 - c. Matrimony, Holy Orders are Sacraments of Service

Baptism

1. Baptism is the first sacrament we receive.
2. Through Baptism we become members of the Church.

Eucharist

1. Jesus is the Bread of Life.
2. At the Last Supper Jesus gave himself to us as the Bread of Life.
3. Jesus shares himself with us through the Eucharist.
4. At Mass we thank God for sending Jesus to us.
5. At Mass we celebrate Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
6. The Mass is a special meal of the People of God.
7. At Mass the bread and wine are changed into Jesus' Body and Blood.
8. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.
9. Overview of the parts of the Mass contained in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Reconciliation

1. When we are sorry for choosing to sin, we receive God's forgiveness and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. Reconciliation means "coming back into relationship."
3. Overview of the Rite of Reconciliation and meaning of different parts: examination of conscience, confession, penance, act of contrition, absolution.

4. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation the priest acts in the place of Jesus and the Church.

The Church

1. The Church is the People of God.
2. In the Church there are parishes – local gatherings of the People of God.
3. In the Church there are different ministries – all who carry out the mission of Jesus:
 - a. ordained ministries – bishop, priest, deacon
 - b. members of religious communities – sisters, brothers
 - c. lay people.

The Church Year

1. The Church celebrates different seasons of during the year to help us prepare for Jesus.
2. There are special feasts day that celebrate events in Jesus' and the saints' lives.
3. Seasons and feasts to cover: Feast of All Saints, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Our Faith Lived Our Moral Life and the Church's Social Justice Teaching Leading to Mission - Service through Action

The Ten Commandments/Great Commandment/Beatitudes

1. The Ten Commandments tell us what God wants us to do – they are God's laws of love.
2. The first three Commandments show us how to love God.
3. The last seven Commandments show us how to love others and ourselves.
4. Jesus taught us that the Ten Commandments are based on the Great Commandment, which tells us to love God, and to love others as we love ourselves.
5. The Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment help us to make good, loving choices.
6. The Beatitudes are "blessings," ways Jesus gave us to be truly happy and loving.

Conscience and Sin

1. God gives us a conscience, which is the ability to know the difference between right and wrong.
2. God gave us free will to make choices.
3. Right choices/actions are good.
4. Wrong choices/actions are sinful.
5. Sin is freely choosing to turn away from God's love and do what we know is wrong.

6. Mortal sins are very serious sins, which completely cut us off from God's love.
7. Venial sins are less serious sins that harm our relationship with God.

Our Moral Life

1. Jesus taught us that we must love God, others and ourselves.
2. Our bodies are holy, and like Jesus they will live forever.
3. We express our feelings towards others and ourselves by how we take care of ourselves and treat others.
4. We should respect and care for our bodies and be concerned about the needs of others because everyone is a child of God.

Social Justice Teaching

1. Jesus worked for justice and peace.
2. Social Justice is the effort of the Church to change unjust conditions in the world.
3. The Bishops write letters to teach us how to work for justice and peace.
4. We are all called to work for justice and peace.
5. Working for justice and peace mean respecting the dignity of every human person.
6. Some people who are poor are in need of food. Working for justice and peace means helping them to have food.

Suggested Action

- As a class, collect food for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Give it to:
- a. the Saint Vincent de Paul Society or local soup kitchen.
 - b. provide it for a parish family in need.

Our Faith Prayed

Required Prayers

1. Sign of the Cross
2. Glory to the Father
3. Hail Mary
4. Our Father
5. Act of Contrition
6. Mass responses
7. Introduce children to the Rosary

Suggested Informal Prayer Services

1. Who Jesus is – the many titles we give to Jesus
2. The parables of Jesus – focusing on the Kingdom of God
3. The stories of Jesus - focusing on forgiveness