

Diocese of Allentown, PA
Religion Curriculum Guidelines

GRADE 2

Priority Topics:

Jesus

Reconciliation

Eucharist

N.B. Numbers in parentheses are citations from **The Catechism of the Catholic Church** unless otherwise noted as Scriptural references.

Words that appear in bold italics within the curriculum objectives are terms introduced for the first time at this level.

STANDARD: CREED

Subtopic: Revelation

Cognitive

Children will:

- Recognize the Bible as God's Word (**101, 105, 109**)
- Recognize the two main parts of the Bible: ***Old Testament*** and ***New Testament*** (**121, 124**)
- Become familiar with Bible stories revealing God's forgiving nature (e.g. Parables of Lost Sheep and Lost Coin) (**Lk. 15**)
- Recognize angels as messengers of God, protectors of God's people, and beings who worship God (**Mt. 18:10**) (**328-330, 332**)

Affective

Children will:

- Desire to listen to Bible stories
- Appreciate the forgiving nature of God revealed in Bible stories

Behavioral

Children will:

- Demonstrate reverence for God's Word by listening and responding appropriately during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass
- Pray to their guardian angels in their own words and by praying the ***Angel of God*** prayer from memory
- Explore and relate details of Scripture passages for this grade level

Subtopic: Trinity

Cognitive

Children will:

- Know that the ***Trinity*** is three who share one life and love fully and perfectly: God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. We receive forgiveness and salvation, one gift from the Three. **(232, 234)**

Affective

Children will:

- Grow in belief and trust in and love for the Trinity

Behavioral

Children will:

- Pray the ***Doxology (Glory Be)*** from memory

Subtopic: God the Father

Cognitive

Children will:

- Understand that God created human beings (**Gn. 1:26-31 (343, 355)**)
- Know that God loves us and cares for us as a good parent, caretaker, and guardian (**356**)

Affective

Children will:

- Experience gratitude to God for His love and care for us

Behavioral

Children will:

- Demonstrate care for themselves and others as beloved Children of God
- Thank God the Father for loving them

Subtopic: Jesus, the Son of God who became man

Cognitive

Children will:

- Identify Jesus as the beloved Son of God sent by the Father to redeem us. **(422) (Gal. 4:4-5)**
- Identify Jesus as our **Savior**, the Christ **(426)**
- Identify Jesus as the Good Shepherd who gave His life for us **(Jn. 10:11)**
- Recognize that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection showed God's love for us **(609)**
- Know that followers of Jesus are called **Christians (454)**

Affective

Children will:

- Develop gratitude for Jesus' saving action in their lives
- Grow in their desire to be Christians

Behavioral

Children will:

- Demonstrate reverence for the **crucifix**
- Name ways we can live as Christians
- Relate the details of the **Last Supper, Good Friday**, and Easter
- Thank Jesus for His saving action in our lives

Subtopic: Holy Spirit

Cognitive

Children will:

- Name the Holy Spirit as our helper and guide who joins us to the Father and Jesus **(692) (Jn. 14:26)**
- Know that the Holy Spirit helps us to know right from wrong **(736)**

Affective

Children will:

- Appreciate the gift and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives

Behavioral

Children will:

- Pray to the Holy Spirit for help in staying close to Jesus and for guidance in being good Christians.
- Thank the Holy Spirit for His presence in their lives

Subtopic: The Church

Cognitive

Children will:

- Know that the Church is the People of God gathered in the name of Jesus **(751-752, 781-782)**
- Identify Peter as the first pope and the **pope** as the pastor of the Church on earth **(Mt. 16:15-19)**
- Know that the **Church Year** celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus **(1171, 1194)**

Affective

Children will:

- Experience belonging to the Church

Behavioral

Children will:

- Pray for the pope by name, all Church leaders, and all members of the Church
- Name the major seasons of the Church year: ***Advent, Christmas Season, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter Season***
- Continue caring for God's people by participating in the missionary activity of the Church (i.e., supporting the missions through prayer, sacrifices, good deeds and donations **(854, 1942) (Mt. 25:31-46; Mt. 28:18-20)**)

<p>Subtopic: The Communion of Saints</p>

Cognitive

Children will:

- Become familiar with stories of selected saints, especially the story of their parish's/school's patron saint(s)
- Recognize Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the Holy Family

Affective

Children will:

- Develop interest in the lives of the saints
- Relate to the saints as human beings

Behavioral

Children will:

- Listen to stories about and retell facts about the lives of various saints
- Pray to Mary and the saints, asking them to pray to God for us

<p>Subtopic: Grace, Sin and Forgiveness</p>
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Cognitive

Children will:

- Define **grace** as sharing in God's life **(1997)**
- Define **sin** as freely choosing to say or do something we know is turning us away from God who loves us. We then break God's commandments which He gave to guide us. **(386)**

Affective

Children will:

- Grow in experiencing God's grace in their lives
- Appreciate God's **mercy**, His forgiving love in their lives

Behavioral

Children will:

- Pray the **Act of Contrition** from memory
- Name experiences of God's grace in their lives, and express gratitude for grace
- Experience God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance

Subtopic: Life Everlasting

Cognitive

Children will:

- Define **heaven** as life and happiness with God forever **(326)**
- Know that God wants us to be happy with Him forever in heaven

Affective

Children will:

- Desire eternal life in heaven

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Behavioral

Children will:

- Pray for those who have died, that they may be happy with God in heaven

STANDARD: SACRAMENTS

Cognitive

Children will:

- Know that God shares His love with us and with others (219-221) (1 Jn. 4:7-9)
- Develop knowledge of how to care for ourselves and others
- Know that family life is a gift from God (2220, 2232) (Mt. 12:47-50)
- Recognize that family members share and help one another (1655-58), 2208, 2219)
- Know God's healing love (1502) (Ps. 40:2-4, 9-10)
- Know that we join the family of God, the Church, through Baptism (1267, 1271, 1996) (Mt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 12:13; Jn. 1:12-13; Rm. 8:14-16)
- Know that **sacraments** are gifts and celebrations of God's love (1123, 1127)
- Know that there are seven sacraments (1113-1114)
- Recognize that the sins we commit as children of God are forgiven and a special grace is given to help us turn back to God in the Sacrament of **Penance**. (1441)
- Become familiar with the steps of the process of the Sacrament of Penance. **examination of conscience, contrition, confession, absolution, and penance**
- Know that God loves and cares for us and saves us by giving us the gift of His Son in **Eucharist** (1322-1323) (Mk. 14:22-24; 1 Cor. 11:23-27)
- Become familiar with the words and actions of the rituals of Baptism, Penance and Eucharist (1084, 1118-1119)
- Know that we sin when we don't follow the Ten Commandments (2052, 2055) (Mt. 7:1-2, 12; Ex. 20:2-17; Dt. 5:16-21)
- Know what it means to forgive and be forgiven (Eph. 4:32)
- Know that **mercy** is God's healing love (1502) (Ps. 40:2-4, 9-10)
- Know that God gives us the gift of **grace** every time we receive a sacrament (1446)
- Know that, at Mass, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus, His **Real Presence**, when the priest recites the words of consecration (1373-1375)

Affective

Children will:

- Understand and appreciate that family is a gift from God
- Desire to be good family members
- Demonstrate understanding of the need for compassion for others
- Acknowledge that we are called to forgive others **(2842-2843)**
- Appreciate God's forgiveness as celebrated in the ***Sacrament of Penance***. **(1440); (Lk. 15; Jn. 20:21-23)**
- Grow in devotion for Jesus who is present in the Eucharist **(1329, 1358-1359, 1353-1367)**
- Recognize that we are each called to follow Jesus' footsteps
- Recognize that love between a husband and wife is a vocation from God **(1638)**
- Desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist

Behavioral

Children will:

- Express the love of God within the family
- Learn to live as a family **(1655-58)**
- Experience and demonstrate care and compassion **(Mt. 12:16-21)**
- Name the seven sacraments
- Demonstrate an understanding of God's love and forgiveness by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion with proper preparation and reverence.
- Experience walking in Jesus' footsteps
- Identify deacons, priests, religious, etc. within the parish

STANDARD: MORALITY

Cognitive

Children will:

- Know that God gave the **Ten Commandments** as a revelation of himself and His glory. They teach us true goodness. **(2059) (Ex. 20:1-17)**
- Know that a commandment is a word spoken by God to give Himself more closely to us and to reveal His holy will. **(2059)**
- Understand that an **examination of conscience** is prayerful thinking about how we have or have not been faithful to God in our words and deeds **(1454)**
- Recognize the Ten Commandments as a source for making an examination of conscience
- Understand that the Holy Spirit guides us in our **conscience** to know right from wrong **(1778)**
- Define **sin** **(1440)**
- Know that **contrition** is experiencing sorrow for our sins and resolving not to sin again. **(1451)**
- Know that **confession**, an essential element in the Sacrament of Penance, is telling one's sins to the priest **(1424)**
- Know that **penance** is a way of repairing the damage caused by sin and is done through the grace of Jesus Christ. **(1459-60)**
- Know that God forgives our sins through the **absolution** the priest gives in the Sacrament of Penance **(1449)**
- Learn about God's merciful love **(Lk 15)**

Affective

Children will:

- Understand that God is loving, kind, and merciful
- Desire to make good choices and follow the Ten Commandments
- Appreciate the Holy Spirit's guidance in their lives
- Experience contrition for their sins
- Understand that it is a sin to break a commandment
- Appreciate the gift of and desire to celebrate God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.
- Desire to extend forgiveness to others who hurt them

Behavioral

Children will:

- Live the Greatest Commandment: to love God above all others, and to love others as they love themselves **(2055) (Mt. 22:36-40; Mk. 12:28-31)**
- Apply the Ten Commandments to real life situations
- Make an ***examination of conscience*** based on the Ten Commandments
- Demonstrate making good choices in their lives
- Express sorrow for sins
- Explain that sin is an offense against God and disobedience to Him
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance
- Demonstrate asking, giving, and receiving forgiveness in actual situations
- Evidence kindness to others

STANDARD: PRAYER

Cognitive

Children will:

- Differentiate personal prayer from liturgical prayer **(1073, 2664, 2668)**
- Know that the main parts of the Mass are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist **(1346)**
- Recognize that asking forgiveness is a form of prayer **(2644)**

Affective

Children will:

- Understand that we participate in Sunday Mass to hear God's Word, to offer ourselves with Jesus to the Father, and to be one with Him in Holy Communion **(1349-50, 1355, 1408)**
- Recognize the need to ask for God's forgiveness in prayer
- Appreciate the value of intercessory prayer and become comfortable in vocalizing their prayers
- Grow in appreciation for prayer as an essential way of developing our relationship with God

Behavioral

Children will:

- Recite from memory the prayers for this grade level
- Participate in the celebration of Eucharist by listening and responding in word and song
- Recite from memory the ***Act of Contrition***
- Write original prayers of contrition
- Know and participate in the rite of Penance
- Experience a variety of prayer forms, including but not limited to: silence, listening, song, gestures, spontaneous petitions, prayers of thanksgiving **(2700, 2704, 2709-19, 2721-24) (Ps. 10, 12, 28, 31, 34)**
- Pray the rosary (usually a decade at a time)
- Pray for their needs and the needs of others

VOCABULARY

Absolution	Mercy
Act of Contrition	Names of the Seven Sacraments
Amen	New Testament
Bible	Old Testament
Blessed Sacrament	Penance
Christian	Pope
Church (people of God)	Prayer
church (building)	Real Presence (of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament)
Church Year	Reconciliation
Advent	Resurrection
Christmas	Rite
Ordinary time	Ritual
Lent	Sacrament
Easter	Sacrament of Penance
Communion	Sacrifice (unbloody)
Confession	Saint
Contrition	Savior
Crucifix	Sin
Eucharist	Ten Commandments
Examination of Conscience	Vocation
Forgiveness	Bishops
Grace	Priests
Guardian Angel	Deacons
Heaven	Laity (the Baptized)
Hell	Religious
Holy Family	Marriage
Holy Trinity	Single
Last Supper	
Liturgy of the Eucharist	
Liturgy of the Word	
Mass	

PERSONS OF FAITH

Mary, Queen of All Saints	Zaccheus
Guardian Angel	St. John the Apostle
The Archangel Gabriel	John Paul II
St. Joseph	St. John Neuman
St. Peter	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta	

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES/STORIES (with which children should become familiar)

Genesis 1:26-31

(creation of human beings and their dignity as humans in the order of creation)

Luke 15

(parables of forgiveness)

John 10:11-16

(Jesus, the Good Shepherd)

Matthew 16:13-20

(Peter as the rock of the Church)

Luke 19:1-11

(Zaccheus)

Matthew 18:10

(protection of angels)

Matthew 22:36-40

(The Greatest Commandment)

John 20:19-23

(Institution of the Sacrament of Penance)

Matthew 26:26-35

(The Last Supper)

Matthew 26-28

(the suffering death and resurrection of Jesus) (N.B. Use other Gospel accounts of these events as well)

John 14:26

(the Holy Spirit as our helper and guide)

PRAYERS TO KNOW

Review of prayers from previous level

Act of Contrition

Mass Responses

Morning Offering

Rosary

Way of The Cross

MEMORIZATION

Jesus' Greatest Commandment