



**St. Patrick's Religious Education
Eucharist I Lesson Plans
September 15, 2018 - October 12, 2018**

The remainder of Eucharist I Meetings - for students and parents will be in the MPH at 10:30 am on the following Saturday mornings:

October 13, 2018

December 1, 2018

January 5, 2019

March 2, 2019

April 6, 2019

All color groups attend these meetings.

(Children don't need their workbooks or Mass missals for these meetings.)



In addition, there will be a Teaching Mass for each color group. These masses will be celebrated at 10:30 am in the Monsignor Purick Hall (MPH). Listed below are the dates for each color group. In addition, each child and a parent must attend one Teaching Mass. The dates of the Teaching Masses for each group are listed below. Please make sure you check in when you attend your assigned Teaching Mass. Please bring the Mass Missal to the Teaching Mass and to Mass each Sunday.

TEACHING MASS SCHEDULE

Blue Group: October 20, 2018

Yellow Group: November 3, 2018

Red Group: December 15, 2018

Green Group: January 12, 2019

Orange Group: March 16, 2019



At each Eucharist I class your child will pray the Sign of the Cross, The Lord's Prayer and The Hail Mary. It is important that you to pray these prayers with your child daily. Your child's catechist will also read a book during each class teaching about the life of Jesus. After each Eucharist I class ask your child about the story they heard in class. At the Sept. 15th meeting the Catechists read and discussed The First Christmas and a short passage about the Wise Men. We encourage you to discuss what they learned and talk to them about all you know about Jesus and the 1st Christmas. Take out your Nativity Set and talk to your children about Jesus' birth and the Holy Family. Thank God for the gift of His son, Jesus.

**"Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God."
Catechism of the Catholic Church #2226**

These lesson plans are intended to help guide you as you teach your child using the Sadlier, WE BELIEVE Grade 1 workbook.

September 15, 2018 - September 21, 2018

Introductory Chapter: Welcome! - pages 10 - 16

Goal: This chapter explains that this year your child is on a journey to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. This year the **Eucharist I program** and the WE BELIEVE series will support you as you help your child:

- **Learn** the ways God has shown His love for us.
- **Pray** at home and with the Church community.
- **Celebrate** your faith at Sunday Mass and by honoring the saints.
- **Choose** to live as a child of God every day.
- **Share** God's gifts with family and others.
- **Live out** the Catholic faith by caring for God's creation, especially people.

Read and discuss pages 10 -15 with your child.

Project Disciple: p. 16 - encourage your child to complete **The Disciple Contract**



September 22, 2018 - September 28, 2018

Chapter 1 - God is Our Father - Pages 19 - 26

Goal: to present that God created the world and everything in it and that God promises to love us always.

Our Faith Response: to remember God's promises to us and to thank Him for loving us always.

Key Words: **creation** - creation is everything God made
Bible - the Bible is the book of God's word

Say the prayer: "Dear God, help us this year to come closer to you. Amen."

Read and discuss pages 19 - 23 with your child or family.

Look outside at nature and comment on God's beautiful creation and the goodness in God's world. As your child learns about God and creation, reinforce with them the understanding that God is their Father and He is the creator of all things. Ask your child to name his/her favorite gifts of God's creation. Stress that "Creation is everything God made, and it is very good." Discuss how people are God's special creation. Brainstorm and talk about the differences among people. Mention that people like to do different things, eat different food, live in and travel to different places. Discuss how God promised to be with us and love us always. End with the prayer: "Thank You God for making people, for making me so wonderful, for making me like You!"

Chapter 1 Project Disciple - pages 24-25

Encourage your child to review the chapter ideas that are essential to growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Encourage your child to decide on ways to grow as a disciple by living out what he/she has learned.

Chapter 1 Test - p.26 Read each question and ask your child to mark an answer. Review and discuss his/her answers and clarify any misconceptions. **Praise your child's efforts in learning our Catholic faith!**

Special Activities

Take a walk with your family and comment how beautiful God's creations are in all four seasons. Discuss what you like best about each season. Say a prayer of thanks to God for all creation.

Or, take out your family photos and talk about the people who are a part of your family and what is special about each of them.



September 29, 2018 – October 5, 2018

Chapter 2 – We Believe in the Blessed Trinity – Pages 27 – 34

Goal: to explain that God the Father sent His own Son to us and that there are Three Persons in One God.

Our Faith Response: to pray the Sign of the Cross and recognize it as a prayer to the Blessed Trinity.

Key Words: **Blessed Trinity** – the Blessed Trinity is One God in Three Persons

-God the Father is the 1st Person of the Blessed Trinity

-God the Son is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity

-God the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are joined in love.

prayer – is listening and talking to God.

Sign of the Cross – prayer to the Blessed Trinity.

Say the prayer: "Thank you God, for the gift of Jesus. Amen."

Read and discuss pages 27 – 31 with your child or family. Tell your child that he/she is going to become a better friend of God by getting to know Him through these lessons. Explain that God promised people, long before Jesus was born, to send someone to help them and their children. That is why He sent Jesus. Discuss with your child how Jesus is the greatest gift from God. Emphasize that Jesus is the Son of God who became one of us: Jesus is our brother and our friend. Show your child how to make the Sign of the Cross in the way that is most reverent and pleasing to God. (*Face the same direction as your child when demonstrating how to make the Sign of the Cross*). Each morning make the Sign of the Cross (a prayer to the Holy Trinity) with your child and encourage your child to ask God to help him/her be a sign of God's love by caring for all people. Encourage your child to pray throughout the day and begin each prayer with the Sign of the Cross. Many people pray The Sign of the Cross each time they pass a Catholic Church. Think about starting this tradition each time you drive by St. Patricks.

Chapter 2 Project Disciple – pages 32 –33

Encourage your child to review the chapter ideas that are essential to growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Encourage your child to decide on ways to grow as a disciple by living out what he/she has learned.

Chapter 2 Test – p.34 Read each question and ask your child to mark an answer. Review and discuss his/her answers and clarify any misconceptions. **Praise your child's efforts in learning our Catholic faith!**

Special Activity

In reflecting on God's gift of Jesus, ask your child about a favorite gift he/she has received. Why is it so special? Share your feelings about a favorite gift you have received. Highlight a gift of kindness or love that you have received that did not cost money. Tell your child the reasons that it meant so much to you. Discuss a gift of love or kindness that your child could give to someone.



October 6, 2018 - October 12, 2018

Chapter 3 - Jesus Grew Up in a Family - Pages 35 - 42

Goal: to learn the story of Jesus' birth and to highlight that Jesus was a loving member of the Holy Family.

Our Faith Response: to obey God and to pray to Him as the Holy Family did.

Key Words: **Christmas** - the time when we celebrate the birth of God's Son, Jesus

Holy Family - the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Say the prayer: "Dear God, help us to respect and love one another. Amen."

Read and discuss pages 35- 39 with your child or family.

Help your child realize that Jesus was like other newborn babies. Ask your child how babies change as they grow and what Jesus might have been like when He was their age. Talk about the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and how his parents helped Jesus when He was growing up. Explain that Jesus wants your family to be a holy family, too. Pray to Mary, Joseph and Jesus to help your family be a holy family. Share a prayer of thanksgiving to God before meals. Explain to your child that for Catholics, Sunday Mass is the center of our lives as the family of Jesus. We gather at Mass as a community, to praise and thank God for his many gifts, especially the gift of Jesus.

Chapter 3 Project Disciple - pages 40 -41

Encourage your child to review the chapter ideas that are essential to growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. Encourage your child to decide on ways to grow as disciples by living out what he/she has learned.

Chapter 3 Test - p. 42 Read each question and ask your child to mark an answer. Review and discuss his/her answers and clarify any misconceptions. **Praise your child's efforts to learn our Catholic faith!**

Special Activities: Talk about the many wonderful and funny things you have enjoyed as you have watched your child grow. Ask your child who has helped them grow up. Tell a story from your own childhood that shows how a friend, parent or someone special loved and helped you in a special way. Or, have your child be a "TV Care Watcher" today, by looking for examples in family programs of how people show that they care for one another.

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting." ~St. Teresa of Calcutta



What is important when teaching your first grade child?

At your child's Baptism you promised to bring your child to an understanding of our Catholic faith. This is both a privilege and a great responsibility. Since you, the parents are the primary educators of your child it is important that you be actively involved in sharing your gift of our Catholic faith.

For children this age, faith is natural. God is a natural presence in their lives and children believe that God is close to them. Your responsibility is to draw your child closer to God through prayer and by teaching them about our Catholic faith. Your child should see that God is part of your family's daily life. May God bless you as you and your child grow in faith.

How can you help your child grow in faith?

- Begin each lesson off with a prayer
- Create a peaceful learning environment
- Treat this as a special time together for both you and your child
- Choose a time that works best for you
- Set a prayerful example for your child. Let your child see you pray, pray with your child, pray as a family.
- Attend Sunday Mass each week (our parish has a welcoming Family Mass celebrated in the Monsignor Purick Hall every Sunday morning at 9:30 am)





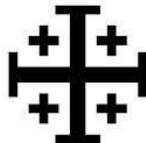
EUCCHARIST I GOALS

By the end of this year your child should ...

- understand that he/she can listen to and talk to God through prayer
- know the The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary and the Sign of the Cross
- appreciate God's creation of each one of us and the world
- understand that God wants us to care for the world he created
- know that Jesus is one of us, God's own Son, our friend and teacher
- know that Jesus is part of the Holy Family of Mary and Joseph
- understand that we belong to God's family, the Church through our Baptism
- be familiar with the Good News passed on in the Bible, which we read to learn about Jesus
- recognize that at Mass we receive Jesus and pray with others
- be attentive to the different parts of the Mass

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6





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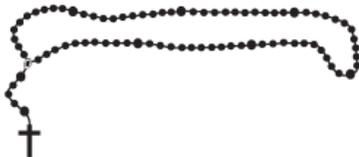
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Suggested video for Eucharist I students;

Cat Chat Episode 2: Better Than a Super Hero

Put on your super hero cape and fly off with Moses the cat and the Cat Chat Family to learn about the world's super Savior: Jesus!

Jesus is even better than a super hero because he is truly God and he loves each of us so much. Run Time: 30 minutes



SAVE THE DATE

THE FAMILY ROSARY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

2:30PM IN THE CHURCH.

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary in thanksgiving for the protection the Blessed Virgin Mary gives the Church and the faithful who pray the Rosary. Please join our St. Patrick's family as we honor Our Lady. Fr. Tom will give a talk about the Rosary, we will sing some Marian hymns and we will conclude by praying the Rosary. Bring your Rosary beads as we intercede to Our Blessed Mother who always brings us closer to her son, Jesus. Rosary beads will be available to those who do not have them. Families are encouraged to attend. All are welcome!

