

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONCEPTS

Kindergarten

By the end of Kindergarten, students will have an age-appropriate understanding of the concepts in each of the following areas:

Area #1: ***The Profession of Faith*** (CCC #26-1065)

1. God is the creator of the world; the world is good and is God's gift to us (CCC# 32, 54, 279-314)
2. God, our Father, loves every person and wants them to be happy (CCC# 232-248, 260, 374-379)
3. God made every person special and gives each person feelings and talents (CCC# 356-357, 374)
4. God sent us Jesus, His Son, to be our friend and teacher (CCC# 456-460)
5. Mary, our Mother, and Joseph raised Jesus (CCC# 522-534)
6. The Holy Spirit helps us to love others like Jesus did (CCC# 733-741)
7. We belong to the Catholic Church, our family of faith; the parish is the local Church (CCC# 781-791)
8. The Bible is God's Word to us and teaches us about God. It is holy and should be treated with respect and reverence (CCC# 101-104)

Area #2: ***The Celebration of the Christian Mystery*** (CCC #1066-1690)

1. Signs of God's love in nature (CCC# 1147)
2. Families are signs of God's love (CCC# 1655-1657)
3. Friends are signs of God's love (CCC# 1148-1149)
4. Sacraments are important signs of God's love (CCC# 1114-1130)
5. Baptism welcomes us into God's family, the Church (CCC# 1229-1233)
6. The Mass is our celebration of Jesus (CCC# 1356-1358)

Area #3: ***Life in Christ*** (CCC #1691-2550)

1. God made the world good (CCC# 198, 280, 338, 341)
2. All people are made in God's image and likeness are a created good (CCC# 374, 1700-1705)
3. God gives us family and friends to love and who love us (CCC# 1655-1657)
4. Jesus teaches us in many ways how to show our love for others (CCC# 535-556, 1716-1717)
5. Jesus shows us how to make good choices and how to avoid bad choices (CCC# 1730-1742)
6. The Bible tells stories about holy people who love God (CCC# 107)
7. The saints show us how to love God and love others--especially poor, sick, or weak people (CCC# 2030)
8. Catholics care for God's creation (CCC# 2415-2418)

Area #4: ***Christian Prayer*** (CCC #2558-2856)

1. Prayer is how we listen to and talk with Jesus (CCC# 2559-2565, 2616))
2. Kindergarten students will begin learning and frequently pray the following:
 - a. The Sign of the Cross
 - b. The Our Father
 - c. The Hail Mary
 - d. Prayer to the Guardian Angel
 - e. Blessing with Holy Water
 - f. Grace before and after meals
 - g. Mass responses
3. Kindergarten students will celebrate the Liturgical Year, in class and with the entire parish community (CCC# 1168-1173)