

Preschool and Kindergarten

- **Encountering God revealed through Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the stories of everyday human experience**
 - God created each person in His image and likeness to be special and He loves each person
 - God made all creation good
 - You and your family belong to God's family
 - God is a loving Father who is always there to help us
 - Jesus is God's son
 - Jesus was a member of a holy family that includes his Mother Mary and his stepfather Joseph
 - The Holy Spirit lives inside each of us and guides us every day
 - We were made to love, know, and serve God and to be happy with Him forever
 - The Bible is a special book that tells God's story and that of His people
- **Honoring Christ's presence in liturgy, participating in liturgical celebrations and the sacraments**
 - Participating in services celebrated during the liturgical year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter)
 - Appreciate the parish's worship space as a special and sacred space
 - Experiencing sacramentals (holy water, Bibles, crucifix, sacred art, etc.) as symbols of God's active presence in our lives
 - Begin to use rituals when we pray and when we are in God's presence in the worship space (bowing, genuflecting, kneeling, silence, etc.)
 - Begin to identify Holy Mass as the ultimate Christian prayer through building the habit of weekly Mass attendance
- **Encountering the Holy Spirit in expressions of prayer**
 - Prayer is listening and talking to God
 - Experience how Jesus prayed and how He taught us to pray (The Lord's Prayer)
 - Begin practicing the four main types of prayer (praise, petition, sorrow, and thanksgiving)
 - Begin a habit of personal prayer
 - Begin practicing some traditional Catholic prayers (Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Lord's Prayer, prayers before and after meals, etc.)
- **Learning Jesus' story to inspire a life of virtue**
 - Jesus was sent by the Father to teach us how to love others, as we love ourselves (Golden Rule)
 - We love others because they are also made in God's image and likeness, just like us
 - God created each of us out of love
 - Jesus teaches us about sin and forgiveness
 - God gives us the gift of choice and the Holy Spirit will help us to make good choices if we ask
 - We love God's creation because it was made by God and given to us as a gift
- **Learning how to become a disciple (student of Christ) and discovering one's role in the body of Christ (vocation)**
 - The Church (your parish and the diocese) is a special family of faith

- You belong to the Church because of your Baptism
- The Church is found in every country of the world
- The Church is in heaven with God, Mary, Joseph, and all the holy people (saints)
- God loves all people including those who are of other faiths, or even if they don't have any faith
- Parents, priests and Church staff, teachers, and other adults in the community are God's helpers
- We learn to listen to God to show concern for others
- We learn to share what we learn about Jesus and our faith with others when asked
- God has a unique plan for all of us