

Grade 3 Lesson Plan / Fall Semester 2018

Sunday/ Monday	Liturgical Color	Lessons	Key Concept	Gospel Reading/ Question of the Week
Big Question #1: Who is Jesus Christ?				
Sept. 16	Green	Ch. 1: The Creator's Work	God created everything and all creation shows his goodness especially humans who were created in his image and likeness.	Matthew 21:28-32 (parable of the two sons) Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?
Sept. 23	Green	Ch. 2: The Church Gathered	The Bible is the Word of God written in human words and the Church is the community of the baptized who follow Jesus.	Matthew 21:33-43 (parable of the tenants) What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?
Sept. 30	Green	Ch. 3: Families Teach Love and Unit Review	Mary is a special member of the God's family and the family home is called the "domestic church."	Matthew 22:1-14 (the wedding banquet) What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?
Oct. 7	Green	Ch. 4: The Holy Trinity	The Holy Trinity is three Persons in one God. Jesus, the Son of God, revealed and taught about God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.	Matthew 22:15-21 (paying taxes to the emperor) Who needs help in your neighborhood or community? What could you and your family do to help?
Oct. 14	Green	Ch. 5: The Church Celebrates	The celebration of the Eucharist is the Church's most important form of worship.	Matthew 22:34-40 (the greatest commandment) Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor?
Big Question #2: How do we get to know and love Jesus Christ?				
Oct. 21	Green	Ch. 6: Pray Always and Unit Review	Jesus taught about God's Kingdom of love, peace, and Justice that is in Heaven and is being built on Earth and his miracles were signs of that Kingdom.	Matthew 23:1-12 (the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees) What is one way you could serve someone in need this week?
Nov. 4	Green	Lesson on St. Bernadette and the Saints		Matthew 25:1-13 (the parable of the ten virgins) What is one thing you can do this week to prepare for Jesus?
Nov. 11	Purple	Ch. 7: The Good News / <i>Feasts and Seasons: Walk in the Light</i> Jesus taught about God's Kingdom of love, peace, and Justice that is in Heaven and is being built on Earth and his miracles were signs of that Kingdom. <i>Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Jesus.</i>		Mark 13:33-37 (need for watchfulness) What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?
Nov 18 - 25		NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break		
Dec. 2 CHURCH	Purple	Advent		
Dec. 9	Purple	Advent Ch. 8: The Paschal Mystery	The Paschal Mystery is the mystery of Jesus' Suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.	Mark 1:1-8 (John the Baptist in the desert) How can you help others to know Jesus? ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT
Dec. 16	Rose	Advent Ch. 9: The Body of Christ / <i>Feasts and Seasons: Glory to God</i>	The Church is the Body of Christ, to which all of her members belong. Stewardship is the way we share our time, talents, and treasure to serve God and others. <i>Christmas is a season to praise God's glory.</i>	John 1:6-8, 19-28 (John as witness to the light) What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?
Dec 23 – Jan 6		NO CLASS – Christmas Break		

Grade 3 Lesson Plan / Spring Semester 2019

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Jan. 13	Green	Circle of Grace Lessons 1 and 2		Mark 1:14–20 (call of the first disciples) In what way do you think you can be a better follower of Jesus?
Jan. 20	Green	Circle of Grace Lesson 3		Mark 1:21–28 (cure of a demoniac) What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus? How will you show or tell them?
Jan. 27	Green	Ch. 10: Church Leaders The Bishops are the successors of the Apostles who teach, lead, and make the Church Holy.		Mark 1:29–39 (cure of Peter's mother-in-law and other miracles) What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?
Big Question #3: How does Jesus Christ teach us to live a moral life?				
Feb. 3 At Home Lesson	Green			
Feb. 10	Green	Ch. 11: One and Holy	The Marks of the Church are the four Characteristics that identify it as Christ's: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.	Mark 1:40–45 (healing of a leper) What can you do this week to be an example to others?
Feb. 17 At Home Lesson	Purple	Lent Ch. 12: Catholic and Apostolic / <i>Feasts and Seasons: Time for Change</i>	The Church's mission is to share Jesus' Good News with all people. The Church is Catholic because she welcomes all people. <i>Lent is a time to turn back to God.</i>	Mark 1:12–15 (Jesus' temptation; the call to conversion) What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?
Feb. 24	Purple	Lent Ch. 13: Choose Love	Jesus' New Commandment is to love one another as He loves each of us.	Mark 9:2–10 (Jesus transfigured) What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?
Mar. 3 CHURCH	Purple	Lent Ch. 14 Live in the Light	Each of us has a vocation that helps us follow God's plan. God's gifts of faith, hope, and charity (love) help us live a good and moral life.	John 2:13–25 (cleansing of the temple) What puzzles you in the gospel stories? Which story makes you the most hopeful?
Mar 10 - 17		NO CLASS – Spring Break		
Big Question #4: How do we become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ?				
Mar. 24	Red	Palm Sunday Ch. 15: Help with Choices / <i>Feasts and Seasons: Holy Week</i>	Conscience is the God given ability to help us make choices about right and wrong. God's grace in the sacraments helps us. <i>Holy Week is the holiest week of the Church year.</i>	Mark 14:1—15:47 (the passion of Jesus) When is it hardest for you to obey?
Mar. 31	White	Easter Season Ch. 16: Sacraments of Initiation	Baptism forgives all sin, original and personal. Confirmation seals and completes Baptism. Jesus shares himself with us in the Eucharist.	Luke 24:35–48 (Jesus appears to the Eleven) What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?
Apr. 7	White	Easter Season Ch. 17: Sacraments of Healing	In the Sacraments of Healing God's forgiveness and healing are given to those suffering physical and spiritual sickness.	John 10:11–18 (the Good Shepherd) Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?
Apr. 14	White	Easter Season Ch. 18: Sacraments at the Service of Communion and Unit Review	Holy Orders ordains men to lead and serve the Church. Matrimony joins a man and woman to serve God by loving and serving each other and any children they have.	John 15:1-8 (the vine and the branches) What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?