

DOCTRINE
ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY
GRADES K, 1, 3, 6, 7

GOD

- The students will:**
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| Grade | K | know that God is a good and loving God who created the world and is always with us. |
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| | 6 | know that a good God created a good universe and invites humans to respect and protect it. |
| | 1 | be introduced to the word “Trinity” and be able to name the three Persons of the Trinity as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. |
| | 3 | define the term Trinity and be able to identify the role of each of the three Persons of the Trinity: God the Father--Creator; God the Son--Savior; and God the Holy Spirit--Sanctifier. |
| | 6 | know that God is a Triune God: One God in Three Persons. |
| | K | know that God made each of us special and loves us as we are. |
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| | 6 | know that we are created in God’s image. |
| | K | know that God gives us special people to love and care for us. |
| | 3 | know that God reveals Himself to us through nature and people. |
| | 6 | understand that God reveals Himself through the Scriptures and invites our response. |
| | 7 | know that God reveals Himself through nature, people, Scripture, the Church and tradition. |
| | 6 | know some of the attributes of God; e.g., eternal, faithful, powerful, almighty. |
| | 6 | know that God enters into covenant with people; e.g., Noah, Abraham, Moses, the Chosen People (Jews). |

JESUS

- The students will:**
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| K | know that God sent His Son Jesus to become man. |
| 1 | know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who became man to save us. The name Jesus means “God saves.” |
| 3 | know that the term Incarnation means that Jesus, the second Person of the Trinity, became man. |
| 6 | realize that Jesus is both God and man. |
| 7 | know that Jesus is fully human and fully divine |
| 3 | know that Jesus most fully reveals who God is because he is God. |

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- 3 know that the title “Christ” means “Anointed One” or Messiah.
- 6 know that the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and the Christian life.
- 7 identify Jesus as Word of God, the second Person of the Trinity, the One who most fully reveals who God is because he is God.
- 7 know that since Jesus is fully divine he shows us who God is and since he is fully human he shows us what we can become with God’s help. (CCC #460)
- 7 know that Jesus is the Christ (“Christ” means “Anointed One”) because God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

- 1 know that Jesus is a model for us.
- 7 know that Jesus came to proclaim and build God’s Kingdom on earth and is a model for each person’s turning daily to God.
- 6 understand that Jesus is both the New Covenant and the fulfillment of the Old Covenant.
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- K know that Jesus died for us and rose on Easter.
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- 3 know that Jesus suffered, died and rose to save us. This is called redemption.
- 3 know that Jesus ascended to heaven (Ascension).
- 7 know that Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection is a saving event (redemption) and is called the Paschal Mystery.
- 7 understand how the resurrection is the foundation of our faith and how it impacts our lives individually and as a Church.
- 7 know that at the Ascension Jesus returned to the Father, preceding us into heaven.

HOLY SPIRIT

The students will:

- 1 know that God sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.
- 3 know that Pentecost is called the birthday of the Church.
- 7 know that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the love between the Father and the Son.
- 7 know that the Holy Spirit is our spiritual guide and dwells within us. We are temples of the Holy Spirit.

- 6 know that the Holy Spirit inspired the writers of Scripture and the prophets.
- 7 know that the Spirit remains with the Church and gives gifts to individuals and the Church. (Gifts of the Spirit, Fruits of the Spirit, charisms)

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MARY

The students will:

- K** know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and our mother.
- 3** know that Mary is the Mother of God.
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- 3** know that Mary was conceived and born without sin (Immaculate Conception).
- 3** know what the Annunciation means.
- 7** know the terms Annunciation and Virgin Birth.
- 7** be able to explain the two Marian dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption.

- 3** know that Mary is our model of faith.
- 7** know that Mary is the Mother of the Church and Disciple par excellence.

LAST THINGS

The students will:

- 1** know that heaven is being with God forever and experiencing total happiness. (CCC # 1023-1029)
- 3** know that heaven is eternal life with God.
- 6** know that all people are called to eternal life.

- 3** know that saints lived faithful lives on earth and now live with God in heaven.
- 6** understand the concepts of death, heaven, hell, and purgatory, the final purification. (CCC #1030)
- 7** understand the concepts of judgment, heaven, hell, and purgatory.
- 7** know that God predestines no one to go to hell.
- 7** know that hell is a state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed. (CCC #1033-1037)
- 7** know that Jesus will come again at the final judgment.

ANGELS

(note: "Angels" resource packets are available through the Religious Education Office)

The students will:

- 1** know that God gives us a guardian angel to protect us.
- 3** know that angels are servants and messengers of God.
- 7** know that the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Scripture calls "angels" is a truth of faith. (CCC #528)