

**MORALITY  
ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY  
GRADE 6**

**FOUNDATION: THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

The students will:

- know that the dignity of the human person is rooted in his/her creation in the image and likeness of God.

**DEFINITION**

The students will:

- know that the basic principle of morality is to do good and avoid evil.
- know that morality is a way of living out human deeds and actions according to the Gospel.

**CALL TO LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE**

The students will:

**Virtue**

- know that good habits of acting are called virtues and are a response to a call to holiness.
- explain and practice virtues; e.g., honesty, responsibility, faithfulness, kindness, forgiveness, individuality, freedom, obedience, patience, and self-control, diligence, etc.

**Freedom and Decision Making**

The students will:

- know that God gives people free will and the power of reason so they can make responsible choices.
- know that we are responsible for our personal choices and the consequences of these choices.
- distinguish between virtues and vices (sins).
- know that sinful attitudes lead to sinful acts.

**Salvation (Redemption)**

The students will:

- know that salvation history is the history of God's loving relationship with his people.

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**Grace**

The students will:

- know that because we have God's life (Grace) within us, we are called to act morally and live a virtuous life.

**CONSCIENCE**

**Definitions**

The students will:

- define conscience as the power inside us to know what is right or wrong.

**Formed Conscience**

The student will:

- know the sources which help them form their conscience: mind, heart, family, community, Catholic tradition.

**SIN**

**Definition of Sin**

The students will:

- know that sin is choosing, with freedom and knowledge, what is unloving.

**MORAL GUIDES**

**The Two Great Commandments**

The students will:

- give examples of how they can live the two great commandments to love God and to love others; e.g., Deut 6:4-6; Tobit 4:15.

**The Ten Commandments**

The students will:

- know, understand and use the Ten Commandments to make responsible moral choices.
- know that, by being faithful to the Ten Commandments, they are living their baptismal covenant with God.
- know that another name for the Ten Commandments is Decalogue.

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**The Authority of the Church**

The students will:

- understand the concept of authority.
- be able to respect authority in their lives.
- give examples from the Old Testament of people who respected authority in their lives; e.g., Abraham, Moses, etc.

**Role Models**

The students will:

- be able to recognize qualities of saintliness in those living today who model the person of Jesus.