

Grades 3-5 Religion Essential Standards

Standard #1: CREED [BELIEF]

Know Jesus as the Son of God.

- Recognize Jesus as Savior.

Standard #2: SACRAMENTS [GIFT]

Recognize the presence of Christ in the Sacraments.

- Know that the Sacraments of Initiation, Healing and Service bring us into a closer relationship with God.

Standard #3: CHRISTIAN LIVING [LIFE]

Recognize Jesus' life as a model for our own.

- Recognize that God calls us to be responsible for our actions.
- Recognize the importance of serving others.

Standard #4: PRAYER [RELATIONSHIP]

Understand prayer as a way to grow closer to God.

- Understand and practice different forms of prayer.

Directions for Use of Content Checklist

The Content Checklist designed by grade level is to accompany the Essential Standards. Faculty discussion will need to take place to ensure consistency in teaching. The administrator should reproduce the Content Checklist and distribute it to all teachers.

The format for the Content Section is as follows:

1. Blank box to record date of instruction of content or to use as a check-off to indicate that instruction of content occurred
2. Numeric system that identifies the specific content statement
3. Content Statement
4. Catechism of the Catholic Church Reference (CCC)
5. Level of Teacher Instruction:
Introduce (**I**), Develop (**D**), Master (**M**)

Introduce (**I**): To provide with a beginning knowledge or first experience of something.

Develop (**D**): To progress from simple to more complex through practice.

Master (**M**): To gain control over content; to understand and be able to retrieve the specified material for use as needed.

Teachers will use this curriculum as the basis for planning their lessons for the year. Use of the curriculum will assist students in attaining the standards for which all are accountable. Teachers are required to spend 80% of their time teaching strictly from the curriculum guide with the remaining 20% of their time teaching concepts that enhance the curriculum.

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CREED-BELIEF

Essential Standard #1: Know Jesus as the Son of God. (CCC, #441-445) * Recognize Jesus as Savior.	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5
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Faith

1.1.1	Describe how God takes care of us and is always faithful to us.	I	D	D
1.1.2	Recognize that humans and all things were created good by God.	D	M	
1.1.3	Recognize that we are created in God's image to have a loving relationship with God and others.	I	D	D
1.1.4	Describe how Adam and Eve transmitted to their descendants the effect of the first sin called original sin. (CCC, #417)	D	D	D
1.1.5	Recognize that death and the inclination to sin are consequences of original sin. (CCC, #418; 1008; 1018)	I	D	D

Scripture

1.2.1	Describe how God speaks to us through the stories of the Bible.	D	D	M
1.2.2	Illustrate how the Bible is organized into books, chapters, and verses of the Old Testament and the New Testament.	I	D	D
1.2.3	Recognize that the Bible teaches us about God's goodness within ourselves and our world.	I	D	D
1.2.4	Recognize that Jesus teaches us about choices and how to live good lives through the Bible.	I	D	D
1.2.5	Illustrate how the gospels tell us about the life of Jesus as both divine and human.	I	D	M
1.2.6	Identify the four gospel writers as Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.	I	D	M
1.2.7	Recognize that the Bible is the inspired Word of God.	I	D	D

Doctrine and Dogma

1.3.1	Recognize that Jesus, our Savior, came to bring God's salvation to everyone. (CCC, #609, 624)	D	D	D
1.3.2	Identify that Jesus came to bring us God's word.	D	M	
1.3.3	Illustrate how Catholics honor Mary as the mother of God.	D	M	
1.3.4	Define Mary's life as the perfect example of faith and obedience to God.	D	D	M
1.3.5	Recognize that Mary was taken into heaven preserved free from all stain of original sin. (CCC, #966)	I	D	D
1.3.6	Recognize that in death the soul is separated from the body. (CCC, #997)			I
1.3.7	Recognize that in resurrection God will give new life to our body in union with our soul. (CCC, #997)	D	D	D
1.3.8	Recognize that hell's punishment is the eternal separation from God. (CCC, #1035)			I

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Trinity

1.4.1	Identify the mystery of the Trinity as the core of our faith. (CCC, #234)			I
1.4.2	Identify Jesus, the Son of God, as true God and true man.	I	D	M
1.4.3	Identify that to be Christian, one must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (CCC, #454)	D	M	
1.4.4	Define the name of Jesus as "God saves," and the title Christ as "Anointed One." (CCC, #452-453)		I	D
1.4.5	Recognize the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Blessed Trinity and that He can be understood as the love of the Father for the Son, and the love of the Son for the Father.			I
1.4.6	Identify that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples at Pentecost to guide the Church.	D	D	M
1.4.7	Recognize how the Holy Spirit helps us to live in peace as Jesus did, making good choices.	I	D	M

Church

1.5.1	Illustrate the Church as the People of God and the Body of Christ.	D	D	D
1.5.2	List the apostles as the first leaders of the Church.	I	D	M
1.5.3	Identify the Pope as the leader of the whole Church on earth and the Bishop as the leader of the local Church assisted by priests and deacons, religious and laity.	D	D	M
1.5.4	Show how we learn from others and teach others the way to the reign of God as members of the Church.	I	D	M
1.5.5	Define Pentecost as the celebration of the birthday of the Church.	I	D	D
1.5.6	Recognize that the Church is one: in acknowledging one Lord; confessing one faith born in one Baptism, and is given life by the one Spirit. (CCC, #886)	I	D	D
1.5.7	Recognize that the Church is Holy because God created it.	I	D	D
1.5.8	Define the meaning of the term "Catholic" as universal. (CCC, #830)	I	D	D
1.5.9	Define that the term "Apostolic" means founded on the Apostles' mission; built on a lasting foundation. (CCC, #857;869)	I	D	D
1.5.10	Illustrate how, as members of the Catholic Church, we follow its laws, the Precepts. (CCC, #2041-2043)	I	D	D

Community

1.6.1	Examine how we are a community of believers who follow Jesus.	I	D	M
1.6.2	Identify the Church community as including the pope, clergy, religious and lay people.	I	D	D
1.6.3	Explore how we care for those in need and work to build a better world through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.	D	D	D
1.6.4	Recognize that we gather at Mass as a community of faith to be reconciled, to give thanks, and to celebrate.	I	D	D

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Creation

1.7.1	Illustrate God as the creator of all things and everything that God created as good. (CCC, #299)	D	D	M
1.7.2	Identify that all of God's creation is to be respected and as Christians we accept responsibility to care for it.	D	D	D
1.7.3	Illustrate that we are to be thankful for the gifts we have been given and share generously with others.	D	D	M
1.7.4	Identify Satan, or the devil and the other demons, as fallen angels who have freely refused to serve God and His plan. (CCC, #414)	I	D	M
1.7.5	Identify that the Sabbath is to be kept holy.	D	D	M

SACRAMENTS-GIFT

Essential Standard #2: Recognize the presence of Christ in the Sacraments.
*** Know that the Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and Service bring us into a closer relationship with Christ. (CCC, #1210-1658)**

Sacrament

2.1.1	Identify that the Church has Seven Sacraments that help us to share in Christ's presence.	I	D	M
2.1.2	Recognize that Jesus gave us the Seven Sacraments to nourish our spiritual life.	D	D	M
2.1.3	Recognize that God gives us grace through the Sacraments to help us live a holy life.	I	D	M
2.1.4	Identify that Sacraments have effects and outward signs.	D	D	M
2.1.5	Define the Sacraments of Initiation as Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.	I	D	M
2.1.6	Define the Sacraments of Healing as Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.	I	D	M
2.1.7	Define the Sacraments of Service as Matrimony and Holy Orders.	I	D	M
2.1.8	Recognize that we celebrate the presence and action of Christ in our lives through the Sacraments.	I	D	M

Baptism

2.2.1	Identify how Baptism gives new life, cleanses sin, and joins us to the Christian community.	D	D	M
2.2.2	Recognize that Baptism imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul: for this reason, one can receive this Sacrament only once in one's life. (CCC, #1272)	I	D	M
2.2.3	Recognize that Baptism calls all of us to a life of service especially helping those in need.	I	D	M

Reconciliation

2.3.1	Define how Catholics confess their sins and celebrate God's forgiveness.	D	D	M
2.3.2	Recognize that only an ordained priest can forgive sins in the name of Christ. (CCC, #1495)	I	D	M

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Eucharist

2.4.1	Recognize how the Eucharist makes present the sacrifice of Christ and is a community meal in which Christ is really present to us.	D	D	M
2.4.2	Identify that only an ordained priest can preside at the Eucharist and consecrate the bread and wine so that they become the Body and Blood of the Lord. (CCC, #1411)	D	D	M
2.4.3	Identify that Catholics are encouraged to receive Communion whenever they attend Mass; however, they must receive at least once a year. (CCC, #1388-1389)	I	D	M
2.4.4	Identify that anyone who receives Christ in the Eucharistic Communion must be in a state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive Communion without having absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (CCC, #1415)	I	D	M

Confirmation

2.5	Define how Confirmation strengthens us in the Holy Spirit.	I	D	M
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Anointing of the Sick

2.6.1	Recognize that anointing of the Sick celebrates Christ's healing presence in our lives.	I	D	M
2.6.2	Recall that a Christian may receive the Anointing of the Sick each time one falls seriously ill. (CCC, #1529)	I	D	M

Matrimony

2.7.1	Recognize that Matrimony celebrates the grace-filled covenant between a man and a woman to love each other as husband and wife. (CCC, #1601)	I	D	M
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Holy Orders

2.8.1	Recognize that Holy Orders celebrates the call to serve God's people through the ordained ministry.	I	D	M
2.8.2	Understand that the Church confers the Sacrament of Holy Orders on baptized men that God has chosen.	I	D	D
2.8.3	Define Holy Orders as a Sacrament of special service and commitment to the Church.	I	D	M

Mass

2.9.1	Identify the essential parts of Mass as the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.	I	D	M
2.9.2	Examine how we remember the sacrifice of Christ and thank God for salvation during the Mass.	D	M	
2.9.3	Identify how we celebrate liturgical feasts and seasons as a Church community.	D	D	D
2.9.4	Recognize how the season of Advent prepares us for Christmas and for the second coming of Christ.	D	D	M
2.9.5	Recognize Lent as a special time for praying, sacrificing, and sharing because of Jesus' suffering.	D	M	
2.9.6	Explain how the Eucharistic celebration (Mass) on Holy Thursday reminds us of the Last Supper.	D	M	
2.9.7	Identify that Christians celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.	D	M	
2.9.8	Explore how sacred music enhances our prayer at Mass.	D	M	
2.9.9	Recognize that when we volunteer to help at Mass, we are helping the priest (ministry).	I	D	D

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Discipleship

2.10.1	Recognize that Mary and the saints offer us examples of good Christian lives.	D	D	D
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CHRISTIAN LIVING-LIFE

**Essential Standard #3: Recognize Jesus' life as a model for our own.
(CCC, #1694; 1716-1717)**

*** Recognize that God calls us to be responsible for our actions.**

*** Recognize the importance of serving others.**

Vocation

3.1.1	Explore how we all have vocations.	I	D	D
3.1.2	Recognize the purpose of a Christian's life is to know, love, and serve God.	I	D	M
3.1.3	Recognize that we serve God and others by following the Commandments, Beatitudes, and Works of Mercy.	I	D	D
3.1.4	Recognize that parents should respect and encourage their children's vocations remembering to teach that the first calling of the Christian is to follow Jesus. (CCC, #2253)	I	D	M

Human Dignity

3.2.1	Recognize how God created persons of different races and cultures; all are one in God.	D	D	D
3.2.2	Explore how differences in personalities, races, and nationalities are good for the whole human family and we show appreciation for God's creation when we appreciate differences.	D	D	D
3.2.3	Recognize that God teaches us to lead a healthy life and make good choices.	I	D	D
3.2.4	Recognize that human life is sacred and must be respected. (CCC, #2258)	D	D	D

Human Interaction/Sexuality

3.3.1	Recognize that parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children in faith, prayer, and the virtues. (CCC, #2252)	I	D	D
3.3.2	Recognize that responsible relationships are based on love, honesty and respect.	I	D	D
3.3.3	Recognize that we respect the human body as sacred life.	I	D	D

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Moral Conscience

3.4.1	Illustrate how all people are called to be faithful to God's love by following the two great commandments.	I/D	M	
3.4.2	Show how the Ten Commandments help us to model our life after the life of Jesus.	D	M	
3.4.3	Recognize that our conscience helps us to know what is right and do what we believe is right.	I	D	D
3.4.4	Identify how God calls us to be responsible for our own actions.	D	D	M
3.4.5	Explore how the virtues of faith, hope, and love help us live good lives.	I	D	D
3.4.6	Recognize how sin is choosing to turn away from God, harming our relationship with God, ourselves and others.	D	D	D
3.4.7	Identify that Scripture teaches us there are two kinds of sin: mortal and venial. (CCC, #1854-1864)	D	D	D
3.4.8	Recognize that purity of heart enables us to see God. (CCC, #2531)		I	D

Social Justice

3.5.1	Describe how whatever we do for people in need, we do for Jesus.	D	D	M
3.5.2	Recognize that the Church teaches that we must work for a more just and fair world.	I	D	D
3.5.3	Explore how we share in Jesus' mission when we reach out to the poor, the lonely, and the suffering.	I	D	D
3.5.4	Examine how the Beatitudes show us how to trust God, and how to forgive and have mercy for others. (CCC, #1716-1729)		I	D
3.5.5	Recall that "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called Sons of God." (CCC, #2330)		I	D

Community Service

3.6.1	Recognize the importance of our call to share in Jesus' ministry of love and service.	D	D	D
3.6.2	Explore how charity and kindness are a response to God's call to serve.	D	D	D
3.6.3	Recognize that service is shown through the contribution of time, talent and treasure.			I

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PRAYER-RELATIONSHIP

Essential Standard #4: Understand prayer as a way to grow closer to God. (CCC, #2564-2565; 2644; 2650-2651; 2659-2660; 2670-2672) *Understand and practice different forms of prayer. (CCC, #2625-2642)	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5
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4.1.1	Recognize that prayer strengthens our relationship with God. (CCC, #2786-2788)	I	D	D
4.1.2	Recognize that Christians talk to and listen to God daily. (CCC, #2659-2660)	I/D	M	
4.1.3	Recognize that there is public prayer and private prayer. (CCC, #2691)	I/D	M	
4.1.4	Define Mass as the best public prayer.	I	D	M
4.1.5	Identify the Lord's Prayer as the most perfect prayer. (CCC, #2765-2766; 2774)	I	D	D
4.1.6	Explore how Christians forgive those who hurt them, bear wrongs patiently, and pray for everyone, both the living and the dead.	I	D	M
4.1.7	Recognize how the Holy Spirit helps us to pray. (CCC, #2670-2672)	I	D	D
4.1.8	Recognize that we praise God in prayers of praise.	I	D/M	
4.1.9	Recognize that we are thankful in prayers of thanksgiving.	I	D/M	
4.1.10	Recognize that we express sorrow for sin in prayers of contrition.	I	D/M	
4.1.11	Recognize that we ask for what we need in prayers of petition.	I	D/M	
4.1.12	Recognize that Mary is the mother of all and we can pray to her and with her. (CCC, #2617-2619)	I	D	D
4.1.13	Recognize that we ask for the Lord's help through the intercession of the saints.	I	D	D
4.1.14	Identify that Psalms are prayers found in the Old Testament that Jesus liked to pray.	I	D	D
4.1.15	Recognize that Indulgences help the faithful obtain forgiveness.			I
4.1.16	Recognize that we adore Christ by making visits to the Blessed Sacrament. (CCC, #1378; 1418)	I	D	D