

# **Fifth Grade: Responding to God**

In Fifth Grade, lessons of heroes of the faith in Scripture and Tradition who gave examples of faith, loyalty, self-sacrifice, obedience, love, justice and social responsibility are studied. Through this study, students learn to respond to God in terms of personal faith and the basics of Christian morality, the Ten Commandments and the teaching of Christ. (This definition is taken from the Scope and Sequence of our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.)

**During the Fifth Grade Catechetical School year, students should learn:**

## **I. God the Father**

Stories of Cain and Abel, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Joshua and the Promised Land are used to show how these individual responded to the will of God.

## **II. God the Son-Jesus Christ**

This section covers the events which occur during the Passion of Christ.

## **III. God the Holy Spirit**

This section discusses how the Holy Spirit worked through the Prophets.

## **IV. Church**

Examples from the seven Churches in Rev. 3-4 and the many leaders of our faith from different parts of the world are given.

## **V. Worship and Prayer**

Worship is shown as the response of the people to God.

## **VI. Liturgy**

Elaborations of the specific parts of the Liturgy are discussed.

## **VII. Sacraments and Other Services**

The Sacrament of Ordination as a response to God's calling is given as an example of other ways to serve God.

## **VIII. Prayers and Hymns**

**Students continue to learn of the many prayers used in our Faith and Liturgy.**

**IX. Saints, Feasts, Cycles**

**Emphasis on the lives of Athanasius, Basil and John Chrysostom are studied.**

**X. Scripture**

**Children learn to read the Bible including the Proverbs, Book of Acts and Book of Psalms.**

**XI. Tradition**

**The meaning and importance of wearing our Cross is discussed, as well as relating icons to lessons.**

**XII. Christian Family**

**The lessons emphasized discuss the Biblical Families and Saints and how they responded to God's will.**

**XIII. Ethics and Spirituality**

**Students learn the Ten Commandments and explanation of them. They are taught of Christ's calling for the spiritual response of the faithful.**

**XIV. Service and Mission**

**Class Service projects are emphasized and family involvement in giving is discussed.**

**XV. Other Faiths, Society and World**

**Students are given examples of how to give of themselves is discussed.**