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To introduce the child to God as Creator, the Holy Family, and stories of Jesus' life.

Six Tasks of Catechesis			
Task 1: Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of Faith.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
K.1.1 God the Father is the Creator of all. Everything God created is good.	279-301, 338	Genesis 1:1-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help the children to understand that God created the earth, creatures and humans.
K.1.2 God created the sky and saw that it was good.	339	Genesis 1:3-5; 1:14 - 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow them to share ways they can help take care of the earth and God's people. Discuss: loving people, recycling,
K.1.3 God created the sky and saw that it was good.		Genesis 1: 6-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss pollution and wild life preservation.
K.1.4 God created the oceans and seas. He created the land and filled it with many plants, fruits, and vegetables, and He saw that they were good.		Genesis 1:10-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share classroom snacks grown in a garden.
K.1.5 God created the sun and the moon and saw that they were good.		Genesis 1:16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant seeds with the children and show how sun and water affect their growth.
K.1.6 God created the fish and birds and saw that they were good.	2416	Genesis 1:21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce Saint Francis as one who taught that we can love God by taking care of the animals.
K.1.7 God created the land and all the creatures that crawl on the ground and saw that they were good.	2416	Genesis 1:24-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take a nature walk and use your five senses to experience all of God's creation.
K.1.8 God created men and women, the highpoint of creation , and saw that they were good.	343		
K.1.9 When God finished creating the world He rested.	345	Genesis 1:31	
K.1.10 God created each person out of love and wants them to love Him and be with Him forever in Heaven .	358, 1721		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make "God Loves _____" name tags.
K.1.11 God sent His Son, Jesus , to earth to show each person how to love God . Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead so each person could go to heaven .			
K.1.12 God cares for us as a shepherd cares for His sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and cares for each person.		John 10:1-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss Christ as the Good Shepherd and how we are His sheep.
K.1.13 Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Mary .	441-445, 454, 461-470, 495	Luke 2:1-14	
K.1.14 Jesus is truly God and truly man.	509	Luke 1:30-33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the Annunciation story, Luke 1:26-38.

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K.1.15 Jesus sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to help each person love God . Grace is God's love and life which helps each person to be good.	733-736, 747		
K.1.16 God the Father , God the Son , and God the Holy Spirit together are the Blessed Trinity . Every prayer should begin with the Sign of the Cross . The prayer is: "In the name of the Father , and of the Son , and of the Holy Spirit, Amen ."	261		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the story of Saint Patrick and the shamrock to explain the Blessed Trinity. Reinforce the use of the Sign of the Cross in prayer throughout the day and connect this prayer to the Trinity.
K.1.17 Angels are special friends of God whom He created to share His love . Each person has a Guardian Angel sent by God to help and protect them in this life. We cannot see Angels , but they are present with us.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach children the Guardian Angel prayer and pray it every day.
K.1.18 God sent the Angel Gabriel to Mary to ask her to be the mother of Jesus . Mary loved God very much and said "yes" to God . Mary always wanted to do what would make God happy.	148-149, 498, 501	Luke 1:26-38	
K.1.19 Jesus grew up in a family. Mary was His mother and Joseph was His foster father. They lived in Nazareth. They loved God and loved each other so they are called the Holy Family .	531-532	Luke 2:39-52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the children compare and contrast their family with the Holy Family.
K.1.20 Mary is our Heavenly Mother. She wants to help each person grow to know her son Jesus . Jesus loves His Mother, Mary , very much and wants us to honor her.		Luke 1: 29-56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the Hail Mary.
K.1.21 Many people who lived holy lives are called Saints . Saints are God's special people and part of the family of the Church in heaven . They are Jesus' friends and our friends.	823, 828, 946		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell the story of Saint Joseph.
K.1.22 The Bible is a special book that teaches God's people about His creation . The Bible tells about God's Chosen People, the Israelites, and about the life of Jesus . The Bible shows us how to do God's will.	828, 945, 2030		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the Bible as a sacred book that reveals God's love for us. Readings at Mass come from the Bible.
K.1.23 The Bible tells the story of God's people. Each person is a part of that story. These are some of the stories of God loving and saving His people:	104 131-133	Genesis 1:1-31 Genesis 2:1-25 Genesis 7:12-8:20 Genesis 37:2-11 Exodus 12:37-42 1 Samuel 3:1-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose Bible stories to read to the children. • Creation story • Noah and the Ark • Joseph and his brothers • Exodus • Calling of Samuel • David and Goliath • Jonah and the Whale

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		18 1 Samuel 17:4-51 Jonah 2:1-11 Luke 2:1-20 Luke 2:39-51 John 2:1-11 Luke 18:15-17 John 10:1-21 Luke 22:14-20 Luke 24:1-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Christmas Story• The Holy Family• The Wedding at Cana• Jesus blessing the little children• The Good Shepherd• The Last Supper• The Resurrection• The Miracles of Jesus
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Task 2: Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of the Meaning of the Liturgy and the Sacraments.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
K.2.1 Jesus gives the people of the Church the Sacraments to bring us God's grace and help us love God . Sacraments are special signs of God's love for us.	1131		
K.2.2 BAPTISM After we are born we receive the Sacrament of Baptism . Each person becomes a child of God and a member of the Catholic Church . Each person receives God's special grace of His life and love.	1213, 1250 – 1252, 1277		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce signs and symbols of Baptism. Bring in examples. Tour the Baptistery.
K.2.3 At our baptism , our parents and godparents made promises for us and agreed to help us learn about God and keep those promises.	1253 - 1255		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about the promises of Baptism and have children name their godparents.
K.2.4 EUCHARIST In the Sacrament of the Eucharist Jesus comes to each person in a very special way.	1373 - 1375, 1413		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about how people receive Communion during Mass.
K.2.5 During the Mass the priest puts his hands over the bread and wine. He asks God the Father to send the Holy Spirit to make the <u>bread and wine</u> the <u>Body and Blood of Jesus</u> . This is called the epiclesis .	1353	John 6:57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have your pastor talk to the children about when the epiclesis and the consecration take place during the Mass.
K.2.6 The next part of the Mass is called the Consecration . The priest consecrates the bread and wine and it becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus . The priest says, "this is my body, this is my blood."	1353		
K.2.7 Before He died Jesus ate a last meal with his apostles. This Last Supper was the first Eucharist	1323, 1337 – 1340	Luke 22:14-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell children the story of the Last Supper and display an image.
K.2.8 Until we are able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist we can go up to receive a blessing from the priest . Young children can pray in their hearts that Jesus comes to them.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show the children how to cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing at Communion.
K.2.9 The Church Year is called the Liturgical Year . During the Liturgical Year the Church celebrates different seasons. Each season has a special color. The Liturgical Year starts with Advent . The other seasons are Christmas, Lent , Easter , and Ordinary Time .	1168-1173		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show the children the different Liturgical Colors and explain when each is used. Change the color of the classroom prayer corner to reflect the Liturgical season. Post the Liturgical calendar.

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K.2.10 Each person is expected go to Mass every Sunday to praise God and to thank Him for all His gifts. At the Mass we celebrate God's love for us; the priest helps us learn about God . Each person must be attentive and learn to listen and be silent.	1193, 2042		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask the children to name the vestment color that the priest wore at Mass the previous Sunday.
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Task 3: Promotes Moral Formation in Jesus Christ.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
K.3.1 God graces us with His love . Each person can choose what is right or wrong. Each person can ask God to help choose what is right. Each person sins when he or she makes a wrong choice against God's laws.	1872, 1731 - 1733	Exodus 20: 1	• Help children understand that everyday each person chooses to do what is right or wrong. Let them give examples of actions that are right or wrong.
K.3.2 When a person chooses to do wrong it hurts their relationship with God . God will forgive each person if they ask for forgiveness .	1490	Mark 11:25 Luke 15:11	• Help children to understand that God wants us to forgive others as He forgives us. Tell the story of the Prodigal Son.
K.3.3 Jesus sacrificed His life, died on the cross , and rose from the dead so that each person's sins may be forgiven. Because Jesus died for each person they may someday go to heaven to be with Him. This makes Jesus our Savior .	606	Mark 10:45	• Introduce the image of the crucifix to help the children understand why Christ suffered and died for each person.
K.3.4 God gave Moses the Ten Commandments so that we would know how to show God we love Him and how to do good.	2056	Exodus 20:1	
K.3.5 God wants each person to love Him and to love other people by being kind in word and action.	2055, 2142	Matthew 22:37-40	• Discuss ways to be kind in word and action.
K.3.6 God wants each person to worship Him each Sunday at Mass .	2168-2169, 2174-2176, 2172	Exodus 20:8-11	
K.3.7 God wants each person to obey their parents and other people in authority; such as priests , teachers, and police officers.	2214-2217, 2197, 2234	Exodus 20:12	• Share ways we obey or disobey our parents.
K.3.8 God wants each person to always tell the truth. It is wrong to say hurtful words or hurt someone on purpose.	2258, 2262, 2302, 2464-2487,	Exodus 20:13;16	
K.3.9 God wants us to respect the gift of our bodies and to never hurt the bodies of others.	2288	Exodus 20:15,17	
K.3.10 God wants each person to respect the belongings of others. It is wrong to take or damage anything belonging to another.	2401, 2408, 2534,		
K.3.11 God wants each person to treat everyone with respect because we are all God's children and are special to Him.	1700		

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Task 4: Catechesis Teaches the Christian How to Pray with Christ.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
K.4.1 Jesus listens to and talks with His Father . Prayer is listening and talking to God with our minds and hearts.	2559, 2599,	Luke 18:9-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage daily prayer to help us grow in our personal relationship with God. Lead them in the “Sign of the Cross.”
K.4.2 We pray to praise God , ask God for His help, and thank Him for all He has given us.	2637, 2639, 2646,	Matthew 7:7-11 Mark 11:24 Acts 2:47 1 Thessalonians 5:18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage children to pray in the morning and before bed at night.
K.4.3 The Holy Spirit is sent by Jesus to help us share God's love with others. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray .	2670	Acts 2:38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the Holy Spirit as the gift of love.
K.4.4 We ask Mary , our Mother, to pray to Jesus for us.	2682, 969	Luke 2: 46-55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a prayer in honor of Mary.

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Task 5: Catechesis Prepares the Christian to Live in Community and to Participate Actively in the Life and Mission of the Church.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
K.5.1 We belong to a Church family. The Church is a community made up of the people of God led by the priest .	832, 833, 836		
K.5.2 Saints are special friends of Jesus who lived their lives doing God's will. They now live in heaven and are part of our Church family.	828, 946, 2683		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read stories of Saints - i.e., Saint Patrick, Saint, Nicholas, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Elizabeth.
K.5.3 The family is a special community within the Church . A family is made of a mother, father and children. We love and care for our families just as God loves and cares for His family the Church .	2204-2205		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help children to understand the importance of loving and respecting their family members. (Be sensitive to children who only live with one parent.)
K.5.4 The parish is a community of people who gather with the priest at the parish church to praise and worship God .	2179		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name of our parish is _____.
K.5.5 Every parish has a pastor who is a priest . He helps us to learn about and worship God in the celebration of the Mass .	1566-1568		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name of our priest(s) is/are _____.
K.5.6 Our parish is one of many parishes in this community that make up our diocese . We are part of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. A diocese is lead by a bishop .	833, 894		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name of our bishop is _____.
K.5.7 The Pope is the head of the entire Catholic Church on earth. The Pope lives in Vatican City, which is near Rome, Italy.	880-882		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pope's name is _____. Locate Vatican City on a World Map or Globe. If possible display pictures of our current Bishop and Pope.

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Task 6: Catechesis Promotes a Missionary Spirit that Prepares the Faithful to be Present as Christians in Society.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
K.6.1 God calls us to share His love with all people. Each person can share God's love with our words or acts of service .	1823	Mark 16:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss ways to help a person in need and do a small service project.
K.6.2 Some people are missionaries and go to other countries to share God's love.	905-906		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell the story of a Catholic missionary such as Mother Teresa or Saint Francis Xavier.
K.6.3 Each person can share God's love by doing acts of kindness for others.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify acts of kindness. Tell the story of Saint Therese, the Little Flower.
K.6.4 Each person can share God's love by giving to the poor. God wants us to be fair by making sure that each person has what they need.	2443-2444, 2462	Luke 10:30-37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss why we give back some of our earnings to God.
K.6.5 Each person can share God's love by helping our neighbors, the sick, and the elderly.	2447		