

Preschool

To introduce the child to God as the Creator of heaven and earth.

Six Tasks of Catechesis			
Task 1: Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of Faith.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
P.1.1 God created me.	1	Genesis 1:27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share baby pictures.
P.1.2 God loves us.	218-219		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color a heart put their picture on it.
P.1.3 God knows everyone by name.	2158	Matthew 19:14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach song "Let the Children come to me".
P.1.4 We are created to be unique and special individuals.	1701, 2159	Psalms 139:1-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about ways we are alike and different. • Create a handprint banner with multiple skin color paint.
P.1.5 God cares for us through our families	2203, 2221	Genesis 5:1-32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw a picture of your family.
P.1.6 All creation is a gift of God .	299, 2402	James 1:17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a nature walk and look at God's creation.
P.1.7 God made the world.	32, 290	Genesis 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach song "He has the whole world in His hands".
P.1.8 God created people in His image.	299	Genesis 1:26 Isaiah 42:5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use mirror bottomed box to view their image.
P.1.9 We care for ourselves and others.	1789, 1844	John 13:34 Luke 10:29-37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the Good Samaritan story.
P.1.10 Recognize God as a loving father.	239	Genesis 26:24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare earthly father with heavenly father.
P.1.11 Identify Jesus as God's son.	444	Luke 1:32-33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act out the birth of Jesus.
P.1.12 Introduce Jesus as the Good Shepherd who takes care of us as a shepherd takes care of his sheep.		John 10:14-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have children glue cotton balls onto a sheep to display or take home.
P.1.13 Introduce the Holy Spirit as the third person in God .	731	Acts 1:5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the story "3 in 1" by Joanne Marxhausen, published by Concordia Publishing, ISBN: 0570077907 and demonstrate with an apple.

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Task 2: Promoting the Knowledge of the Liturgy and Sacraments.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
P.2.1 Demonstrate that the Bible is a special book about God .	81		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a special place for the Bible. Explore various children's bibles.
P.2.2 Demonstrate that we are welcomed into God's family at baptism .	1213	Luke 3:21-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate baptism by using a baby doll. Show the Baptismal Font at the church.
P.2.3 Explain that church is God's house on earth and is a sacred place.	756		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a tour of the church. Discuss appropriate behavior in church.
P.2.4 Introduce the Mass as the perfect prayer.	1088		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice parts of the Mass.
P.2.5 At Mass stories about God are read and God gives us the gift of Himself at Communion .	1331		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Mass book with pictures of the parts of Mass.

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Task 3: Promoting Moral Formation in Christ.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
P.3.1 Teach the children about the Great Commandment .	2447	Matthew 22:39 Mark 12:41-44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the story of the woman who gave her last coin. Discuss how we share and why we share our toys.
P.3.2 Apply the concept of sharing with others.	2833	John 6:1-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a fish mobile.
P.3.3 Tell how our parish family works together to help others.	2179		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring in food or toys to share with a local shelter.
P.3.4 Relate that Jesus tells us to love and respect ourselves and others.	1825, 1944	John 15:12 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act out talents and skills.
P.3.5 Give examples of right and wrong. (Sin)	1849, 1850		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a mirror activity to show how sin dims our reflection of God. • (Sprinkle water and dirt on a mirror. • Discuss how their image is not clear. Next, clean off the dirt and discuss how their image is now a clear reflection of God.)

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Task 4: Teaching the Christian how to Pray.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
P.4.1 Define prayer as talking and listening to God .	2559 - 2565	Matthew 7:7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model prayer posture and spontaneous prayer. In addition, use imaginary telephones and practice talking to God.
P.4.2 Introduce the Sign of the Cross .	2157		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach and practice making the Sign of the Cross.
P.4.3 Introduce meal prayers .	2698		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach the meal prayers before and after snack.
P.4.4 Realize that songs can be prayer .	1156	Psalms 150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sing songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. Incorporate the sounds and motions of playing musical instruments as they pray.
P.4.5 Participate in prayer in class, with the family, and at church .			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share in class prayer and add own intentions and prayers of praise.

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Task 5: Preparing the Christian How to Live in Community.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
P.5.1 Introduce Christmas as the time when Jesus is born.	525	Luke 2:1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the Christmas story.
P.5.2 Teach the children that Jesus belonged to a family, the Holy Family .	533, 534	Luke 2:41-52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use finger puppets to tell the story of Jesus in the temple.
P.5.3 Compare our families to the Holy Family .			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and list jobs that they do to help at home.
P.5.4 Introduce the church community as a parish family.	849 - 856	Acts 2:42-47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use student photos to make a class collage.
P.5.5 We are friends of Jesus in His church community . We attend Mass as a Holy celebration.	805	Acts 2:14-47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a church outline with popsicle sticks. Use children's thumb prints to represent the people.
P.5.6 Introduce Easter as a special celebration of Jesus dying and rising from the dead.	1169	Mark 16:1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how springtime brings about new life.
P.5.7 Recognize the beauty of God's creation and the need to care for it.	32, 2402		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant flowers as part of beautifying their surroundings.

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Task 6: Promoting a Missionary Spirit.			
Content	Catechism (paragraph number)	Scripture	Living the Christian Faith
P.6.1 Through our baptism , we are called to continue the mission of Jesus .	1565	Matthew 28:16-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about how people in our family and community serve God.
P.6.2 Relate that priests and nuns serve God in a special way.	1562		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite a priest to speak to the class.