

## **MCFD LESSON SYNOPSES FOR FIRST GRADE**

### **Week of 9/22/19:**

Children will be able to explain that God created each of them out of love and that they are children of God. They will know that God wants them to respond to His love with love and gratitude, and they will be able to understand that they can and should talk to God in prayer and that He always hears their prayers.

### **Week of 9/29/19:**

Children will understand that heaven is God's home. They will be able to make the Sign of the Cross, and realize that Jesus is present at Mass.

### **Week of 10/6/19:**

Children will know that God is constantly loving and caring for them.

### **Week of 10/13/19:**

Children will realize that God gave them a soul that enables them to know, love and choose, and that they are made in God's image. They will recognize that they must know, love and serve God, and that their guardian angels help them on this road to heaven.

### **Week of 10/20/19:**

Children will develop an understanding and familiarity with the subjects of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, original sin and the role of grace.

### **Week of 10/27/19:**

Children will learn that God is always willing to forgive them, and that Jesus is their Savior.

### **Week of 11/3/19:**

Children will learn that through salvation history God teaches them about faith, love and obedience, and that this story is preserved and passed on in the Bible.

### **Week of 11/10/19:**

Children will learn about the time of waiting for the Savior, and the role of the prophets, Moses and the Ten Commandments. They will also learn that Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for Jesus.

### **Week of 11/24/19:**

Children will understand that Mary is the Mother of God. They will deepen their understanding of the Immaculate Conception, and recognize the important role of Mary and the rosary in the life of a Catholic.

### **Week of 12/1/19:**

Children will learn that Jesus is the Son of God and that He became man out of love for them. They will learn that by helping those in need they show their love for Jesus.

**Week of 12/8/19:**

Children will learn that they worship God through prayer, the Mass and adoration, and that by helping others they are offering gifts to Jesus.

**Week of 12/15/19:**

Children will learn that they should follow the example that Jesus gave us during His earthly life.

**Week of 12/22/19:**

Children will learn that they can follow Jesus by acting as He would, by knowing and loving Him, and by teaching others about Him. They will also learn that Jesus has a special love for children.

**Week of 12/29/19:**

Children will learn that the Bible is God's Word and that He speaks to them through the Bible to help them in their lives. They will also learn that God asks them to help and pray for others.

**Week of 1/5/20:**

Children will learn that Jesus is the Son of God. They will also learn that Jesus can work miracles in their lives, and that He heals and forgives them through the Church in the sacraments of healing (Penance and Anointing of the Sick).

**Week of 1/12/20:**

Children will deepen their faith and trust in Jesus, and recognize Him as the Son of God.

**Week of 1/19/20:**

Children will learn that Jesus gave them the gift of Himself, the Eucharist, so that He might be with the Church for all time.

**Week of 1/26/20:**

Children will develop an understanding of self-giving love. They will understand that Jesus gave Mary to them to be their mother, and they will be inspired to thank Jesus for loving them enough to die on the Cross for them.

**Week of 2/2/20:**

Children will learn that at Mass the Church celebrates the Resurrection, and they will understand that the gift of grace helps their souls so they can be like Jesus and go to heaven.

**Week of 2/9/20:**

Children will learn that Jesus started the Church to continue His work here on earth, and that as part of Christ's Church they are called to do what Jesus asks them to do.

**Week of 2/23/20:**

Children will learn that Jesus gave them the gift of His Church, which will help them get to heaven, and that when they were baptized they received grace and became members of the Church.

**Week of 3/1/20:**

Children will understand that the Holy Spirit is their friend and comforter who helps them to live good lives.

**Week of 3/8/20:**

Children will learn that the Trinity is a relationship of persons, just as a family is a relationship of persons.

**Week of 3/15/20:**

Children will learn that they become part of God's loving family through Baptism, and they will better understand the Rite and Sacrament of Baptism.

**Week of 3/29/20:**

Children will learn that Jesus gave them the gift of Himself and that they are strengthened and comforted through Jesus. They will also learn that they are called to respond to Jesus' gift of Himself through thanksgiving, stewardship and charity toward others.

**Week of 4/5/20:**

Children will learn that Mary is the mother of God and their mother. She is an intercessor and model for them.

**Week of 4/12/20:**

Children will learn that they are called to be disciples to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and that it's not always easy to follow Jesus but they should ask Him for help.

**Week of 4/19/20:**

Children will learn that God's plan is for them to be with Him in heaven forever, and that their purpose in life is to know, love, and serve God on earth in order to be happy with Him forever in heaven.