

MCFD LESSON SYNOPSES FOR THIRD GRADE

Week of 9/22/19:

Children will develop an understanding of their need for God, especially through learning to pray as Jesus taught.

Week of 9/29/19:

Children will deepen their knowledge of God as a wise and loving Creator, and will understand that life is a gift from God.

Week of 10/6/19:

Children will learn that Jesus founded His Church on earth, and they will learn about the parts of the Bible.

Week of 10/13/19:

Children will develop an understanding of man's need for God's loving grace and mercy, especially in light of original sin. They will deepen their understanding and appreciation that Jesus restores the life of grace within them.

Week of 10/20/19:

Children will understand that faith is a gift from God, and that God never forgets them. He blesses them when they respond in faith, obedience and love.

Week of 10/27/19:

Children will understand that God always keeps his promises, and He providentially takes care of His people.

Week of 11/3/19:

Children will learn that God has nourished Israel and all men with the Ten Commandments. They will realize they need God's loving grace to follow the Ten Commandments, and they will grow in their desire to express their love for God by obeying the Commandments.

Week of 11/10/19:

Children will learn to talk to God in prayer. They will realize their need for God and show gratitude for His many blessings and abiding love.

Week of 11/17/19:

Children will learn to know, love and serve God in this world so that they can be happy with Him in heaven. They will deepen their understanding of the true worship of God, their appreciation for Mass, and the Church as sacred.

Week of 11/24/19:

Children will understand that through love and worship of God they will grow in holiness and receive God's many blessings. They will be drawn to praise and worship God on Sundays and holy days.

Week of 12/1/19:

Children will learn to love God by honoring their parents, and they will understand that all life is precious.

Week of 12/8/19:

Children will increase in the virtues of hope and love by living in purity and truth in all that they say and do.

Week of 12/15/19:

Children will realize that God's love and mercy are endless and that He never stops loving them. They will be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Penance through studying how Jesus has given priests the power to forgive sins.

Week of 12/22/19:

Children will come to know Jesus' love and mercy. They will learn the importance of the Sacrament of Penance and that it is a sacrament of healing.

Week of 12/29/19:

Children will understand that God has a special plan for each of them, and they will desire to emulate Mary's joy, obedience and humility. They will realize that the season of Advent prepares them for Christmas, and how the humility of the Nativity should draw them to worship Jesus, just as it did the shepherds and the wise men.

Week of 1/5/20:

Children will learn that Jesus is God and that He is a man who lived on earth and is still alive today. They will realize their call to holiness in imitating the life of Christ.

Week of 1/12/20:

Children will come to know that the good news of the gospel is that Jesus loves them and wants them to be with Him forever in heaven. They will realize that they meet Jesus in the Word and that they are called to follow Him.

Week of 1/19/20:

Children will realize that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. They will know the effects of receiving Holy Communion and that their disposition is important to receive all the graces offered in this sacrament.

Week of 1/26/20:

Children will develop a very basic understanding of the Paschal Mystery, increasing their hope for heaven. They will learn that Lent and Advent are special times for prayer and uniting their sacrifices with Jesus.

Week of 2/2/20:

Children will understand more about Jesus' love for them and their need to respond to his love in small offerings they can make for Jesus and for others.

Week of 2/9/20:

Children will learn about the parts of the Mass, understand that it is the greatest prayer, and thereby more fully participate in the Mass.

Week of 2/16/20:

Children will have a deeper understanding of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and the centrality of the sacrament in our faith. They will learn to offer themselves to the Father in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Week of 2/23/20:

Children will understand that the Mass unites the family of Christ. They will learn that Jesus provides nourishment for their souls.

Week of 3/1/20:

Children will develop a greater desire to receive Holy Communion because of their love for Jesus.

Week of 3/8/20:

Children will grow in their appreciation and hope for heaven. They will learn the mission of the Church and the apostles.

Week of 3/15/20:

Children will learn to appreciate their mission as baptized Christians. They will recognize the Church's and their own dependence on the Holy Spirit to fulfill the Christian mission.

Week of 3/22/20:

Children will learn that the Church community includes the Pope, bishops, priests, religious and lay people. They will realize that the Church carries out Jesus' mission on earth, and that they have an important role in the Church.

Week of 3/29/20:

Children will learn about each of the seven sacraments: the sacraments of initiation, healing and service.

Week of 4/5/20:

Children will come to understand that Mary's role is to lead us to her Son.

Week of 4/12/20:

Children will realize that they are called to be one with God in heaven.