

GRADE LEVEL 1 EXPECTATIONS

Creedal Church

- Names God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Recognizes that God creates people and the world out of love
- Begins to recognize that God sent us Jesus to show us how to love God
- Learns to identify Church as God's family
- Begins to recognize that the Holy Spirit is with us and helps us to love God
- Recognizes that every person has a guardian angel and angels are messengers of God
- Recognizes Mary as Jesus' mother and our mother
- Learns about saints
- Learns that we are saved as members of God's family
- Recognizes that God wants us to be happy with him in heaven
 - + Knows the Bible is the story of God's people
 - + Learns about Jesus from the Bible
 - + Is familiar with the story of Christmas (Luke 2: 8-18)
 - + Is familiar with the story of Easter (John 20:1-20, Luke 24:13-35)
- Recognizes that God made all kinds of families*
- Recognizes and cares for the body as a gift from God*

Liturgy/Sacrament

- Recognizes sacraments as special signs of God's love
- Recognizes that Baptism welcomes us to God's family, the Church
- Recognizes that at Mass Eucharist is the Bread of Life and the Saving Cup
- Recognizes that in Reconciliation we say "I'm sorry" and Christ forgives
- Gathers with God's family at Mass to thank and praise God
- Begins to pray at Mass: Lord Have Mercy; Glory to God; Alleluia; Response: "And also with you"; Holy, Holy, Holy; Amen; Our Father; Lamb of God
- Recognizes important liturgical seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and celebrates some saint's feast days
- Recognizes Christian signs and symbols: water, candles, cross, fish, chi-rho, oil
 - + Knows the story of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-30, Luke 22:13-20, Mark 14:12-26)
 - + Knows the story of Christmas (Luke 2:8-18)
 - + Knows the story of Easter (John 20:1-20, Luke 24)

Characteristics of a First Grader

- Experiences being special
- Recognizes that he/she belongs to a family
- Appreciates and thanks God for the special gifts of the senses
- Recognizes that friends and family are special
- Helps others and is open to others helping them
- Experiences family rituals and activities
- Experiences forgiveness in daily life
- Recognizes that he/she belongs to the family of God
- Experiences going to church with family weekly
- Shows respect for others
- Begins awareness of social justice issues

Moral Life

- Knows that Jesus gave us two great commandments: To Love God and to love our self and others
- Names how he/she loves God, self and others
- Shows care for others and creation
- Recognizes sin as choosing not to love God, self and others
- Tries to bring peace to one's self and others
- Demonstrates evidence of sharing with others
- Respects God's name as holy
- Recognizes that telling the truth is good and necessary
- Shows respect for people of all races, languages and abilities
- Recognizes saints as people who follow Jesus
 - + Knows the story of creation of the world and us (Genesis 1-3)
 - + Knows the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37)
 - + Knows the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
 - + Knows the story of Jesus blessing the children (Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke: 18:15-17)
 - + Recognizes stories of Jesus loving and helping many people (Mark 8:22-25, Luke 17:11-19)
- Demonstrates care for family members*
- Knows that feelings can make one feel good or bad*
- Recognizes that the heart of the family is married life *
- Knows that he/she can talk to someone when not feeling safe**
- Identifies "private and special" body parts and touches which can make a person feel uncomfortable**

Christian Prayer

- Prays and adores the Blessed Sacrament
- Recognizes that the church building is a house of prayer
- Experiences prayer as listening and talking to God
- Memorizes the Sign of the Cross
- Prays the Sign of the Cross
- Prays the Lord's Prayer
- Prays the Hail Mary
- Prays the Glory to the Father (Doxology)
- Expresses love of God and personal needs in spontaneous prayer
- Celebrates rituals and devotions such as the advent wreath, the Christmas crib, blessing with holy water
- Uses different gestures/postures for prayer
- Is introduced to traditional prayers and devotions such as the rosary and the Way of the Cross
- Reverences the Bible as God's special book
 - + Knows that the Lord's Prayer is part of Scripture (Luke 11:2-4, Matthew 6:9-13)