

GRADE LEVEL 2 EXPECTATIONS

Creedal Church

- Expresses belief in God as Trinity and can discuss the role of each person in the Trinity
- Tells how the Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ
- Talks about ways the Church tries to do the things Jesus did
- Knows that Baptism is a sacrament of initiation into the Church
- Knows and celebrates one's own Baptism
- Knows that Jesus saves us from our sins because he died for our sins
- Describes Jesus as the Son of God who shows us God's love
- Learns that God raised Jesus from the dead
- Knows that Mary is the Mother of God and our mother
- Retells the stories of lives of saints
- Learns about the saints, heroes and heroines of the Church
 - + Knows that God speaks to us through the Bible, especially in the Liturgy of the Word
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of the Nativity (Luke 2:1-18)
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of love of God and others (Matthew 22:37,39)
 - + Is familiar with and articulates the meaning of the call of the first disciples (Matthew 4:18-22)
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way that we are called by God (Isaiah 43:1)
- Knows that God made all things for us to enjoy*
- Recognizes that God made all kinds of families*

Characteristics of a Second Grader

- Appreciates family members and recognizes one's uniqueness within the family
- Likes to participate and takes responsibility for his/her own actions as a member of a community (school, teams, groups)
- Experiences family activities and rituals
- Knows that he/she is special
- Experiences forgiveness in daily life
- Recognizes that he/she belongs to the family of God
- Experiences going to church weekly with the family
- Helps others and is open to being helped
- Can focus for longer periods of time
- Like to help with some routine chores
- Enjoys family outings

Moral Life

- Acts as Jesus would act by being loving, kind, forgiving and helpful at home, school, church and in the community and can give examples of these
- Describes sin as making deliberate choices not to love God, self or others and recognizes our free choice to do good or bad things
- Explains consequences for making wrong choices
- Acts as a peacemaker
- Recognizes that sin harms or breaks our friendship with God
- Recognizes that the moral law to do good and avoid evil is written in our consciences
- Is able to examine his/her conscience in preparation for Sacrament of Penance
- Knows that love of God is inseparable from love of neighbor
- Begins to recognize the implications for living out the commandments
- Shows care for others and creation
- Recognizes saints as people who follow Jesus and act accordingly
- Recognizes the need for outreach and service within the community
- Shows respect for people of all races, languages and abilities
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of the Loaves and Fishes (John 6:1-13)
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of Washing of the Feet (John 13:1-17)
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- Demonstrates love for family members*
- Recognizes that all families have rules and that rules keep people safe*
- Recognizes that all families have happy and sad times*
- 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**

Liturgy and Sacraments

- Recognizes the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist
- Recognizes the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist
- Wants to receive First Communion
- Celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation as healing forgiveness
- Knows importance of gathering regularly with God's family at Mass to worship and ask God's blessings
- Recognizes Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of Eucharist as parts of the Mass
- Experiences liturgical rituals and gestures (for example bow, genuflect) as a way of sharing in Jesus' life
- Knows that God forgives sins in Baptism, Eucharist and Penance
- Recognizes the items found in a Church worship space
- Knows the requirements for receiving Communion: being free from serious sin and fasting one hour prior to receiving communion
- Recognizes Jesus' healing presence in the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of the Sick
- Recognizes the Sacraments of Service as Holy Orders and Matrimony
- Recognizes and celebrates the liturgical seasons such as Advent and Lent
- Recognizes Christian signs and symbols and their importance in Liturgy and Sacraments
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of Christmas (Luke 1-2, Matthew 1:18-25, 2:1-15)
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of The Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-29, John 17:1-26, Luke 22:7-20)
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of the Crucifixion (Matthew 27:33-37)
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of Easter (John 20:1-20, Luke 24:13-35)

Christian Prayer

- Prays the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory To the Father (Doxology), Nicene Creed, Act of Contrition and prayers before and after meals
- Has memorized the Sign of the Cross and the Our Father
- Prays on a daily basis, expressing child-like trust in God
- Celebrates rituals, devotions and activities, e.g., the Advent calendar, Easter symbols
- Learns the importance of praying as a family
- Knows that prayer is raising one's mind and heart to God
- Prays with the help of the Holy Spirit
- Prays using the different gestures and postures of prayer
 - + Reverences the Bible as God's special book and can find the gospel stories in the Bible
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of The Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:9-13)
 - + Is familiar with and articulates in a simple way the meaning of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus and some miracle stories
 - + Can tell how the Bible stories demonstrate God's love