

First Grade Standards

By the end of First Grade children should do the following:

1. Sacred Scripture - Read and understand Sacred Scripture as God's Word speaking to them
 - a. Tell that the stories read at Mass come from the Bible
 - b. Demonstrate respect for the Bible as God's holy Word to us
 - c. Retell the Bible stories of creation and the birth of Jesus
 - d. Relate how Bible stories tell of God's love for us
 - e. Tell that creation shows God's love for us
 - f. Tell that the birth of Jesus shows God's love for us
2. Doctrine - Know and understand the basic teachings of the Church and how they apply to their lives
 - a. Recognize that God is the creator of all things
 - b. Identify that God always was and always will be
 - c. Identify that God wants us to do good and avoid evil
 - d. Tell that choosing to do what offends God and harms others is called sin
 - e. Tell that Jesus gives us the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which we ask God's forgiveness of our sins
 - f. Identify that doing good and being kind pleases God
3. Sacraments - Know and appreciate the centrality of the Eucharist and importance of the Sacraments in the life of Catholics
 - a. Identify that Jesus gave us the sacraments as a way to celebrate and remember God's love for us
 - b. Tell that the Sacrament of Baptism is a celebration of welcoming us into the Christian family as followers of Jesus
 - c. Witness a parish infant Baptism and afterward talk about the celebration and the meaning of the water as the outward sign of Baptism
4. Community - Understand the role of the faith community - the Catholic Church - into which they have been baptized and through which they grow in faith to mature discipleship and will know what it means to have membership in the local, universal Catholic Church
 - a. Recognize the Great Commandment: Love and God and Love of neighbor
 - b. Recognize that their own behavior affects others
 - c. Discuss how they show love of God and neighbor

5. Service - Engage in service to and exercise responsible stewardship for the various communities to which they belong: family, school, parish, civic, national, global
 - a. Listen to Gospel stories and discuss how love of neighbor was shown
 - b. Describe ways they can show service to others
 - c. Discuss ways to care for and respect the gift of creation

6. Prayer - Experience and appreciate a variety of prayer forms in addition to the prayer of the Sacraments
 - a. Recite the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, and Glory Be
 - b. Participate in the Stations of the Cross during Lent
 - c. Participate in Mass prayerfully
 - d. Prepare and assume different roles in communal prayer
 - e. Share reasons why they pray

7. Spirituality - Know how to develop a personal relationship with God
 - a. Tell ways God shows love for them
 - b. Describe prayer as talking with God
 - c. Express appreciation for God's creation
 - d. Celebrate Mary as the mother of Jesus
 - e. Pray

