

Kindergarten Standards

By the end of Kindergarten children should do the following:

1. Sacred Scripture - Read and understand Sacred Scripture as God's Word speaking to them
 - a. See and hold a Bible
 - b. Listen to Bible stories
 - c. Identify that life and all creation are gifts from God, who loves us
 - d. Relate how Bible stories tell of God's love for us
2. Doctrine - Know and understand the basic teachings of the Church and how they apply to their lives
 - a. Tell that God loves us and gave us the gift of life
 - b. Identify that God always was and will be (no beginning and no end)
 - c. Identify Jesus as God's only Son
 - d. Recognize that God sent His Son, Jesus, to teach us how to live good lives
3. Sacraments - Know and appreciate the centrality of the Eucharist and importance of the Sacraments in the life of Catholics
 - a. Recall and tell about the experiences of witnessing a Baptism
 - b. Recognize that we are welcomed into the Christian community of faith at Baptism
 - c. Attend a parish Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass)
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. Share examples of what it means to belong to a family
 - b. Share examples of what it means to belong to school/religious instruction class
 - c. Give examples of appropriate behaviors in a community (fruits of the Holy Spirit)
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. Share ways they help others
 - b. Describe responsible care for property
 - c. Express appreciation for God's creation

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6. Prayer - Experience and appreciate a variety of prayer forms in addition to the prayer of the Sacraments
 - a. Recite and demonstrate the Sign of the Cross
 - b. Recite a Grace before meals and explain its purpose
 - c. Demonstrate appropriate and respectful participation during liturgy and/or prayer service
 - d. Tell how he/she prays
 - e. Recite the following:
 - i. Lord's prayer
 - ii. Hail Mary
 - iii. Glory Be

 7. Spirituality - Know how to develop a personal relationship with God
 - a. Identify that God is everywhere
 - b. Identify that God loves them

