



Lesson Plan Guide

How to Use the Curriculum Map:

Faith Formation classes and Catholic School have different requirements for Curriculum Standards. There are no specific guidelines, at this time, for curriculum that must be covered during Faith Formation classes based on grade. In order to create a comprehensive approach to our religion programming at St. Joseph we have used the Catholic School curriculum standards as a guide.

Catechists— Use this Curriculum Map as a guide and resource. You are NOT expected to cover every chapter and lesson listed. Nor are you expected to use every catechism or scripture item listed. The Curriculum standards that are listed are not all expected to be covered. Your lesson is intended to be covered in your one allotted class per week.

School Religion Teachers- The curriculum standards, catechism references, and scripture references are expected to be covered on the week indicated. Covering all of the material listed on the given week will allow you to cover every curriculum standard required by the Diocese of Grand Rapids Office of Catholic Schools. Your lesson will be covered over the entire week and broken up over the available time slots. This allows our School students to dive deeper into the lessons, which is a specific benefit to attending Catholic School.

Family Catechesis:

The format of this program is intended to foster greater family catechesis. Each week families will be emailed a question for family discussion. The question will be based on the topic for the week. Every student from Kindergarten to High School will discuss the theme within the context of the program in which they follow. For example: For the topic of “God loves you”, a Kindergartener will learn the basic fundamentals of God loves them. A 2nd Grader will look at how God loves them through their preparation for First Sacraments. An 8th Grader will look at it from the perspective of Confirmation. A senior will look at it through the lens of Theology of the Body. Each student will have an age appropriate understanding of the topic which can be discussed as a family.

Creating Lesson Plans:

Written lesson plans are required each week, the week prior to teaching the lesson. They can be emailed to stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org or dropped off to the Parish Office. Lesson plans will be reviewed by Fr. Darrel and Parish Staff. Lesson plans will be stored with the Parish Office as a resource for use in future years.

We are a Team:

You are not alone in your service as a catechist. You have the full support of the Parish Office. If you need help writing your lesson plan, struggle to find a good activity to incorporate into your lesson, need supplies or resources, anything you need support with.... Please reach out immediately! We are here to help and service with you!



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Grade: _____

Faith Formation School

Class Date(s): _____

Weekly Theme: _____

Catechism Reference: _____

Main ideas Presented:

Ways students encountered Christ in lesson:

Ways students grew in knowledge of our faith:

Ways students experienced evangelization in lesson:

Optional Class Schedule

Class Starts	
Prayer Experience	10 minutes
Lesson/Teaching	20 minutes
Application/Activity	20 minutes
Scripture/Catechism	15 minutes
Wrap Up/Closing	10 minutes
Class Ends	