

Elementary Faith Development
Pacing Guide for 2009 (B) - 2010 (C)
First Grade

September 20th

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel - Mark 9:30 - 37 - "Whoever receives a child such as this receives me"

Question of the Week: "Why is it wrong to feel envy for what belongs to another?"

Theme: The Bible, The Word of God

Chapter 1 - God Loves Us

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- We can learn about God through the Bible, God's inspired written word.
- The Bible contains information about and teaches us about God.
- Scripture teaches us about God's love for us, Jesus, Prayer, Church, Holy Spirit.

Vocabulary Words - Bible, Gospel, Lectionary, Liturgy of the Word

Prayer - Review the Sign of the Cross while praying

September 27th

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel - Mark 9:38 - 43, 45, 47-48 - "Whoever is not against us is for us."

Question of the Week: "Could a poor person who is wise be richer in a way than a foolish person who has many things? Why?"

Theme: God Our Father and Creator

Chapter 2 - God is Our Father and Creator

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- We can find signs of who God is in nature.
- God created all things.
- God loves us and all creation.
- God created us male and female. We are special in God's eyes.
- God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit - Trinity.

Vocabulary Words - Catholic, Creator, Kingdom of God, Trinity

Prayer - Introduce and Practice the Our Father

October 4th - *Parents' Reception*

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel - Mark 10:2-16 - Jesus blesses the children

Question of the Week: "How do you feel when you hear the wonderful stories of God's love for you?"

Theme - Mary

Chapter 4 - Mary is the Mother of God

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Mary is the mother of Jesus and a person of faith.

Vocabulary Words - Mary

Prayer - Practice the Our Father

October 11th - No FD Classes

October 18th

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel - Mark 10:35-45 - "The greatest among you will be your servant"

Question of the Week: "Are you willing to do a good deed even if no one knows you did it? Why?"

Theme: People of Prayer

Chapter 23 - We Talk and Listen to God

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Prayer is talking and listening to God.
- Sometimes we pray in words, in song, in movement, in art or in silence.
- We can pray by ourselves, and with our friends, family, classmates, or parish family.
- We pray together when we celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments.
- Some formal prayers that all members of the Church hold in common are the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Sign of the Cross.
- We can pray anywhere.
- Sometimes we choose special places to pray, where we can be comfortable in God's presence.

Vocabulary Words - Amen, Bowing, Genuflecting, Grace, Kneeling, Sitting, Standing, Raising Arms and Hands, Sign of the Cross

Prayer - Practice the Our Father

October 25th

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel - Mark 10:46-52 - healing blind Bartimaeus

Question of the Week: "What do you like most about the story of Bartimaeus? Why?"

Theme: The Parables of Jesus

Chapter 6 - The Good Samaritan

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- God sent Jesus to teach us about who God is.
- Jesus wants us to be with him always in heaven.
- Jesus taught us how to be a friend.

Vocabulary Words - Jesus Christ
Prayer - Practice the Our Father

November 1st

Feast of All Saints

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12A - The Beatitudes

Question of the Week: "What does it mean to be blessed by God?"

Theme: Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick (not First Grade)

Chapter 15 - We Live As Children of God

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- God loves us and wants to be in relationship with us
- God loves us and all creation
- The saints are models of faith
- We show our faith in God by loving ourselves and one another
- Each and every person is unique, loveable and deserving of respect
- All people are God's children
- No two people are exactly alike
- God wants us to treat all people fairly

Vocabulary Words - Creator, Eucharist

Prayer - Practice the Our Father

November 8th - No FD Classes

November 15th

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel - Mark 13:24-32 - The Second Coming

Question of the Week: "What would you do today for others if you thought you would not have another chance to do it?"

Theme: The Teachings of Jesus

Chapter 22 - Jesus and the Children

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- God sent Jesus to teach us about who God is.
- Jesus is our savior, friend, brother, the Son of God.
- We believe in Jesus and know he is always with us.
- Jesus taught us how to reach out to people who are suffering or hurt.
- Jesus taught us how to care for others and for our world.
- Jesus asks us to live the law of love.

Vocabulary Words - Gospel

Prayer - Assess students individually to make sure they can say the Our Father

November 22nd

Christ the King

Gospel - John 18:33b-37 - Jesus before Pilate

Question of the Week: "How can you show that you honor Jesus as the King of your life?"

Theme: The Church's Year of Worship/Stewardship

Chapter 10 - The Church Celebrates All Year

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Sunday is a special day set apart from all the others.
- Advent is a time for waiting and preparing.
- Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus.
- Christmas is a special time for hearing God's message of Good News.
- Lent is a time for prayer, sacrifice, and preparation for Easter.
- The Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil are the high points of the Church year.
- Easter, the feast and the season, is a time for celebration of Jesus' resurrection.
- The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

Vocabulary Words - Advent

Prayer - Introduce and Practice the Hail Mary

November 29th - No FD Classes

December 6th

2nd Sunday of Advent

Gospel - Luke 3:1-6 - John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus

Question of the Week: "What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?"

Theme: Loving Others

Chapter 20 - We Love Others

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- We show our faith in God by loving ourselves and one another.
- We who love God and others will be with God now and forever
- All people are God's children.
- God asks us to care about our world and God asks us to care about others, especially those in need.
- The Church works for love, justice and peace.
- We need to love others as Jesus did.

Vocabulary Words - Saint

Prayer - Practice the Hail Mary

December 13th - Advent Prayer Service

3rd Sunday of Advent

Gospel - Luke 3:10-18 John calls the people to justice

Question of the Week: "What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Who could you make happy by your kindness this week?"

Theme: Christmas: Jesus Christ the Son of God

Chapter 3 - Jesus is the Son of God

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus.
- Christmas is a special time for hearing God's message of Good News.

Vocabulary Words - Advent, Annunciation, Angel, Christmas

Prayer - Practice the Hail Mary (point out it comes from the Advent 4 Gospel)

December 20th - No FD Classes

December 27th - No FD Classes

January 3rd

Feast of the Epiphany

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12 Coming of the Magi

Question of the Week: "When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?"

Theme: Making Choices

Chapter 21 - We Love Through Forgiveness

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Sin is choosing not to love God and others as we should.
- God shows us ways to love others and helps us to live good lives.

Vocabulary Words - Conscience, Sin, Temptation

Prayer - Practice the Hail Mary

January 10th

Baptism of the Lord

Gospel - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 Baptism of the Lord

Question of the Week: 'When you were baptized did God also say to you, "You are my beloved daughter or son; with you I am well pleased"?'

Theme: Baptism and Confirmation/Vocations

Chapter 11 - The Church's Celebrations

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Scripture is the foundation for the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist.
- Through our baptism we are all members of the Church.
- Baptism welcomes us into the Church and makes us children of God.

- Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are the Sacraments of Initiation.
- Baptism makes us part of the Church - a faith community.
- We (the baptized followers of Jesus) are the Church.

Vocabulary Words - Baptism, Baptismal Font, Candle, Pascal Candle, Sacrament
Prayer - Practice the Hail Mary

January 17th - No FD Classes

January 24th

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel - Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 - the beginning of Jesus' preaching

Question of the Week: "What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?"

Theme: The Lord's Prayer

Chapter 26 - Jesus Teaches Us the Our Father

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Prayer is talking and listening to God.
- Sometimes we pray in words, in song, in movement, in art or in silence.
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- We can pray anywhere.
- Sometimes we choose special places to pray, where we can be comfortable in God's presence.

Vocabulary Words - Prayer, Sacramentary, Amen, Bowing, Genuflecting, Grace, Kneeling, Sitting, Standing, Raising Arms and Hands, Sign of the Cross

Prayer - Practice the Our Father.

January 31st

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel - Luke 4:21-30 - Jesus preaches in Nazareth

Question of the Week: "Are there times when you have not listened well to what someone was telling you?"

Theme: Loving God

Chapter 19 - We Love God

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- God loves us and wants to be in relationship with us.
- God loves us and all creation.
- We can always believe and trust in God.

Vocabulary Words - God the Father, The Ten Commandments

Prayer - Individually assess students to make sure they can say the Hail Mary

February 7th - No FD Classes

February 14th - *Operation Rice Bowl*

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel - Luke 6:17, 20-26 - The sermon on the plain

Question of the Week: "When have you brought God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or who others made fun of?"

Theme: Living as the Children of God

Chapter 16 - We Live as a Family

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- The saints are models of faith.
- God asks us to care about our world and God asks us to care about others, especially those in need.
- God asks us to forgive others.
- We are called to be peacemakers.
- God wants us to love and care for each other and the world.
- God wants us to treat all people fairly.
- Lent is a time for prayer, sacrifice, and preparation for Easter.

Vocabulary Words - Saint

Prayer - Practice the Glory Be

February 21st

1st Sunday of Lent

Gospel - Luke 4:1-13 - Jesus is tempted

Question of the Week: "Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?"

Theme: Eucharist and the Mass

Chapter 13 - We Celebrate Mass

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Jesus gives us himself in the Eucharist.
- In the Eucharist, we are nourished by Jesus.
- The Church is the People of God, which has built special places to gather for worship.

Vocabulary Words - Alter, Ambo, Chalice, Consecration, Eucharist, Host, Liturgy, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Mass, Paten, Presider's Chair, Priest, Processing, Processional Cross, Sacrament, Sanctuary

Prayer - Practice the Hail Mary (work with students individually who have not yet learned the Prayer)

February 28th

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gospel - Luke 9:28b-36 - The Transfiguration

Question of the Week: "When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?"

Theme: Ways of Praying/The Last Supper

Chapter 24 - Jesus Teaches His Followers to Pray

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

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- Some formal prayers that all members of the Church hold in common are the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Sign of the Cross
- We can pray anywhere
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Vocabulary Words - Prayer

Prayer - Practice the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

March 7th - No FD Classes

March 14th

4th Sunday of Lent

Gospel - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 - The Two Sons

Question of the Week: "Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?"

Theme: Holy Orders and Matrimony/Lent

Chapter 12 - Come, Follow Jesus

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Jesus is always with us and is present to us in a special way in the sacraments.
- Matrimony and Holy Orders are the Sacraments of Commitment.

Vocabulary Words - Lent, Sacrament

Prayer - Practice the Glory Be Prayer

March 21st

5th Sunday of Lent

Gospel - John 8:1-11 - The woman caught in adultery

Question of the Week: "When have you criticized or made fun of somebody? What could help you act differently?"

Theme: Death and Resurrection of Jesus/Stations

Chapter 5 - Jesus Shows God's Love

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Jesus died for us on the cross and rose to new life.
- The Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil are the high points of the Church year.

Vocabulary Words - Crucifixion, Crucifix, Good Friday, Last Supper

Prayer - Practice the Glory Be Prayer (work with students individually who have not yet learned the prayer)

March 28th - No FD Classes

April 4th - No FD Classes

April 11th

2nd Sunday of Easter

Gospel - John 20:19-31 - Jesus appears to the disciples

Question of the Week: "What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?"

Theme: Early Followers of Jesus/Easter

Chapter 9 - The First Christians Follow Jesus

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- The Church is the community of Jesus' followers.
- The Church continues Jesus' ministry.
- We all have different gifts to share.
- Each and every person is unique, lovable and deserving of respect.
- God has called us to be a part of the Christian family.

Vocabulary Words - Apostle

Prayer - Practice the Glory Be

April 18th

3rd Sunday of Easter

Gospel - John 21:1-19 - Jesus Appears to his Disciples

Question of the Week: "What do you do to take care of others as Jesus asked Peter to do?"

Theme: The Church, the People of God

Chapter 8 - Jesus Gave Us the Church

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- We learn about who God is from the Church.
- The R.C.I.A. is a process through which children and adults become members of the Church.
- The Church is called to be the community - the People of God.
- The Church is the Body of Christ.

- The Church is the sacrament of Christ in the world.
- The Church celebrates the presence and action of Christ in our lives.
- The Church has a formal structure that involves people, regions and decision making.
- The Church has a long history, with many major events that shape who the Church is today.
- Easter, the feast and the season, is a time for celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

Vocabulary Words - Bishop, Catholic, Diocese, Priest, Pope, Easter, Pascal Candle, Resurrection

Prayer - Review The Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be

April 25th

4th Sunday of Easter

Gospel - John 10:27-30 - The Good Shepherd

Question of the Week: "Who helps you feel safe and protected? Who can you take care of and help to feel safe?"

Theme: The Holy Spirit

Chapter 7 - The Holy Spirit is Our Helper

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit - Trinity.
- The Holy Spirit is our helper.
- The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.
- No two people are exactly alike.
- God gave each of us special gifts and talents.
- God wants us to share our gifts and talents with others.
- Baptism calls us to serve God and others.
- A vocation is an invitation to serve others in a particular way.

Vocabulary Words - Ascension, God the Holy Spirit, Pentecost

Prayer - Review The Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be