

Elementary Faith Development
Pacing Guide for 2009 (B) - 2010 (C)
Third 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 Speaks to Us

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- The Bible gives us guidance to live good lives.
- The Bible is divided into two major sections, each containing many Books.
- The Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) contain the roots of our faith.
- The Christian Scriptures (New Testament) tell us about the life of Jesus and the beginnings of the Church.
- The Bible records the experience of God's people.
- The Bible is God's word recorded in the human words of those who wrote it centuries ago.

Vocabulary Words - Bible, Gospels, Inspiration, New Testament, Old Testament

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Introduce and Practice the Apostles' Creed

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 the Creator of Heaven and Earth

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Scripture has many images and descriptions of God.
- God as Trinity has been traditionally known as Father - the Creator, Son - the Redeemer and Holy Spirit - the Sanctifier.
- God created us in His image and likeness.

Vocabulary Words - Revelation, Yahweh

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Apostles' Creed

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 3 - Mary Trusted in God

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Mary as mother of God has an important role in the life of Jesus, the Church and in our life.
- Saints are important examples of how to be faith-filled Christians.
- We are free to respond or not to God.
- A yes response is called faith-belief in God.

Vocabulary Words - Assumption, Communion of Saints, Rosary

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Rosary

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 25 - We Profess Our Faith

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Prayer is talking and listening to God.
- There are many styles of prayer, such as memorized prayer, spontaneous prayer, meditation and devotions.
- There are many types of prayers, such as praise, thanksgiving, petition and contrition.

Vocabulary Words - Rosary,

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Apostles' Creed

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 14 - The Pharisee and the Tax Collector: A Scripture Story

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- We are responsible for giving love and respect to others.
- We are responsible for developing respect for ourselves.
- Justice, mercy and peace are grounded in Scripture.
- The Church today continues to teach about justice, mercy and peace.
- We, as Christians, are called to work toward a just society.
- Jesus gives us the example of a faithful person.

Vocabulary Words - Parable

Prayer - Practice the Apostles' Creed

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

Chapter 15 - We Celebrate God's Healing Love

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Sacraments celebrate the presence of God.
- There are seven "official" sacraments in the Catholic Church.
- In Reconciliation, we express sorrow for our sins and celebrate God's forgiveness.
- We sin when we choose to do wrong.
- Sin is choosing not to love God and others as we should.
- God will always forgive us if we are truly sorry for our sins.
- Those who are chronically or seriously ill may receive the Anointing of the Sick.

Vocabulary Words - Absolution, Free Will, Mortal Sin, Sacrament, Sacraments of Healing, Venial Sin

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Introduce and Practice the Nicene Creed

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 18 - Jesus Teaches Us How to Love

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Jesus teaches us about and explains God's law of love.
- Jesus speaks God's Word to us.
- Jesus was teacher, prophet, and savior.

- Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Vocabulary Words - Disciple

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Nicene Creed

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 11 - The Church's Year

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Sunday is our weekly celebration of Easter.
- Advent is a time for preparing the coming of Jesus.
- The Christmas season is a celebration of the Incarnation - the coming of the Lord into our lives.
- Lent is a time for those preparing to enter the Church.
- Lent is a time of renewal in Christian living and reconciliation for the baptized.
- The Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, is the culmination of the entire Church year and the celebration of the Paschal mystery.
- Easter is the central feast of the Church.
- The Easter season is a fifty day celebration of Jesus' resurrection and concludes with Pentecost.
- There are special feast days that we set aside each year called holy days

Vocabulary Words - Advent, Holy Days, Liturgical Year, Sunday

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Nicene Creed

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 and Respect One Another

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- The decisions we make should be based upon God's law of love.
- Each and every person is unique, lovable and deserving of respect.
- All people are made in God's image and deserve our respect.
- Everyone deserves to be treated with respect.

- Each of us is called to respect life in all of its forms.
- God wants us to be just and merciful people.
- God wants us to live the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and bring justice, mercy and peace to all people.

Vocabulary Words - Corporal Works of Mercy, Great Commandment

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Individually assess the students on the Apostles' and Nicene Creed.

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 5 - Jesus, the Son of God

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- The Christmas season is a celebration of the Incarnation - the coming of the Lord into our lives.
- Jesus is a sign of God's love for us.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures.
- Jesus is a sign of God's presence in the history of God's people.

Vocabulary Words - Angel, Christmas, Incarnation, Jesus Christ, Messiah, Prophet

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Review the Apostles' and Nicene Creed with students that still need more practice.

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 22 - God Shares His Love With Us

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- The Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy are moral guides for our lives.
- Original and personal sin are obstacles to living a life of love.
- Jesus has given us the freedom to choose whether or not to follow him.

- Faith leads us to make good choices to live as followers of Jesus.
- We need to act on what we believe.
- We are called to work for justice and peace to bring about the Kingdom of God.

Vocabulary Words - Beatitudes, Free Will, Heaven, Hell, Spiritual Works of Mercy
Prayer/Scripture Passage - Introduce and Practice the Ten Commandments

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 12 - Celebrations of God's Love

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Each sacrament has special signs and symbols that are unique to each.
- Baptism welcomes us into the Church and calls us to live as disciples of Christ.
- Through Baptism each person has a vocation and lifestyle to choose.
- In Confirmation the Holy Spirit strengthens our faith.

Vocabulary Words - Confirmation, Original Sin, Sacraments of Initiation

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Ten Commandments

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 23 - Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Prayer is talking and listening to God.
- There are many styles of prayer, such as memorized prayer, spontaneous prayer, meditation and devotions.
- There are many types of prayers, such as praise, thanksgiving, petition and contrition.
- Some formal prayers that all members of the Church hold in common as the Sign Of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Nicene Creed, and acts of contrition, the prayers at the Eucharistic Celebration.

Vocabulary Words - Rosary

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Ten Commandments

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 - The Ten Commandments Teach Us to Love

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- We can find out about who God is from nature, the Scriptures, Church teaching, and the work of the Holy Spirit around us in daily life.
- Our understanding of who God is continues to grow.
- God is present to us in Jesus.
- God loves us and wants to be in relationship with us.
- We are free to respond or not to God.
- A yes response is called faith-belief in God.

Vocabulary Words - Covenant, Exodus, Ten Commandments, Yahweh

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Ten Commandments

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 4 - Women of Faith

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Faith is a virtue.
- Faith is a gift from God.
- Faith is expressed in words and deeds.
- Lent is a time for those preparing to enter the Church.
- Lent is a time of renewal in Christian living and reconciliation for the baptized.

Vocabulary Words - Faith, Salvation

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Ten Commandments

Prayer

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 the Eucharist

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- The Lectionary---is the order for proclaiming the Scriptures at Mass.
- The Mass has two main parts: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- Jesus is present to us in a special way in the sacraments.
- Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.
- Eucharist is the central celebration of the Church.
- Eucharist is the Church's central liturgical prayer.

Vocabulary Words - Blessed Sacrament, Chasuble, Consecration, Eucharist, Sacraments of Initiation, Tabernacle, Transubstantiation

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Ten Commandments

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 - The Church is a People of Prayer

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Prayer is talking and listening to God.
- There are many styles of prayer, such as memorized prayer, spontaneous prayer, meditation and devotions.
- There are many types of prayers, such as praise, thanksgiving, petition and contrition.
- The Eucharist is the Church's central liturgical prayer.
- Some formal prayers that all members of the Church hold in common as the Sign Of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Nicene Creed, and acts of contrition, the prayers at the Eucharistic Celebration.

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

Prayer - Practice the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment.

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 17 - The Sacraments of Service

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Matrimony and Holy Orders are sacraments of commitment.
- Some of the lifestyles to which one might be called are: single, married, Religious, and ordained ministry.
- Relationships are an essential part of life.
- All people must work at building and maintaining good relationships.
- People have many different relationships throughout life.
- Christian sexuality is guided by religious morals, values and beliefs about the respect and reverence due each person.
- Sexuality is central to who we are, and is crucial to our relationships with others.
- Communication is an important part of building good relationships.
- It is important to listen to others.
- There is value in modesty.

Vocabulary Words - Sacraments of Commitment

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Great Commandment

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 6 - Jesus' Death and Resurrection

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- In Jesus we find eternal life.
- The Paschal Mystery - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- The Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, is the culmination of the entire Church year and the celebration of the Paschal mystery.
- Jesus has given us the vision for being fully human.

Vocabulary Words - Paschal Mystery, Passover, Salvation, Savior, Seder, Stations of the Cross, Triduum

Prayer - Assess the students individually on the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment.

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 - Paul the Apostle

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Jewish rituals are the origins of many of our sacramental actions.
- The Creed is a special prayer that says what we believe.
- Scripture tells us stories of faithful people and God's faithfulness to us.
- Saints are important examples of how to be faith-filled Christians.
- Jesus has given us values to guide our lives and personal growth.
- The Church has a long history, with many major events that shape who the Church is today.

Vocabulary Words - Apostle

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Practice the Great Commandment

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 - We Are the Church

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- Jesus lives on today in the Church.
- The Church is a sacrament of God's presence.
- The Church is the sacrament of Christ in the world.
- As Church, we all have the mission of witnessing, worshiping, building community and serving as Jesus did, no matter what lifestyles we have chosen.
- The Church is called to be the community - the People of God.
- The Church is the Body of Christ.
- 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.
- Easter is the central feast of the Church.

- The Easter season is a fifty day celebration of Jesus' resurrection and concludes with Pentecost.

Vocabulary Words - Church, Deacon, Laity, Stole, Chasuble

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Review the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Ten Commandments, and Great Commandment

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

Raleigh Diocese Objectives:

- God as Trinity has been traditionally known as Father - the Creator, Son - the Redeemer and Holy Spirit - the Sanctifier.
- The Holy Spirit guides us and sustains our faith.
- Christians are called to be good stewards - to use their time, talent and treasure wisely.

Vocabulary Words - Good Steward, Vocation

Prayer/Scripture Passage - Review the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Ten Commandments, and Great Commandment