

## Grade 2 Religion Curriculum Overview

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Students will be able to:

### Prayer

- 1) Relate the Eucharist as the Church's greatest prayer.
- 2) Identify prayer as conversation with God through praise, thanksgiving, petition and contrition.
- 3) Demonstrate how we can pray using words, in song, in gestures and body postures, and in the quiet of our hearts.
- 4) Explain the Hail Mary.
- 5) Explain the meaning and purpose of the Act of Contrition.
- 6) Recite by heart the following prayers: Act of Contrition, a decade of the Rosary, Mass Responses/Aclamations
- 7) Know by heart the following prayers (learned in previous grades): Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before & after meals, Glory Be to the Father, Guardian Angel Prayer, Morning Offering

### Church

- 1) Identify objects/places/ persons in a Catholic Church (see vocabulary list below)
- 2) Describe the Eucharist / Mass as a celebration.
- 3) Explain why we participate in the Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days.
- 4) Identify the first part of the Mass as the Liturgy of the Word.
- 5) Recognize the readings as coming from the Bible, the Word of God.
- 6) Explain that the priest or deacon helps us to learn how to apply the readings to our lives in the homily.
- 7) Express how the Liturgy of the Word prepares us to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.
- 8) Explain that the Nicene Creed/Profession of Faith states what we believe.
- 9) Explain that bread and wine are the gifts the faithful bring up at the presentation of gifts.
- 10) Recognize that the words of the Eucharistic Prayer describe what took place at the Last Supper.
- 11) Explain that Jesus becomes present in the Eucharist (bread and wine) at the Consecration.

### Scripture

- 1) Retell the story of the Last Supper.
- 2) Recognize the Ten Commandments.
- 3) Retell Gospel stories that pertain to forgiveness and reconciliation. (eg., Good Shepherd, Prodigal Son)
- 4) Tell the story of Jesus, from His birth to His resurrection. (Mysteries of Rosary should be reference point for this)
- 5) Relate how Mary's "Yes" to God is a model for our "Amen" as we receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

### Creed/Doctrine

- 1) Recognize Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist.
- 2) Recognize Reconciliation as a sacrament of God's healing and loving forgiveness.
- 3) Discuss how Eucharist and Reconciliation are an extension of our Baptism.
- 4) Recognize that original sin is removed through the Sacrament of Baptism.

### Sacraments

- 1) List the seven sacraments.
- 2) Describe the sacraments as visible signs that God is with us.
- 3) Name and explain the three Sacraments of Initiation.
- 4) Identify Eucharist as Jesus, the Bread of Life.
- 5) Explain how the Eucharist is spiritual food that helps us become more like Jesus and do God's work.
- 6) Explain how to prepare to receive Communion.
- 7) Demonstrate how to receive Communion.
- 8) Recognize Reconciliation (Confession / Penance) as a Sacrament given to us by Jesus Christ.
- 9) Explain that Reconciliation is the way we experience God's and the Church's forgiveness when we confess our sins.
- 10) Recognize that Jesus is always willing to forgive us if we are sorry for our sins
- 11) Explain that the Sacrament of Reconciliation reconciles us with God and others.

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12) Prepare for reconciliation through examination of conscience.
13) Identify the role of the priest in the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
14) Demonstrate how to perform a sincere confession.
15) Discuss the meaning of the words of absolution prayed by the priest in Reconciliation.
16) Explain the purpose of penance.

Moral Formation -
1) Explain the Great Commandment.
2) Give examples of how they are shown unconditional love by God.
3) Explain how God's love for us enables us to love God, self, and others.
4) Describe how their choices reflect their love for God.
5) Differentiate between a sin and a mistake or accident.
6) Define venial and mortal sin.
7) Differentiate between right actions as loving actions and wrong actions as selfish actions.
8) Identify some steps/questions for making moral choices (good action, right reasons, right time & place).
9) Identify who can help us to make moral choices (Holy Spirit, Jesus, Mary, the Church, important people in our lives, example of the saints).
10) Relate the Ten Commandments as the basis for moral choices.
11) Demonstrate good Christian morality in their daily lives.

Peace & Justice	
1) Begin to recognize and live the social teachings of the Church:	
<p>(Life &amp; Dignity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ God wants us to care for everyone.</li> <li>▪ Life is a gift from God.</li> <li>▪ We are made in God's image</li> </ul> <p>(Family &amp; Community)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ God wants us to be loving helpers in our families and communities.</li> <li>▪ We are called to make loving and helpful choices in family and community.</li> </ul> <p>(Rights &amp; Responsibilities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Everyone has a right to life.</li> <li>▪ All people should have what they need to live good lives.</li> </ul>	<p>(The Poor &amp; Vulnerable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jesus calls us to help those in need</li> <li>▪ We can help those in need, through prayer and action.</li> </ul> <p>(Work &amp; Workers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The work we do gives glory to God.</li> </ul> <p>(Solidarity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Since God is our Father, we should treat everyone as our brothers and sisters.</li> <li>▪ We can help unite God's family by sharing and praying for others.</li> </ul> <p>(God's Creation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We show our love for God's world by taking care of it.</li> </ul>

Vocabulary Identify the following people, places, terms:				
Absolution	Chalice	Eucharist	Liturgy of the Eucharist	Profession of
Adoration	Chasuble	Eucharistic Prayer	Liturgy of the Word	Faith/Nicene Creed
Alb	Ciborium	Examination of conscience	Mortal sin	Purificator
Altar	Confession	Genuflect	Original sin	Reconciliation
Altar cloth	Confessional/	Gospel	Paschal/Easter Candle	Sacraments of
Altar server	Reconciliation Room	Great Commandment	Paten	Initiation
Ambo/Lectern	conscience	Holy Communion	Penance	Sanctuary lamp
Bishop	Consecration	Holy Days of Obligation	Petition	Stole
Blessed Sacrament	Contrition	homily	Pope	Tabernacle
Candles	Corporal	Lectionary	Praise	Ten Commandments
Cantor	Deacon	Lector	Priest	Venial sin