

Sacred Heart School

Religion

Kindergarten

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The religion program in kindergarten encourages children to recognize God's love through the beauty of their world. It opens their eyes to God's goodness and presence in their lives, and persuades them to reflect that through their own actions.

The program prepares the children to participate fully in the life of the parish community. The gift of faith bestowed on them at Baptism is continued in the classroom.

Course Content:

- Doctrine
- Morality
- Scripture
- Prayers/Sacraments
- Family Life

Objectives:

The student will:

- Learn about God the Father, and Jesus his Son and the special love He has for all humanity
- Value God's love, respect and authority
- Learn respect for one another
- Learn respect for all of God's creation
- Discuss and role play how kindness, honesty, forgiveness, and concern for others can be expressed in everyday lives
- Embrace the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic faith
- Learn both classroom and traditional prayers, and the need to pray with adoration, praise and thanksgiving
- Use prayer to develop a relationship with God
- Participate in weekly Mass, and special feast day Masses with their school family and recognize liturgy as a celebration for the family of God
- Identify themselves as members of a family, school family, the Sacred Heart Church family, as well as God's family
- Recognize the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a special family
- Recognize that we are all brothers and sisters in God's family

Course Materials:

- *Blest Are We*, RCL Benziger
- *Family Life*, RCL Benziger

- Children Bible
- Sacred Heart Church
- Art materials
- Story books
- Various manipulatives (i.e., statues, Nativity set, nature, etc.)

Instructional strategies:

- Discussion/Questioning
- Problem Finding/Solving
- Storytelling
- Art projects
- On-line technology through the use of an interactive white board