

Grade 3 Lesson Plan / Fall Semester 2016

Sunday/ Monday	Liturgical Color	Lessons	Key Concept	Gospel Reading/ Question of the Week
Sept 11/12	Green	Ch. 1: The Creator's Work	God created everything and all creation shows his goodness especially humans who were created in his image and likeness.	Luke 15:1–32 (the prodigal son) Are you ever angry over the generosity extended toward a person you thought did not deserve it? What motivated you to feel this way? How can you change?
Sept 18/19	Green	Ch. 2: The Church Gathered	The Bible is the Word of God written in human words and the Church is the community of the baptized who follow Jesus.	Luke 16:1–13 (the dishonest steward) How do you deal with friends or acquaintances who are obvious cheaters and or liars?
Sep 25/26	Green	Ch. 3: Families Teach Love and Unit Review	Mary is a special member of the God's family and the family home is called the "domestic church."	Luke 16:19–31 (the rich man and Lazarus) How do you relate or fail to relate toward people who are poor? What is one thing you and your family could do this week to help those who are poor or sick?
Oct 2/3	Green	Ch. 4: The Holy Trinity	The Holy Trinity is three Persons in one God. Jesus, the Son of God, revealed and taught about God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.	Luke 17:5–10 (sayings on the requirements of faith) How do you feel after doing something extra for a family member or a friend?
Oct 9/10	Green	Ch. 5: The Church Celebrates	The celebration of the Eucharist is the Church's most important form of worship.	Luke 17:11–19 (ten lepers) When were you generous this week? How was it an act of mercy and compassion?
Oct 16/17	Green	Ch. 6: Pray Always and Unit Review	Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God. Prayer is a necessary part of our lives.	Luke 18:1–8 (the corrupt judge) Who are the people in your life whose needs you need to listen to?
Oct 23/24	Green	Ch. 7: The Good News	Jesus taught about God's Kingdom of love, peace, and Justice that is in Heaven and is being built on Earth and his miracles were signs of that Kingdom.	Luke 18:9–14 (the Pharisee and the tax collector) Think of a time(s) when you were a "show off" or practiced being "one up" on someone. What is the problem with this?
Oct 30/31 At Home Lesson	Green	Feasts and Seasons: All Saints and All Souls	We honor our ancestors who are now Saints. The Communion of Saints includes those in Purgatory.	Luke 19:1–10 (Zacchaeus the tax collector) How does excluding others from your group of friends make them feel? What could you change to include them?
Nov 6/7	Green	Jubilee Year of Mercy Closing	TBA	Luke 20:27–38 (the resurrection of the dead) After someone you love dies, how have you experienced the living, merciful God?
Nov 13/14	Green	Ch. 9: The Body of Christ and Unit Review	The Church is the Body of Christ, to which all of her members belong. Stewardship is the way we share our time, talents, and treasure to serve God and others.	Luke 21:5–19 (the cataclysm to come) How does it feel when your friends put you down for what you believe?
Nov 20 - 28		NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break (First Sunday of Advent Nov 27)		
Dec 4/5	Purple	Advent Ch. 10: Church Leaders	The Bishops are the successors of the Apostles who teach, lead, and make the Church Holy.	Matthew 3:1–12 (John the Baptist) What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?
Dec 11/12	Rose	Advent Feasts and Seasons: Our Lady of Guadalupe / Glory to God	Mary, the Mother of God, is a prominent figure in the advent season. Christmas is a season to give God thanks and praise.	Matthew 11:2-11 (Christ's witness to John) What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?
Dec 18 – Jan 2		NO CLASS – Christmas Break		

Grade 3 Lesson Plan / Spring Semester 2017

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Jan 8/9	White	Ch. 11: One and Holy	The Marks of the Church are the four Characteristics that identify it as Christ's: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.	Matthew 2:1-2 (The Visit of the Magi) What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?
Jan 15/16		NO CLASS- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
Jan 22/23	Green	Sacred and Safe Lesson		Matthew 4:12-23 (Jesus in Capernaum) What could you do for someone this week that would tell them about Jesus?
Jan 29/30	Green	Ch. 12: Catholic and Apostolic and Unit Review	The Church's mission is to share Jesus' Good News with all people. The Church is Catholic because she welcomes all people.	Matthew 5:1-12 (the beatitudes) Who is welcome in the reign of God? Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?
Feb 5/6 At Home Lesson	Green	Ch. 13: Choose Love	Jesus' New Commandment is to love one another as He loves each of us.	Matthew 5:13-16 (the similes of salt and light) How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?
Feb 12/13	Green	Ch. 14 Live in the Light	Each of us has a vocation that helps us follow God's plan. God's gifts of faith, hope, and charity (love) help us live a good and moral life.	Matthew 5:17-37 (The Old Law and The New) When have you taken the first step to make up with someone who has hurt you or whom you have offended?
Feb 19/20	Green	Ch. 15: Help with Choices	Conscience is the God given ability to help us make choices about right and wrong. God's grace in the sacraments helps us.	Matthew 5:38-48 (New Law of Retaliation; love of enemies) Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?
Feb 26/27	Green	Ch. 16: Sacraments of Initiation	Baptism forgives all sin, original and personal. Confirmation seals and completes Baptism. Jesus shares himself with us in the Eucharist.	Matthew 6:24-34 (Dependence on God) What can help you worry less about something that might happen?
Mar 5/6	Purple	Lent Ch. 17: Sacraments of Healing/	In the Sacraments of Healing God's forgiveness and healing are given to those suffering physical and spiritual sickness. ALSO: Feasts and Seasons: Time for Change	Matthew 4:1-11 (the temptation of Jesus) What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?
Mar 12 - 20		NO CLASS – Spring Break		
Mar 26/27	Rose	Lent Ch. 18: Sacraments at the Service of Communion and Unit Review	Holy Orders ordains men to lead and serve the Church. Matrimony joins a man and woman to serve God by loving and serving each other and any children they have.	John 9:1-41 (the man born blind) How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?
Apr 2/3	Purple	Lent Ch. 19: The Church Through Time	God kept his promise to be forever faithful when He sent his Son, Jesus. Throughout her history the Church strives to be faithful.	John 11:1-45 (the raising of Lazarus) How does Jesus help you do what is good and avoid what is not?
Apr 9/10	Red	Palm Sunday/ Holy Week/ Holy, Holy, Holy	Holy week is a special week for the Church and the Triduum begins on Holy Thursday and concludes on Easter Sunday.	Matthew 26:14-27:66 (the passion of Jesus) How do you allow Jesus to live in your heart?
Apr 16/17		NO CLASS – Easter		
Apr 23/24	White	Divine Mercy Sunday Ch. 20: The Work of the Church	We can use our time, talent, and treasure to worship God and help others know about him.	John 20:19-31 (appearance to the disciples; Thomas) What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?
Apr 30/ May 1 LAST CLASS	White	Ch. 21: Everlasting Life and Unit Review	People who die in God's friendship will live forever in his presence. Christ will judge all people at the end of their lives.	Luke 24:13-35 (Emmaus) When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?