

INTRODUCTION TO THE YEAR - LESSON

Begin All Lessons with Prayer and at the Prayer Table:

Goal for Lesson: To introduce God as 1 God in 3 Divine persons. To explain why we should know, love, and serve God, why do we exist as human beings and why we pray. *(This is a good way to assess what the children know, what they want to know or wonder and what they learned)*

Step 1 - What or Why we are doing the lesson

- Here you are to explain the purpose
- Today we are going to work on some review and some introductions to topics about God and why you exist, by the time we finish you will be better at **understanding of who God is (1 God in 3 Persons), why we should know, love and serve God and why we exist as human beings.**

• **Step 2 – How we are going to do the lesson**

- Explain exactly what they will be doing
 - **First**, we are going to pray our opening prayer; **then** we will go through some Did You Know topics about God; **next** we will fill out our KWL Chart; **finally**, we will say our closing prayer
- Break it down into a few parts: **see above: First, Then, Next, Finally**
- Tell them how many steps are involved: 4 Steps
- Write steps on board or provide sheet (or PowerPoint) then explain procedure – visually/orally
- We want to state the purpose as clearly as possible
- Sometimes they understand, sometimes they don't know the topic, sometimes they don't care about the topic
 - We say:
 - Let me show you an easy way to _____.
 - You won't believe how fast and smart you will get at this
 - We are going to go slowly together until you get this so you don't get lost
CHILDREN WILL BE ENPOWERED TO LEARN IF WE ARE POSITIVE

Step 3 – Modeling

- This is when you show the learner how it is done
- They need to see the process unfold before their own eyes
- Teach the lesson as you would expect the learners to do it
- Involve the class while modeling (examples will be given for age group)
 - Proof reading
 - Underlining key components
 - Writing on wipe boards everything you remember
 - Do we need to make changes?

For this introductory lesson the Catechist is to present the KWL chart and show the children how to do this. They will review all the information below.

1. Who is God?
The Creator of the all things visible and invisible
2. Who made us?
God made us
3. Why did God create us? Or, what is our purpose on this Earth
To share with us His everlasting happiness in heaven
4. What must we do to gain the happiness in heaven?
To know Him, to Love Him and to Serve Him and be kind to one another
5. Who teaches us to know, love and serve God?
It is Jesus Christ, the Son of God who teaches us through the Catholic Church
6. Is there only One God?
 - Yes, only One God
 - There is 1 God but 3 Divine Persons -Father, Son and the Holy Spirit (as in the sign of the cross)
7. What three things does God want us to do in order to get into heaven?
 - Know Him
 - Love Him
 - Serve Him
8. Is God perfect?
 - Yes

9. Why is God perfect?

- Jesus taught us about God's perfection
- God knows all things
- God can do all things
- God is all-good

10. What is Prayer? Why Do We Pray?

- Communication with God
- the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.
- Prayer is a way of relating: to God, to ourselves, to those around us

11. How do we worship God?

- We go to Mass every Sunday and we pray every day to talk with God.

The Gospels are found in the bible and are the teachings of Jesus.

The priest reads the Gospel at Mass every Sunday.

*Listen to the Gospel of John and when done we will discuss what you know, want to know and what you learned.

Jesus teaches: The sheep of Jesus follow Him to heaven.

Read the Following scripture readings:

"I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." John 10:14

"He who enters by the door is shepherd of the sheep. To this man/woman the gatekeeper opens; and the sheep hear His voice, and he calls His own sheep by name and leads them forth..., and the sheep follow Him because they know His voice. John 10:2-4

12. Who is the Shepherd?

- Jesus

13. Who are the sheep?

- We are – the people of the world

14. Where is Jesus the Good Shepherd leading the sheep (the people)?

- Toward heaven

Step 4 – Bring in Art Work, Graphic organizers, rubric, etc. to guide learners on the path to success

Tell the learners - This is your hands-on activity or work now – present the activity you want the learners to do

Catechist is to call out the question and kids are to raise hand if they know the answer; answer can be given verbally, or written on a paper or on a wipe board. Then they are given a sheet to cut out and paste the answers in the proper areas.

For Grades 1-4

Topic _____

date _____

| <u>Know</u> <i>What I think I know</i> | <u>Wonder</u> <i>What I want to know</i> | <u>Learn</u> <i>What I learned</i> |
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For Grades 4-8

Name: _____ Date: _____

My KWHLAQ Chart

| K What I know... | W What I want to know... | H How do I find out? | L What have I learned? | A What action will I take? | Q What new questions do I have? |
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Step 5 – Closing Prayer

Summary:

1. Catechist tells you what to do
2. Catechist will show you what to do
3. Catechist/Peer helps you to do it
4. You do it independently