

**INTRODUCTION TO THE
YEAR
LESSON**

DID YOU KNOW?

Step 1- What or Why we are we doing the lesson

The purpose of the lesson:

- Today we are going to work on some review and some introductions on
 - topics about God and why you exist

- By the time we finish you will be better at
 - understanding who God is (1 God in 3 Persons)
 - why we should know, love and serve God
 - 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 (1 Decade of the Rosary 1 Our Father 10 Hail Mary's)
- **Then**, we will go through some *Did You Know?* topics and questions about God
- **Next**, we will fill out our - *What I know, What I wonder or what I want to know and what I learned (KWL) Chart*
- **Finally**, we will say our closing prayer

Begin with Opening Prayer

One Decade of the Joyful Rosary per week for Holy protection of all families and children in the World:

Week 1: Annunciation, **Week 2:** Visitation, **Week 3:** Nativity, **Week 4:** Presentation of Jesus in the Temple; **Week 5:** Finding Jesus in the Temple

- **Sign of the Cross**
- **Apostles Creed**
- **1 Our Father**
- **10 Hail Mary's**
- **Jesus Prayer**
- **Hail Holy Queen**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen**

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Jesus Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

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 below)**
 - **Proofreading**
 - **Underlining key components**
 - **Writing on wipe boards everything you remember**
 - **Do we need to make changes?**

Presentation of Information to Model

Did You Know ?

1. **Who is God?**
 - **The Creator of the all things visible and invisible**
1. **Who made us?**
 - **God made us**
1. **Why did God create us? Or, what is our purpose on this Earth**
 - **To share with us His everlasting happiness in heaven**
1. **What must we do to gain happiness in heaven?**
 - **To know Him, to Love Him and to Serve Him and be kind to one another**
1. **Who teaches us to know, love and serve God?**
 - **It is Jesus Christ, the Son of God who teaches us through the Catholic Church**

Presentation of Information to Model

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

Presentation of Information to Model

8. Why is God perfect?

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

9. 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

10. How do we worship God?

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

Presentation of Information to Model

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 we are 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 the 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

1. Who is the Shepherd?

- Jesus

1. Who are the sheep?

- We are – the people of the world

1. 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 or to fill out KWL Char

Topic _____ date _____

<u>K</u> now What I <i>think</i> I know	<u>W</u> onder What I want to know	<u>L</u> earn What I learned

Step 5— Closing Prayer - St. Michael Prayer

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.**

**May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.**

Amen.