

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: 3-yr. Old Preschool

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

It is the goal of St. John's Lutheran School for students to understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with Him through daily living in God's Word. Students will have the opportunity to grow in their personal faith through daily devotions, study of God's Word in the Bible, Bible stories, and discussion of "faith" issues. Students will also be engaged in regular memory and application of Scriptural references and Christian Doctrinal truths. Students will understand the importance of God's Law and Gospel and how this important distinction is revealed in God's Word and practiced in the lives of all believers. Students will learn ways to demonstrate their faith in service to Christ, His Church, and His world.

The overall goal of preschool is that the students will see themselves as God's children. They will come to know Jesus as their friend and Savior. This is integrated throughout the entire day with songs, prayers, and Bible stories.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

- I. Students will understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their **relationship with Him** through daily living in God's Word.

- II. Students will become **confident individuals** as they identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts and abilities.

- III. Students will become **academically capable individuals** by obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to reach their potential and finding effective ways to apply what they learn to real life situations and challenges.

- IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **servicing Christ, His Church, and His world.**

PROCESS OUTCOMES & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
4. Students will actively participate in weekly chapel worship services.
5. Students will know God, and see themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God.
6. Students will value all of God's creative work in His world.
7. Students will learn to share and defend the Christian faith, using a proper Biblical worldview.
8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- The students will know that Jesus is God's son.
- The students will learn that sins are the wrong things we do.
- The students will know that God sent Jesus into the world to take away our sins.
- The students will know that God created the world and that all good things come from God.
- The students will know that Jesus willingly suffered on the cross and died so that we might live forever.
- The students will know that Jesus is preparing a wonderful place for them and all believers in heaven.
- The students will know that God is with them no matter where they are.
- The students will know that God still loves us even though we sin.
- The students will know that God loves all people.
- The students will know about the Triune God (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit).
- The students will know that the Bible is God's word and become familiar with many different Bible stories.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- The students will grow in the understanding that God makes them his own through the waters of Holy Baptism.
- The students will learn that God wants them to obey his commands.
- The students will recognize and confess sins in their daily lives.
- The students will develop a trust in God and be able to go to him in prayer, knowing He listens to them.
- The students will learn that they are forgiven through God's grace.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- The students will share the word of God through participation in chapel services: singing, giving, worshiping, praying, and listening.
- The students will learn that God's family, the church, gathers together to worship
- God and strengthen their faith.
- The students will recognize that through daily devotions we can thank and praise God through song and prayer.
- The students will acknowledge the need for forgiveness for themselves and for others.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- The students will grow in their desire to tell others the good news of God's love in Jesus for all people.
- The students will discover that just as Christ came to serve, they too can share God's love by being kind and serving others.
- The students will recognize that they need to witness to all people.
- The students will grow in their desire to please God and obey his commands.

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Oral assessment

Teacher observation

This I Know booklet

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Bible

Voyages Curriculum

Integrating the Faith

Core Virtues

The Young Peacemakers

Faith Alive

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: 4-yr. Old Preschool

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

It is the goal of St. John's Lutheran School for students to understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with Him through daily living in God's Word. Students will have the opportunity to grow in their personal faith through daily devotions, study of God's Word in the Bible, Bible stories, and discussion of "faith" issues. Students will also be engaged in regular memory and application of Scriptural references and Christian Doctrinal truths. Students will understand the importance of God's Law and Gospel and how this important distinction is revealed in God's Word and practiced in the lives of all believers. Students will learn ways to demonstrate their faith in service to Christ, His Church, and His world.

The overall goal of preschool is that the students will see themselves as God's children. They will come to know Jesus as their friend and Savior. This is integrated throughout the entire day with songs, prayers, and Bible stories.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

- I. Students will understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their **relationship with Him** through daily living in God's Word.

- II. Students will become **confident individuals** as they identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts and abilities.

- III. Students will become **academically capable individuals** by obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to reach their potential and finding effective ways to apply what they learn to real life situations and challenges.

- IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **servicing Christ, His Church, and His world.**

PROCESS OUTCOMES & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
4. Students will actively participate in weekly chapel worship services.
5. Students will know God, and see themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God.
6. Students will value all of God's creative work in His world.
7. Students will learn to share and defend the Christian faith, using a proper Biblical worldview.
8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- The students will know that Jesus is God's son.
- The students will learn that sins are the wrong things we do.
- The students will know that God sent Jesus into the world to take away our sins.
- The students will know that God created the world and that all good things come from God.
- The students will know that Jesus willingly suffered on the cross and died so that we might live forever.
- The students will know that Jesus is preparing a wonderful place for them and all believers in heaven.
- The students will know that God is with them no matter where they are.
- The students will know that God still loves us even though we sin.
- The students will know that God loves all people.
- The students will know about the Triune God (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit).
- The students will know that the Bible is God's word and become familiar with many different Bible stories.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- The students will grow in the understanding that God makes them his own through the waters of Holy Baptism.
- The students will learn that God wants them to obey his commands.
- The students will recognize and confess sins in their daily lives.
- The students will develop a trust in God and be able to go to him in prayer, knowing He listens to them.
- The students will learn that they are forgiven through God's grace.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- The students will share the word of God through participation in chapel services: singing, giving, worshiping, praying, and listening.
- The students will learn that God's family, the church, gathers together to worship
- God and strengthen their faith.
- The students will recognize that through daily devotions we can thank and praise God through song and prayer.
- The students will acknowledge the need for forgiveness for themselves and for others.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- The students will grow in their desire to tell others the good news of God's love in Jesus for all people.
- The students will discover that just as Christ came to serve, they too can share God's love by being kind and serving others.
- The students will recognize that they need to witness to all people.
- The students will grow in their desire to please God and obey his commands.

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Oral assessment

Teacher observation

This I Know booklet

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Bible

Voyages Curriculum

Integrating the Faith

Core Virtues

The Young Peacemakers

FaithAlive

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: Kindergarten

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

It is the goal of St. John's Lutheran School for students to understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with Him through daily living in God's Word. Students will have the opportunity to grow in their personal faith through daily devotions, study of God's Word in the Bible, Bible stories, and discussion of "faith" issues. Students will also be engaged in regular memory and application of Scriptural references and Christian Doctrinal truths. Students will understand the importance of God's Law and Gospel and how this important distinction is revealed in God's Word and practiced in the lives of all believers. Students will learn ways to demonstrate their faith in service to Christ, His Church, and His world.

Kindergarten students learn about the God who made them, the Son who redeemed them, and the Holy Spirit who brought them to faith. They learn about Jesus in relationship to self, others, and the world around them. They become familiar with the Bible and know it is the true Word of God. Students learn what a friend Jesus is to them. They learn what it means to be a Christian, to live in God's will, and to respond to God's love for them. They will grow in their desire to tell others the good news of God's love in Jesus for all people.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

- I. Students will understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their **relationship with Him** through daily living in God's Word.
- II. Students will become **confident individuals** as they identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts and abilities.
- III. Students will become **academically capable individuals** by obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to reach their potential and finding effective ways to apply what they learn to real life situations and challenges.
- IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **servicing Christ, His Church, and**

His world.

PROCESS OUTCOMES & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
4. Students will actively participate in weekly chapel worship services.
5. Students will know God, and see themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God.
6. Students will value all of God's creative work in His world.
7. Students will learn to share and defend the Christian faith, using a proper Biblical worldview.
8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- Students will know that the Bible is the true word of God.
- Students will learn Bible stories from the Old and New Testament and be able to recognize Bible characters.
- Students will know that God set Jesus into the world to take away our sins.
- Students will know that God created the world; and that all good things come from God.
- Students will know that Jesus willingly suffered on the cross and died so that we might live forever.
- Students will know that Jesus is preparing a wonderful place for them and all believers in heaven.
- Students will know that God is with them no matter where they are.
- Students will understand that God keeps His promises, loves, and protects His children, and offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to all who believe

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- Students will grow in the understanding that God makes them His own through the waters of Holy Baptism.
- Students will learn that God wants them to obey His commands.
- Students will recognize and confess sins in their daily lives.
- Students will develop a trust in God and be able to go to Him in prayer, knowing He will answer their prayers.
- Students will grow in faith and a thankfulness towards God

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- Students will share the word of God through participation in chapel services and singing on Sunday services.
- Students will learn that God's family, the church, gathers together to worship God and strengthen their faith.
- Students will recognize that through daily devotions we can thank and praise God through song and prayer.
- Students will show loving care for God's creation by taking care of themselves, pets, plants, and other things God has made.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- Students will grow in their desire to tell others the good news of God's love in Jesus for all people.
- Students will discover that just as Christ came to serve, they too can share God's love by being kind to and serving others.
- Students will recognize that they need to witness to all people even those who are different than them.

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Reciting memory work
Oral Assessments

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Bible
Voyages/Concordia Publishing House
Arch Books
Beginner Bible Videos
A Reason for Reading
Devotional Books

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: First

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

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First grade students learn about the God who made them, the Son who redeemed them, and the Holy Spirit who brought them to faith. They will learn about Jesus in relationship to self, others, and the world around them. They learn what it means to be a Christian, to live in God's Will, and to respond to God's love to them. They will grow in their desire to tell others the good news of God's love in Jesus for all people.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

- I. Students will understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their **relationship with Him** through daily living in God's Word.
- II. Students will become **confident individuals** as they identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts and abilities.
- III. Students will become **academically capable individuals** by obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to reach their potential and finding effective ways to apply what they learn to real life situations and challenges.
- IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **serving Christ, His Church, and His world.**

PROCESS OUTCOMES & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
4. Students will actively participate in weekly chapel worship services.
5. Students will know God, and see themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God.
6. Students will value all of God's creative work in His world.
7. Students will learn to share and defend the Christian faith, using a proper Biblical worldview.
8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- + Students will learn Bible stories from the Old and New Testament and be able to recognize Biblical characters.
- + Students will understand that God keeps his promises, loves, protects His children, and offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to all who believe.
- + Students will know that God created the world and that all good things come from Him.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- + Students will grow in the understanding that God makes them His own through the water of Holy Baptism.
- + Students will learn that God wants them to obey His commands.
- + Students will recognize that they sin everyday in thought, word and action and they need a Savior.
- + Students will develop a trust in God and be able to go to Him in prayer, knowing that He will answer their prayers.
- + Students will grow in faith and thankfulness to God.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- + Students will share the Word of God through participation in and leading chapel services.
- + Students will learn that God's family, the church, gathers to worship God and strengthen their faith.
- + Students will recognize that through daily devotions we can thank and praise God through song and prayer.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- + Students will grow in their desire to tell others the good news of God's love in Jesus for all people.
- + Students will discover that just as Christ came to serve, they too can share God's love by serving others.
- + Students will recognize that they need to witness to all people, even those who are different than them.

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Memory work recitation

Oral assessments

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Voyages (CPH)

Arch Books

Bible

Beginner's Bible Videos

A "Reason for Reading" series

Devotional books

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: Second

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

It is the goal of St. John's Lutheran School for students to understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with Him through daily living in God's Word. Students will have the opportunity to grow in their personal faith through daily devotions, study of God's Word in the Bible, Bible stories, and discussion of "faith" issues. Students will also be engaged in regular memory and application of Scriptural references and Christian Doctrinal truths. Students will understand the importance of God's Law and Gospel and how this important distinction is revealed in God's Word and practiced in the lives of all believers. Students will learn ways to demonstrate their faith in service to Christ, His Church, and His world.

In second grade, each student is presented with a Bible to use as a study tool. Scripture memorized is highlighted throughout the year. Bible stories and units are presented with a common theme and in chronological order to tell God's story of love and salvation for His people as found in the Old and New Testament, and continuing on to touch our lives today.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

I. Students will understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their **relationship with Him** through daily living in God's Word.

II. Students will become **confident individuals** as they identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts and abilities.

III. Students will become **academically capable individuals** by obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to reach their potential and finding effective ways to apply what they learn to real life situations and challenges.

IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **serving Christ, His Church, and His world.**

PROCESS OUTCOMES & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
4. Students will actively participate in weekly chapel worship services.
5. Students will know God, and see themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God.
6. Students will value all of God's creative work in His world.
7. Students will learn to share and defend the Christian faith, using a proper Biblical worldview.
8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- + Students will know Bible stories from the Old and New Testament and recognize biblical characters.
- + Students will memorize selected bible verses, prayers, hymns, and worship songs.
- + Students will learn about the life of Martin Luther and his work in the Reformation of the church.
- + Students will learn to use the Bible as a study tool to understand God's word.
- + Students will understand key concepts of faith such as Law, Gospel, confession and repentance, forgiveness and grace, while focusing on the person, attributes, and work of our Triune God.
- + Students will understand that God keeps His promises, loves and protects His children and offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to all who believe.
- + Students will recognize God's active work as creator and sustainer of the world He made.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- + Students will be encouraged to grow in faith as they daily live in Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

- + Students will use God's Law to recognize sin and the need for a Savior.
- + Students will see God's unconditional love and grace in sending Jesus to redeem us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.
- + Students will trust in God as their protector and comforter.
- + Students will worship joyfully.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- + Students will understand they are a valued part of the Body of Christ both as worshipers and witnesses.
- + Students will actively participate in Bible study, daily prayer, devotions, and weekly chapel services.
- + Students will learn the importance of giving thanks and praise to God through worship and service.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- + Students will see themselves as empowered by God to share His Word and His love.
- + Students will be respond to God's love by serving others at home, school, in the local community, and in the mission field at home and abroad.

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

- + Students will be assessed through group and individual activities to review and reinforce learning.
- + Students will recite assigned memory work. Bible verses learned will be highlighted in their study Bibles.

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

- + Holy Bible (New International Version): Student Set
- + Voyages: Exploring God's Word (Grade 2)
 Concordia Publishing House, 2002
 Teacher Guide/Teacher Kit
 Student Books (9 sets)
 Teacher Resource book w/CD-ROM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: Third

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

It is the goal of St. John's Lutheran School for students to understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with Him through daily living in God's Word. Students will have the opportunity to grow in their personal faith through daily devotions, study of God's Word in the Bible, Bible stories, and discussion of "faith" issues. Students will also be engaged in regular memory and application of Scriptural references and Christian Doctrinal truths. Students will understand the importance of God's Law and Gospel and how this important distinction is revealed in God's Word and practiced in the lives of all believers. Students will learn ways to demonstrate their faith in service to Christ, His Church, and His world.

The third grade religion includes Bible stories and activities based on the Old and New Testaments. The students will have the fullest opportunity to grow in his or her relationship of faith and life with God. Each day also includes daily devotions and prayer. On Wednesdays, the school worships together in chapel.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

- I. Students will understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their **relationship with Him** through daily living in God's Word.
- II. Students will become **confident individuals** as they identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts and abilities.
- III. Students will become **academically capable individuals** by obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to reach their potential and finding effective ways to apply what they learn to real life situations and challenges.
- IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **serving Christ, His Church, and His world.**

PROCESS OUTCOMES & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
4. Students will actively participate in weekly chapel worship services.
5. Students will know God, and see themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God.
6. Students will value all of God's creative work in His world.
7. Students will learn to share and defend the Christian faith, using a proper Biblical worldview.
8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- + Students will learn Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments.
- + Students will know they are the reconciled and redeemed children of God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- + Students will study, learn or memorize parts of the Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, songs, and scripture verses.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- + Students will understand the key concepts of faith such as Law and Gospel, confession, repentance, forgiveness, and grace by studying and using the curriculum and the Bible.
- + Students will know the spiritual truth taught in each of the lessons.
- + Students will develop the spiritual attitudes and habits presented in each of the lessons.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- + Students will participate in daily classroom devotions.
- + Students will apply their faith as they pray for others.
- + Students will participate in worship by attending weekly chapel services.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- + Students will witness openly that Christ is the Savior of all people.
- + Students will call on the Holy Spirit to guide them to live Christian lives in thought, word, and, deed.

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Blackline masters from curriculum

Weekly memory tests

Class participation

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Christ Light religion curriculum

NIV Bible

Christ Light memory selections

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: Fourth

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

It is the goal of St. John's Lutheran School for students to understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with Him through daily living in God's Word. Students will have the opportunity to grow in their personal faith through daily devotions, study of God's Word in the Bible, Bible stories, and discussion of "faith" issues. Students will also be engaged in regular memory and application of Scriptural references and Christian Doctrinal truths. Students will understand the importance of God's Law and Gospel and how this important distinction is revealed in God's Word and practiced in the lives of all believers. Students will learn ways to demonstrate their faith in service to Christ, His Church, and His world.

The fourth grade religion program uses daily devotions and prayer, Old and New Testament stories and activities, memorization of key Scripture passages, and corporate school worship to teach and nurture in each student a personal faith relationship with the Savior.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

- I. Students will understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their **relationship with Him** through daily living in God's Word.

- II. Students will become **confident individuals** as they identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts and abilities.

- III. Students will become **academically capable individuals** by obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to reach their potential and finding effective ways to apply what they learn to real life situations and challenges.

- IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **serving Christ, His Church, and His world.**

PROCESS OUTCOMES & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
4. Students will actively participate in weekly chapel worship services.
5. Students will know God, and see themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God.
6. Students will value all of God's creative work in His world.
7. Students will learn to share and defend the Christian faith, using a proper Biblical worldview.
8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- + Students will learn Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments following a chronological order.
- + Students will know they are the reconciled and redeemed children of God through Jesus Christ their Savior.
- + Students will study, learn, and/or memorize portions of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed, songs, and Scripture verses.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- + Students will understand key concepts of faith such as Law and Gospel, confession, repentance, forgiveness, and grace by studying and using the Bible with the Christ Light curriculum.
- + The students will know the spiritual truth taught in each of the Christ Light lessons.
- + The students will develop the spiritual attitudes presented in each of the Christ Light lessons.
- + The students will develop the spiritual habits presented in each of the Christ Light lessons.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- + Students will participate in and lead daily classroom devotions.
- + Students will apply their faith as they readily pray for the needs of others.
- + Students will participate in worship by attending weekly chapel and Sunday services.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- + Students will witness openly to Christ as the Savior of all people.
- + Students will rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide them to live out their Christian lives in peaceful relationships.
- + The students will celebrate God's love and express their gratitude for what God has done for them by willingly participating in service projects.
- + The students will assist their preschool buddies in learning to worship during weekly chapel services.

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Blackline masters from Christ Light curriculum

Weekly memory tests

Class performance and participation

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Christ Light Religion Curriculum

NIV Bible

Christ Light Memory Curriculum

Devotional books

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: Fifth

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

It is the goal of St. John's Lutheran School for students to understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with Him through daily living in God's Word. Students will have the opportunity to grow in their personal faith through daily devotions, study of God's Word in the Bible, Bible stories, and discussion of "faith" issues. Students will also be engaged in regular memory and application of Scriptural references and Christian Doctrinal truths. Students will understand the importance of God's Law and Gospel and how this important distinction is revealed in God's Word and practiced in the lives of all believers. Students will learn ways to demonstrate their faith in service to Christ, His Church, and His world.

Religion will enhance and deepen our relationship with Christ and each other through the daily study of Scripture and Worship. We will discover and utilize Biblical truths in our living the Christian life.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

- I. Students will understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their **relationship with Him** through daily living in God's Word.

- II. Students will become **confident individuals** as they identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts and abilities.

- III. Students will become **academically capable individuals** by obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to reach their potential and finding effective ways to apply what they learn to real life situations and challenges.

- IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **servicing Christ, His Church, and His world.**

PROCESS OUTCOMES & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
4. Students will actively participate in weekly chapel worship services.
5. Students will know God, and see themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God.
6. Students will value all of God's creative work in His world.
7. Students will learn to share and defend the Christian faith, using a proper Biblical worldview.
8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- + Students will study the Old Testament and the New Testament
- + Students will study Luther's Small Catechism to acquire a knowledge of God and Lutheran doctrine (Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, Office of the Keys and Confession)
- + Students will memorize numerous Scripture passages and portions of Luther's Small Catechism
- + Students will study the significance and the necessity of Law and Gospel
- + Students will understand that God keeps His promises, loves and protects His children, and offers forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to all who believe

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- + Students will gain an understanding of God's limitless love, regardless of our human shortcomings, by studying the teachings of Jesus Christ and Martin Luther
- + Students will assuredly know forgiveness of sins and his/her heavenly home, understanding that salvation is received only by grace through faith in Christ Jesus

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- + Students will participate on daily classroom devotions and weekly Chapel services with classmates
- + Students will be exposed to and sing various forms of Christian music as an aid to worship
- + Students will apply his/her Christian values and beliefs to daily interactions with classmates, teachers, and family members
- + Students will participate in various styles of worship

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- + Students will exemplify the “Great Commission” through words and actions within our school community, church, and the world
- + Students will gain an awareness of the world’s influence upon their lives and how to use spiritual truths to develop spiritual attitudes and habits
- + Students will be empowered by the assurance of a protective, loving God to witness boldly for Him in word and deed

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Text pages

Weekly work sheets

Weekly memory tests

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

New International Version of the Bible

Christ Light Curriculum

The Lutheran Hymnal

The Other Song Book

Adventures with God (devotional book)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: Sixth

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

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The students will have optimal opportunity to grow in their relationship of faith and life with God. Students will learn a spiritual truth, a spiritual attitude, and a spiritual habit will be developed through study of the Bible, answering questions in their workbooks, role playing, memory work, and taking part in chapel. They will be leading as well as being a part of the congregation.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

- I. Students will understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their **relationship with Him** through daily living in God's Word.

- II. Students will become **confident individuals** as they identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts and abilities.

- III. Students will become **academically capable individuals** by obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to reach their potential and finding effective ways to apply what they learn to real life situations and challenges.

- IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **serving Christ, His Church, and His world.**

PROCESS OUTCOMES & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
4. Students will actively participate in weekly chapel worship services.
5. Students will know God, and see themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God.
6. Students will value all of God's creative work in His world.
7. Students will learn to share and defend the Christian faith, using a proper Biblical worldview.
8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- + Students will study the Old Testament and the New Testament
- + Students will study Luther's Small Catechism to acquire a knowledge of God and Lutheran doctrine (Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, Office of the Keys and Confession)
- + Students will memorize numerous Scripture passages and portions of Luther's Small Catechism
- + Students will study the significance and the necessity of Law and Gospel
- + Students will understand that God keeps His promises, loves and protects His children, and offers forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to all who believe

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- + Students will gain an understanding of God's limitless love, regardless of our human shortcomings, by studying the teachings of Jesus Christ and Martin Luther
- + Students will assuredly know forgiveness of sins and his/her heavenly home, understanding that salvation is received only by grace through faith in Christ Jesus

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- + Students will participate on daily classroom devotions and weekly Chapel services with classmates
- + Students will be exposed to and sing various forms of Christian music as an aid to worship
- + Students will apply his/her Christian values and beliefs to daily interactions with classmates, teachers, and family members
- + Students will participate in various styles of worship

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- + Students will exemplify the “Great Commission” through words and actions within our school community, church, and the world
- + Students will gain an awareness of the world’s influence upon their lives and how to use spiritual truths to develop spiritual attitudes and habits
- + Students will be empowered by the assurance of a protective, loving God to witness boldly for Him in word and deed

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Text pages

Weekly work sheets

Weekly memory tests

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

New International Version of the Bible

Christ Light Curriculum

The Lutheran Hymnal

The Other Song Book

Adventures with God (devotional book)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: Seventh

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

It is the goal of St. John's Lutheran School for students to understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with Him through daily living in God's Word. Students will have the opportunity to grow in their personal faith through daily devotions, study of God's Word in the Bible, Bible stories, and discussion of "faith" issues. Students will also be engaged in regular memory and application of Scriptural references and Christian Doctrinal truths. Students will understand the importance of God's Law and Gospel and how this important distinction is revealed in God's Word and practiced in the lives of all believers. Students will learn ways to demonstrate their faith in service to Christ, His Church, and His world.

Students in seventh grade build a personal relationship and deeper knowledge of God's role in their lives through prayer, daily devotions, regular Bible Study, and class discussions, which focus on application of Biblical Truths to daily life. Regular memory assignments, worship experience, and opportunities which put faith into practice, help students demonstrate their commitment and service to Christ.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

- I. Students will understand the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in their **relationship with Him** through daily living in God's Word.
- II. Students will become **confident individuals** as they identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts and abilities.
- III. Students will become **academically capable individuals** by obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to reach their potential and finding effective ways to apply what they learn to real life situations and challenges.
- IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **serving Christ, His Church, and His world.**

PROCESS OUTCOMES & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
4. Students will actively participate in weekly chapel worship services.
5. Students will know God, and see themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God.
6. Students will value all of God's creative work in His world.
7. Students will learn to share and defend the Christian faith, using a proper Biblical worldview.
8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- + Students will learn Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments and make applications to the choices and conflicts they face in their own lives.
- + Students will study, learn and/or memorize the books of the Bible, the Ten Commandments, songs, hymns, and selected Scripture verses.
- + Students will learn Christian vocabulary (i.e. Law and Gospel, Means of Grace, Salvation, Fruits of the Spirit)
- + Students will study the life of Martin Luther and the impact of the Protestant Reformation on the world.
- + Students will compare the teachings of the Lutheran Church with those of other Christian and non-Christian religions.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- + Students will demonstrate an understanding that they are made members of God's family by grace through faith in Him.
- + Students will identify the creative, redeeming, and sanctifying work of God in their lives.
- + Students will demonstrate reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of their daily life.
- + Students will demonstrate an understanding of, and appreciation for, the sanctity of life as a gift from God.
- + Students will value the structure, importance, and responsibility of family relationships in light of their personal relationship with Christ.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- + Students will learn the key elements of Lutheran liturgy.

- + Students will identify symbols used in Christian worship.
- + Students will lead and participate in daily devotions.
- + Students will apply their faith in praying for the needs of others.
- + Students will participate in weekly chapel services.
- + Students will learn what the Bible teaches about the importance of worship for personal renewal and growth and the greater community of believers.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- + Students will demonstrate a respect for teachers, classmates, and the entire school community.
- + Students will role-play and develop strategies for witnessing to others.
- + Students will assist chapel buddies in developing a respect for, and celebration of, worship with brothers and sisters in Christ.
- + Students will express gratitude to God through giving gifts of time, talent, and treasures.
- + Students will identify various opportunities and means of service within the Christian community and in the world at large.

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Classroom discussion and participation

Memory tests

Quizzes and review activities

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

NIV Bible

Voyages – Contemporary Issues (CPH)

Talk Sheets (Youth Specialties)

Devotional Books

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT: RELIGION

GRADE: Eighth

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

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The eighth grade class begins each day with devotions and a class period focused on nurturing each child's faith in God. Over the course of the year, the class memorizes several dozen Bible passages, participates in the school's weekly chapel services, and applies God's Word to the choices they make in life and the beliefs they have about life.

COMPONENTS

Students will learn skills and concepts in:

- + Christian Knowledge
- + Faith Development
- + Christian Fellowship and Worship
- + Christian Discipleship

ESLRs ADDRESSED

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- IV. Students will celebrate God's love by **serving Christ, His Church, and His world.**

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1. Students will engage in regular memorization of Scripture and Christian doctrinal truths.
2. Students will develop and use Bible referencing skills.
3. Students will actively participate in daily devotions, worship, and prayer with others.
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8. Students will actively participate in serving the church and the world to demonstrate God's love.
9. Students will understand and clearly distinguish the use of God's Law and Gospel throughout scripture.
10. Students will grow in their prayer lives, learning to pray privately and with others.

GRADE LEVEL OBJECTIVES

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

- + Students will know the fruits of the Spirit and seek to foster them in their own lives
- + Students will study the life of Christ and in so doing learn what the "abundant life" truly is and how Jesus embodied this life in his own life
- + Students will acknowledge that life is precious and God given and that all life has value
- + Students will memorize
 - the sixty-six books of the Bible
 - the Lord's prayer and the Apostles' Creed
 - the Ten Commandments
 - approximately forty-five Bible passages

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- + Students will develop trust in Jesus as their Savior and Lord
- + Students will understand that God has a purpose for all people, and that God uses all things for His glory
- + Students will acknowledge God as the provider of all blessings – physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual
- + Students will look to God's word as God's answers to the questions and concerns that they have
- + Students will learn that what the world claims to be important is often times contrary to what God considers to be important
- + Students will understand the Holy Spirit's presence in their lives, and rely on the Holy Spirit to keep them in God's grace
- + Students will understand how the love of material things can keep them from fully following Jesus
- + Students will know that nothing in our lives should take precedence over God

- + Students will understand that even though they are young they are witnesses for Christ, and their lives should reflect their Christian beliefs
- + Students will recognize that all people are sinful, and that God willingly forgives those who confess their sins
- + Students will understand that God has given them the responsibility of being wise stewards of this world in which we live
- + Students will recognize the importance of prayer and devotions in their daily lives
- + Students will trust in God's promise that they can face all conditions by the power that Christ gives them

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

- + Students will attend the weekly chapel service
- + Students will have daily devotions each morning in the classroom
- + Students will have the opportunity of taking part in the confirmation program
- + Students will conduct three chapel services over the course of the year, and in the process will a) learn the key components of a Lutheran worship service b) take part in the reading of scripture verses and the liturgy c) develop and present chapel messages (live skits, puppet skits, video creations) d) write and lead the school in prayers pertaining to our community, including the Lord's Prayer

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- + Students will desire to worship God in thought, word, and deed
- + Students will desire to serve and honor God in their daily activities
- + Students will gain the confidence and desire to spread the Good News of God's salvation to the people they interact with
- + Students will rejoice in the fact that God has blessed us all with unique talents and abilities, and that God desires us to be good managers of the gifts He has given us
- + Students will honor and glorify God in their sexuality
- + Students will desire to honor God with their possessions and realize that all our blessings are gifts from God
- + Students will desire to forgive the sins of others as God has forgiven their own sins
- + Students will acknowledge God's wanting them to live with humility and grace
- + Students will treat others as they wish to be treated
- + Students will live by Jesus' teaching to love God with all their heart, soul, and mind, and to love their neighbor

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Class Discussions

Reading the Bible and discussing its contents

Essays pertaining to our topics

Solving Biblical puzzles such as crosswords and coded messages

Reciting memory verses verbally and in writing

Small group work

Oral presentations

Completion of written assignments

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

The NIV Bible

“Christ Light” student materials by Northwestern Publishing House

“On the Air” and “Unfiltered” videos by Total TV Network

“Getting Along” program by Concordia Publishing House

The Young Peace Maker by Corlette Sande

Catechetical Helps by Concordia Publishing House