

Elementary Religious Education Standards of Learning

Grades Preschool—8

Textbooks Approved for use in Arlington Diocese:

Faith and Life, Ignatius Press

Alive in Christ, Our Sunday Visitor

Christ our Life, Loyola

Spirit of Truth, Sophia Press

Note: each grade builds on the previous one. Students are responsible for all content, up to and including their current grade level.

**Review Assessments (and Answer Keys) and
Database of Glossary available at**

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3. PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN

Standards of Learning

Creed

- We believe in One God
 - God is Three Divine Persons. This mystery is called the Blessed/Holy Trinity
 - God the Father is Creator of Heaven and Earth (all that is visible and invisible)
 - All good things are gifts from God
 - We can know that God is the Creator through the beauty and order of nature
 - We can experience God's love through the love of others, such as family and friends
 - God loves each of us very much and wants us to be happy with Him forever in Heaven
 - God loves us more than anyone else can love us
 - God makes each of us in His image. Each person is special
 - Angels are created spirits, who serve God and are His messengers. God gives each of us of a guardian angel, who helps us to get to Heaven
 - God reveals Himself to us in the world around us and through His Word which is recorded in the Bible
 - Cultivate a sense of wonder, the awe of God, and gratitude for His creation
 - Jesus is God the Son, Who became man
 - We love and honor Mary in a special way because She is the mother of Jesus and Jesus made Her our mother, too
 - Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary
 - We prepare for the birth of Jesus during Advent
- Optional:
- *Introduce the children to the Advent Calendar*
 - *Introduce the children to the Advent Wreath*
 - *We celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas*
- Optional:
- *Introduce the children to the Nativity scene*
- Jesus was raised in the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 - The Holy Family is a model for our families
 - Out of love for us Jesus died on the Cross for our sins, He rose from the dead, and Jesus went up to Heaven—all so we can live with God forever in Heaven!
 - We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter
 - We celebrate the Ascension of Jesus 40 days after Easter, on the feast of the Ascension

Optional:

- *Take the children to see the Stations of the Cross (there are various versions for young children) and use the Stations as a resource for teaching the story of the Passion of Christ*
- God the Holy Spirit, descended upon the Church at Pentecost (50 days after Easter)

Optional:

- *Celebrate the birthday of the Church at Pentecost*
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- Jesus founded the Catholic Church to teach us about God, to give us grace, and to help us to get to Heaven

Sacraments

- We become members of the Catholic Church when we are baptized
- Baptism takes away all our sins and fills us with grace, which is a share in God's life
- God adopts us as His Children (His sons and daughters), and He comes to dwell within us
- The Church is God's family
- God wants us to go to Mass every Sunday
- We owe God worship, and the greatest form of worship is offer at the Holy Mass
- We must behave appropriately and with reverence in church
- The Holy Eucharist is Jesus truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity

Moral Life

- God made us to know, love, and serve Him and, so, come to Heaven with Him
- God makes all humans very good, in that we are made in His image and likeness
- We must follow the example of Jesus and obey His teaching
 - Jesus wants us to love one another
- Children will practice saying, "please," "thank you," "I'm sorry," and "I forgive you"
- We must say we are sorry when we have done something wrong and we must forgive one another
- Children should know the importance of following the Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother
- Children should learn to use God's creation responsibly
- Children should cultivate the human virtues of obedience, respect, responsibility, and kindness

Prayer

- Prayer is speaking with, and listening to. God
- Students will memorize:
 - The Sign of the Cross
 - The Glory Be
 - Guardian Angel prayer
- Children will celebrate Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter

Do NOT emphasize putting prayers, commandments, etc. into their own words. At young ages, children are capable of memorizing, and catechesis needs to be particularly concrete.

Preschool – Kindergarten Prayers to Memorize

Sign of the Cross

To make the Sign of the Cross, use your right hand to touch your forehead and say, “In the Name of the Father,” then touch your heart/chest “and of the Son.” Next touch the front of your left then right shoulders and say, “and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Glory Be

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

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and guide. Amen.

Preschool-Kindergarten Assessments

End of Kindergarten Test/Grade 1 Pre-Test

Place a check mark beside the true statements.

1. We believe in one God.
2. God is three Persons.
3. God created Heaven and earth out of nothing.
4. God loves us and wants us to be happy with Him forever in Heaven.
5. God gives each of us a guardian angel to help us to get to Heaven.
6. Jesus is God the Son.
7. The Holy Spirit is a bird.
8. We become members of the Church when we are born.
9. The Church is God's family.
10. We must follow the example of Jesus and obey His teaching.

End of Kindergarten Test/Grade 1 Pre-Test - Answer Key

Place a check mark beside the true statements.

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12. God is three Persons.
13. God created Heaven and earth out of nothing.
14. God loves us and wants us to be happy with Him forever in Heaven.
15. God gives each of us a guardian angel to help us to get to Heaven.
16. Jesus is God the Son.
17. The Holy Spirit is a bird.
18. We become members of the Church when we are born.
19. The Church is God's family.
20. We must follow the example of Jesus and obey His teaching.

Kindergarten Prayer Test

Circle the Correct Answer:

1. When you ask for something, you should say:

- a) Please.
- b) I'm sorry.

2. When you do something wrong or hurt someone, you should say:

- a) Thank you.
- b) I'm sorry.

3. When someone gives you something, you should say:

- a) Thank you.
- b) I forgive you.

4. When someone does something well, you should say:

- a) Please.
- b) You did a good job.

5. If someone tells you they are sorry, you should say:

- a) Please.
- b) I forgive you.

Kindergarten Prayer Test – Answer Key

Circle the Correct Answer:

6. When you ask for something, you should say:

- c) **Please.**
- d) I'm sorry.

7. When you do something wrong or hurt someone, you should say:

- c) Thank you.
- d) **I'm sorry.**

8. When someone gives you something, you should say:

- c) **Thank you.**
- d) I forgive you.

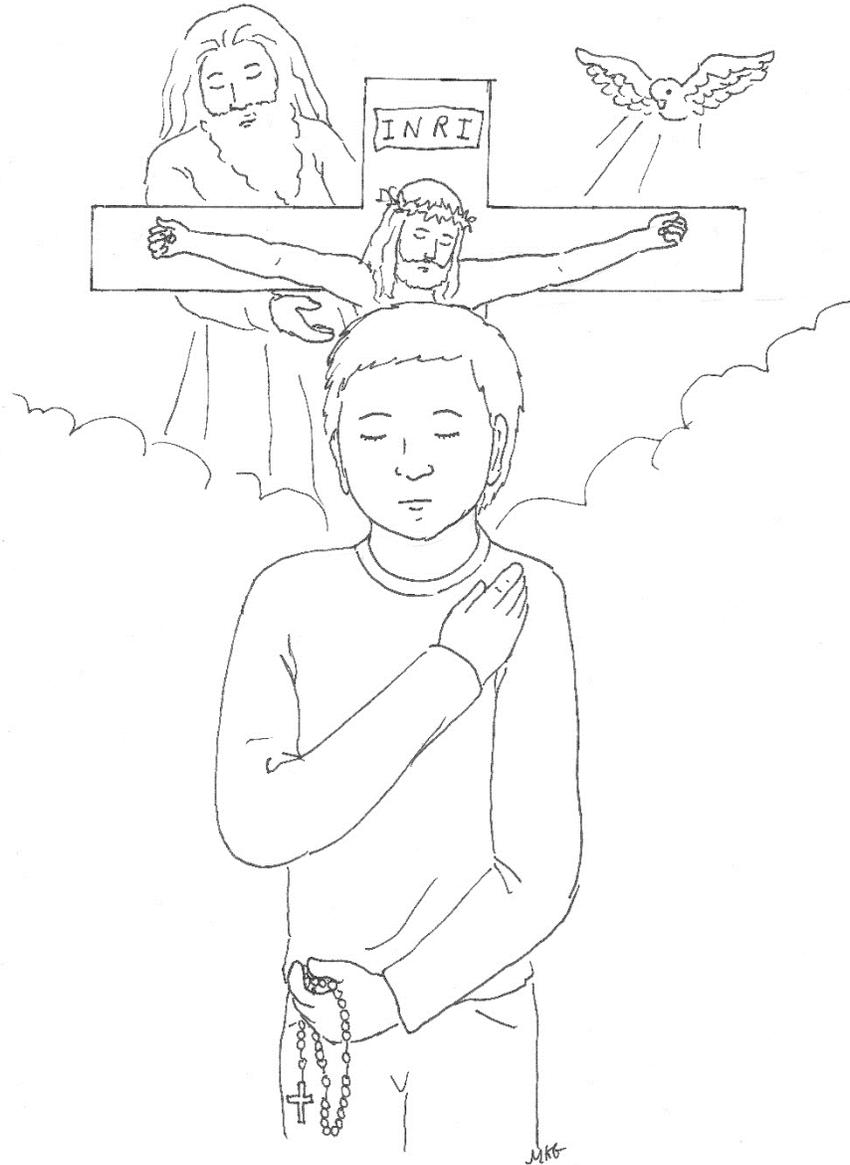
9. When someone does something well, you should say:

- c) Please.
- d) **You did a good job.**

10. If someone tells you they are sorry, you should say:

- c) Please.
- d) **I forgive you.**

Sign of the Cross Test



The Sign of the Cross may be tested through demonstration.

Students may write the number for each word on the figure above.

In the name of the (1) Father,

and of the (2) Son,

and of the (3) Holy (4) Spirit. Amen.

Sign of the Cross Test – Answer Key



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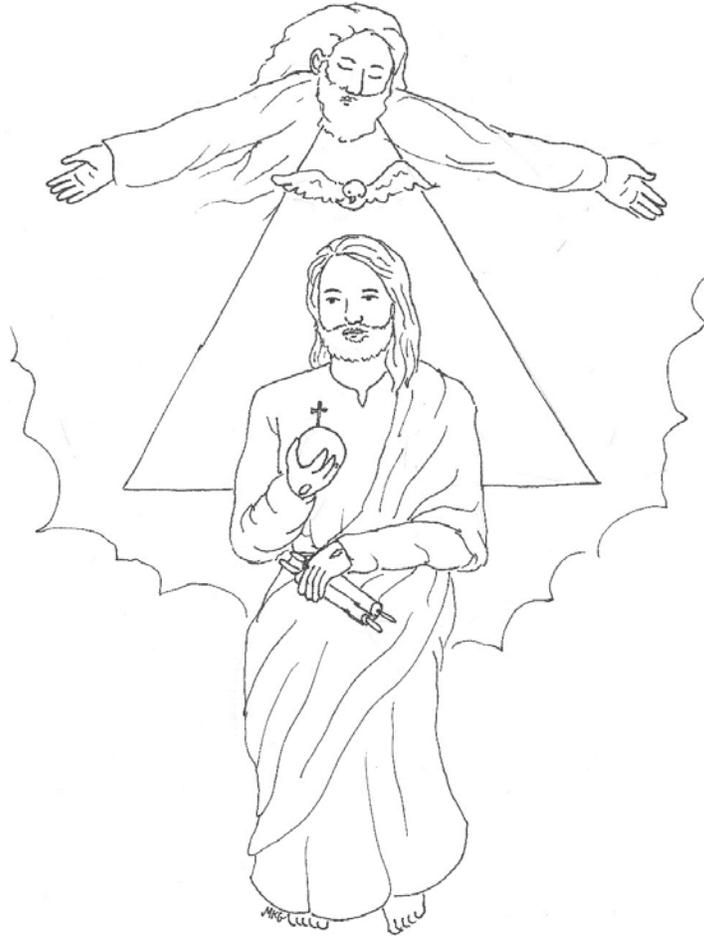
In the name of the (1) Father (**Forehead**),

and of the (2) Son (**Heart**),

and of the (3) Holy (**Left Shoulder**) (4) Spirit (**Right Shoulder**). Amen.

1
4 + 3
2

Glory Be Test



This test may be completed orally, or children may fill in the blanks:

Glory be the _____, and to the _____,

and to the _____.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. _____.

Word Bank:

FATHER

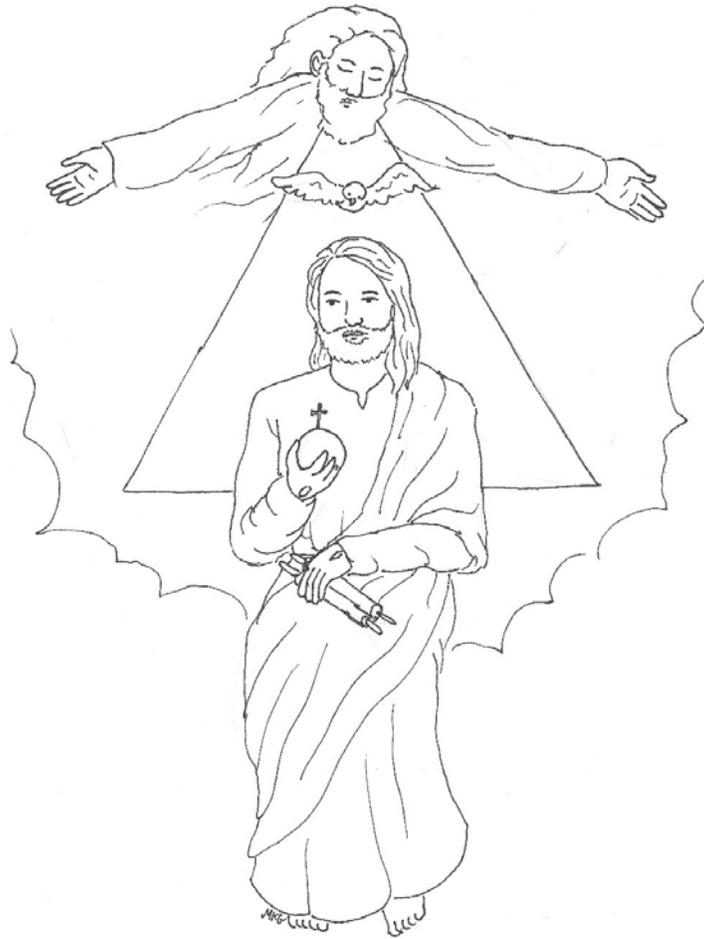
AMEN

HOLY

SPIRIT

SON

Glory Be Test – Answer Key



This test may be completed orally, or children may fill in the blanks:

Glory be the **FATHER**, and to the **SON**,

and to the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. **AMEN**.

Word Bank:

FATHER

AMEN

HOLY

SPIRIT

SON

Angel of God Test

This prayer may be tested orally.



Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of _____ my Guardian dear,

To whom God's _____ commits me here,

Ever this _____ be at my side,

To light to guard to _____ and guide. Amen.

Word Bank:

DAY

GOD

LOVE

RULE

Angel of God Test – Answer Key

This prayer may be tested orally.



Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of **GOD** my Guardian dear,
To whom God's **LOVE** commits me here,
Ever this **DAY** be at my side,
To light to guard to **RULE** and guide. Amen.

Word Bank:

DAY GOD LOVE RULE