

Fourth Grade Religious Education
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Name of Instructor:

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Description and Rationale:

The Religious Studies course in the 4th grade centers on stories about everyday people, whose lives are transformed through being open to God's call. We also intend to enhance each child's values and moral development, as a person.

Learning Objectives:

In the 4th grade, the student will be expected to...

practice their moral decision-making skills

observe/analyze fictional vignettes, concerning ethical issues

develop their listening and discussion skills

develop a deeper appreciation of religion, and how it relates to their daily life

Teaching methods:

We will center on activities and discussions that link to the interests and everyday experiences of fourth graders. Many of the lessons engage the students in group interaction. Employing video resources, short stories and class discussions are the central forms of instruction.

Course materials:

No required texts. A portion of the curriculum will revolve around the video series *McGee and Me*, focusing on ethical quandaries and decision-making skills. Short stories by popular authors Shel Silverstein, Dr. Seuss and Patti Stren are also utilized.

Outline of Major Topics:

Honesty and Courage

Peacemaking and respect

Self-reliance and potential

Self-discipline and moderation

Loyalty and dependability

Love and unselfishness

Kindness and Friendliness

Justice and Mercy

Assessment: The students' progress will be measured by class discussion and projects.

Listening and discussion will incorporate thinking skills and build self-confidence.

Schedule of Course:

This course is required for all 4th grade students

Each student participates in one of three 35-minute weekly sections.