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Hello 3rd grade families,

Although RE classes have been cancelled for the rest of the year, learning about the Faith doesn't have to stop. It is enough that the students read the last 3 chapters in their textbooks and complete the reviews at the end (they are only a page).

Below is a list of basic concepts we covered over the year, which the students will be expected to have learned for next year. It is highly recommended that the students keep this sheet and review the material listed before starting RE again in the fall. This way, they will feel more comfortable with the material when it is covered in greater depth next year.

Also listed below are links for reference. Some of the sites (like FORMED) have resources for adults as well as the children. There are videos about the faith, prayers and devotions, and activities. Enjoy!

Learning and growing in one's faith can continue throughout one's lifetime; it doesn't have to stop when they leave our program. This is because "learning the Faith" is really about getting to know and nurturing a friendship with a Person — Jesus Christ—a friendship that is meant to start in this life and continue on into the next life.

List of topics for 3rd Grade:

1. Formal prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, St. Michael (see inside covers of textbook)
2. What is the **Trinity?** (Cf. Ch. 4)
3. Creation is God's work. Our job is to take care of it (remember Adam and Eve). God created everything good and from nothing. What can we know about God from looking at his creation? (cf. Ch. 1)
4. What is **conscience?** Why do we have the **Ten Commandments?** (cf. Ch. 15)
5. What does sin do to our relationship with God and each other? (Cf. Ch. 17)
6. What did Jesus (God) do to save us? What is the **Paschal Mystery?** (Cf. Ch. 8)
7. The Mass & why we go: What (Who) is the **Eucharist;** when do we receive this sacrament (cf. Ch. 5)
 - a. USCCB website has more information on this here:
<http://www.usccb.org/prayerandworship/themass/orderofmass/liturgyoftheeucharist/therceptionofholyc communionatmass.cfm>
8. Church Etiquette:
 - a. How to make the Sign of the Cross
 - b. How to genuflect before the tabernacle: What is it? How can you find it in a Catholic Church? Who is housed in the tabernacle?)
9. Be able to list the **4 Marks of the Church.** How does "Apostolic succession" work (remember the telephone game) (cf. Ch. 11)
10. Know that **Mary** is the Mother of God. Our families are where we first learn God's love. Know that the Holy Family is a model of love for our families? (cf. Ch. 3)
11. Who are the **saints?** How do they help us get to heaven? What is the **Communion of Saints?** (cf. Ch. 11)
12. Know that the Bible is divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit (God), includes the Old Testament about the Israelite people and the New Testament (about Jesus) *
13. What is a **sacrament?** Know what the **7 sacraments** are. Bonus: which sacraments have you already received? Which two can be received only once? (cf. Ch. 16-18)
14. Know that **prayer** is talking and listening to God, who loves us and always wants to hear from us. Know the four types of prayer (cf. Ch. 6)

List of helpful links:

The website for our curriculum: <https://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family>

Catholic Mom:

<http://catholicmom.com/kids/catholic-gospel-coloring-worksheets-sunday-mass/>

That Resource Site: a website with lots of Catholic activities for kids:

<https://thatresourcesite.com/thatresourcesite/>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB): <http://www.usccb.org>

Catechism:

<http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html#104>

Catholic online: The World's Catholic Library: <https://www.catholic.org/saints/>

FORMED: <https://formed.org>

Vatican Website (available in multiple languages):

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>