



Growing in Faith; Growing in Christ

Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ Kindergarten aligns with the rhythm of the liturgical calendar, honoring the unique seasons along with their distinct moods and colors. Through a variety of Scripture stories, children will explore the significance and emotions associated with each Church season. Each season emphasizes different theological aspects, guiding us along the journey of salvation. The units are designed to inform and inspire children. Educators share their faith and use their talents to evangelize, passing on the teachings of the faith. *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ Kindergarten* complements the Church's mission of evangelization effectively.

The Kindergarten Teacher Resource is structured to align with the progression of the liturgical year within the Latin Catholic Church. This resource emphasizes the liturgical celebrations that are specifically pertinent to the Catholic School Kindergarten Program. It consists of six units, with the duration of each unit determined by the number of weeks in the respective liturgical season.

Unit 1: Who Is God?

Unit 2: Why Do We Celebrate Advent and Christmas?

Unit 3: How Can We Live Like Jesus?

Unit 4: What Can We Learn From Jesus During Lent?

Unit 5: How Is Easter A Season of Awe and Wonder?

Unit 6: How Do We Celebrate Together?

Religious education holds a vital and fundamental role in the culture and life of a Catholic school. Through this educational framework, students are encouraged to cultivate the knowledge, beliefs, skills, values, and attitudes necessary to foster a relationship with God and the community, centered on the teachings of Jesus Christ. In Catholic schools, students engage in a religious education program sanctioned by the Bishop of the local diocese. This education aligns with the overarching goals and objectives that define quality education; specifically, it aims for the holistic growth and development of each individual across all aspects—physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual.

The home, school, and parish collaborate in fostering the spiritual growth of students. Through the program "Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ," the school aids parents and caregivers in nurturing their children's faith development while helping them recognize that God is integral to their family life and their children's experiences. As emphasized in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, parents are the primary educators of their children.