

Immaculate Heart Middle School
Sixth Grade Religious Studies Syllabus

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Book list (provided to student):

The Breakthrough Bible
Good news Translation, Catholic Edition
St. Mary's Press, 2006

Come Follow Me
Benzinger Press, 1998

Course Description:

Sixth grade religion focuses on the Old Testament. Looking at the Hebrew Scriptures students will study the creation stories in the Book of Genesis, learn about the Patriarchs, the Exodus, the reign of Judges and Kings, the Babylonian Exile and Return and Wisdom and Prophetic literature. Students will recognize the various literary forms in the Old Testament, from fables to narratives. Students will reflect on their individual journeys in faith and connect their experiences with the lives of the people in the Old Testament.

Benchmarks:

Students will be able to:

- Articulate the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament
- Recognize the Bible contains different literary forms: fable, parable, myth, hymn, law, poem, prophetic writing, narratives and faith history.
- Recall parable and Bible stories and related them to life experience.
- Identify significant stories and relate them to life experience.
- Identify significant stories from the Old Testament.
- Connect Catholic Sacraments with life experiences.
- Participate in the school prayer celebrations and liturgies.
- Relate the Ten Commandment and Beatitudes (New Testament) to life experience.
- Accept consequences for choices made.
- Show respect for body, self and others.
- Demonstrate problem-solving skills to bring about positive change in school, neighborhood and world.
- Foster positive relationships in school and larger community.

- Recognize the importance of service and outreach to others.

Community Service:

A key component of the Religious Studies program at IHMS is outreach to others. Sixth grade students are required to complete 10 hours of community service. Opportunities for community service will be available both on and off campus throughout the year and notification of these opportunities will be posted at school and on the Campus Ministry webpage. After completing a service opportunity students need to fill out and turn in a service hour form; in addition, a short paragraph on what they have learned from their experience must be attached. The forms are available in Religion class and on the school website. Five hours must be completed by January , 2010 and the remaining 5 hours by May , 2010. **Failure to complete service hours will result in a student's Religion grade being lowered by one full grade!**

Materials:

Students should reserve a section in their three-ring binder for Religion and bring a separate Religion notebook with a pocket to class each day. Being prepared every day is an essential part of succeeding in Religion class.

Grades:

Students will earn class grades by completing homework, class work, quizzes, tests, projects, oral and written presentations, and semester examinations. Participating actively in class is an important part of the class grade; students are greatly encouraged to participate on a daily basis. The following grade scale will be used:

A 93-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69
A- 90-92	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62
			F 0-59

Homework:

Homework is assigned to students on a weekly basis and is always listed on the classroom whiteboard as well as on the school website. Homework will not be accepted more than two days late and will be marked down 1 point each day it is overdue.

Tests and Quizzes:

Tests and quizzes will be given to the students covering the material presented in class. Other than pop quizzes, students will be notified with ample notice of test dates. The dates will be posted on the website and on the classroom whiteboard. Make-up tests will only be given to students who were absent on the day of a scheduled test.

Absences:

If a student is absent she must make-up all work that was missed during the length of absence. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain missed notes and assignments. It is very important to schedule any make-up tests/quizzes with the teacher when she returns to school.

Extra Credit:

No extra credit is offered in this course.

Classroom Guidelines:

- Arrive to class on time with all supplies.
- Upon entering class be prepared and ready to work.
- Treat others with respect.
- Be open-minded! Come to class willing and ready to participate in class discussions.
- Do not be afraid to try something new or difficult.
- Plagiarism will not be tolerated. All of your thoughts must be presented in your own words.

Parents and Students - Please sign below to indicate that you have read and understood the syllabus for the course. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Bocian at zalonso@immaculateheart.org.

We have read and understood the syllabus for Sixth Grade Religious Studies.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____