Grade 6 Summer Religion Assignment

"Walking With Jesus" Faith Journal Project

Directions

Throughout the summer, students will complete a **Faith Journal** with a minimum of **8 entries**.

Each entry should include:

1. **Date**
2. **Title of the Entry**
3. **A Bible Verse** related to the topic
4. **A Reflection Paragraph** (5–7 sentences)
5. **A Prayer** written by the student

Entry Ideas

Students may choose from the following topics:

- Helping someone in need
- Showing kindness
- Forgiveness
- Gratitude
- Spending time with family
- Appreciating God's creation
- Attending Mass
- A difficult moment and how faith helped
- A saint who inspires you
- A time you felt peace

Example Entry

Title: Helping My Neighbor

Bible Verse:
"Be kind and compassionate to one another." – Ephesians 4:32

Reflection:
This week, I helped my neighbor bring groceries inside because it was very hot outside. At first, I did not want to stop what I was doing, but I remembered that helping others is one way we live like Jesus. My neighbor thanked me and smiled. It made me feel good to know I made someone's day easier. I think small acts of kindness matter a lot. I want to continue helping people more often.

Prayer:
Dear God, thank You for giving me opportunities to help others. Help me continue to show kindness every day. Amen.

Requirements

- Minimum of 8 journal entries
- TYPED - On Google Classroom (in Mrs. Pimental's for the summer)
- Complete sentences 5-7 sentences PER ENTRY
- Appropriate grammar and spelling

Grade 7 Summer Religion Project

Living the Virtues: A Summer of Character and Faith

Purpose

As Catholics, we are called not only to know our faith but to live it. This summer, you will focus on practicing virtues in your daily life and reflecting on how they help you grow closer to God and become the person He created you to be.

What is a Virtue?

A virtue is a good habit that helps us make good choices and live according to God's will. This is what we celebrate each month as a school community!

Some examples include:

- Charity (Love), Kindness, Patience, Courage, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Forgiveness, Humility, Perseverance

Assignment Overview

Throughout the summer, you will complete **8 Virtue Reflections**.

For Each Virtue Reflection

Step 1: Define the Virtue

Write 2–3 sentences explaining:

- What the virtue means
- Why it is important for Catholics

Step 2: Find a Scripture Connection

Choose a Bible verse that demonstrates or teaches this virtue.

Include:

- Book
- Chapter
- Verse
- The verse written out

Step 3: Put the Virtue into Action & Reflection

Describe a real-life situation in which you practiced the virtue.

Examples:

- Helping a sibling
- Showing patience during a difficult situation
- Telling the truth when it was hard
- Forgiving a friend
- Standing up for someone

Write at least one paragraph explaining:

- What happened
- How you demonstrated the virtue
- Was it easy or difficult?
- What did you learn?
- How did this experience help you grow?
- How do you think God was working through you?

Creative Component

Virtue Artwork

Create an original piece of artwork representing a virtue that was meaningful to you.

Final Reflection

Write a 2 Paragraph reflection:

- Which virtue was the most challenging?
- Which virtue came naturally to you?
- Which virtue do you need to continue working on?
- How did this project help you grow in your faith?
- What virtue would you like to focus on during 7th grade?

Grade 8 Summer Religion Assignment

"Faith in the Modern World" Catholic Social Teaching Project

Purpose

This assignment challenges students to think critically about how Catholic teachings apply to issues in today's world.

Directions:

Select **one modern social issue** and analyze it through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching.

Step 1: Choose a Topic

Possible topics include:

- Poverty and homelessness
- Bullying and kindness
- Caring for the environment
- Hunger
- Social media and mental health
- Respect for life
- Immigration
- Community service
- Elderly care
- Human dignity

Step 2: Research Catholic Social Teaching

Identify at least:

- One Bible verse
- One Catholic teaching or principle
- One real-world example

Explain:

- Why this issue matters
- How Catholics are called to respond
- What changes could help improve the situation

Step 3: Service or Action Component (this SHOULD be something you can use for Christian Service Hours)

Complete one small action connected to their topic, such as:

- Volunteering
- Writing encouraging notes
- Donating items
- Cleaning a neighborhood area
- Helping at church
- Creating awareness posters
- Organizing a kindness campaign

Include:

- Photos (optional)
- A description of what they did
- What they learned from the experience

Step 4: Personal Reflection

Write one final paragraph explaining:

- How did this project affect your thinking

- What you learned about faith and responsibility
- How you can continue living your faith during the school year