



Growing in Faith; Growing in Christ

The Grade 1 program, and its resource, *Growing in Faith; Growing in Christ*, follows the liturgical year, respecting the different seasons with all the moods and colours found in them. Drawing on various stories from Scripture, children will learn the mood and meaning of all of the Church seasons. Each season has its own theological emphasis, guiding the children through the story of salvation to inform and form them. The Grade 1 program fits within the Church's evangelizing mission that we are all united as one in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

In Grade 1, your child will explore the six tasks of catechesis in an age-appropriate and engaging manner through five units that revolve around the liturgical year with the following themes:

Unit 1: I Am a Child of God

Unit 2: The Road to Bethlehem

Unit 3: My Life in Jesus

Unit 4: The Story of Lent

Unit 5: Jesus Is Always with Us

Religious education is an essential and integral part of the life and culture of a Catholic school. Through religious education, students are invited to develop the knowledge, beliefs, skills, values and attitudes needed to build a relationship with God and community through the person of Jesus Christ. In Catholic schools, students participate in a religious education program that is authorized by the Bishop of the local diocese.

Religious education shares the same goals and objectives set forth for all good education; that is, the growth and development of the whole person in all his or her dimensions—physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual.