

Circle of Grace Lessons for Family Faith Formation

Teaching Guidelines

This section has lessons for Kindergarten through Grade Eight and two High School lessons which fulfill the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' Charter requirement.

The lessons do not include the opening and closing prayers. Prayers are done during the beginning and ending family gatherings. These lessons are only to be taught in Family Faith Formation gatherings.

Below are some key points:

- Catechist should read the Philosophy, Goals and Key Concepts to better understand and prepare to teach the *Circle of Grace*. The Key Concepts review the essence of the curriculum: God is always present in our *Circle of Grace* because God desires an intimate relationship with His children
- The time frame may vary depending on size of class, age of children, amount of discussion, etc.
- Vocabularies with definitions are intended for the leader. The explanation of vocabulary should be integrated within the context of the lessons to assist the children in their understanding of the *Circle of Grace* Program. The depth of the children's understanding will depend upon their age and developmental stage.
- If possible, it is always "best practice" to have two adults in the room during the lesson due to the sensitive nature of the material.
- Your Administrator/Director will be sending out the general letter to all parents regarding *Circle of Grace*. Grade specific parent information/letter should be handed out as directed.
- Evaluations for each grade are to be returned to the Administrator/Director.
- The full K-12 traditional curriculum has additional lessons and resources.

Kindergarten through Grade 2 - What is Circle of Grace?

There is one, two-part, lesson for these grades. Children are younger and more vulnerable and greatly benefit from repetition. There are several activities to choose from each year. Be sure to rotate these activities each year.

Grade 3- Sacredness and Boundaries

Grade 4 and 5- Discerning Internet, Media within Our Circle of Grace

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Grades 6-12

Grades 6 through high school has been added for those programs that include older youth. You can choose one of the grades below if you have multi-age groups

Grade 6- Alternate (Coping with Stress and Pressure)

Grade 7- Saying “No” to Disrespect

Grade 8- How to be Morally Responsible in Today’s Culture

High School

A.C.T.I.O.N -Steps needed when concerns don’t go away

Modesty -What is it Anyway?