

7th Grade Religion

Course Content: Students tend to be very interested in the content and subject matter covered in the seventh grade religion classes. In general, we study the life of Jesus. Students will learn about the formation of the four gospels, various aspects of Jesus' life, his public ministry and his teachings.

Rules: When the tardy bell rings, students are expected to be in the classroom, with all their necessary supplies. Students arriving after the tardy bell and/or without their supplies will receive a tardy.

In the classroom, students are expected to abide by three classroom rules 1) Be Respectful, 2) Be Responsible and 3) Be Prepared. Students in violation of these rules may receive a behavior report, or in the case of serious offenses, a detention.

Supplies: Students are expected to arrive prepared for class each day with their necessary supplies. These supplies include their textbook, agenda, an ink pen or pencil and a single subject spiral notebook. From time to time, students may be asked to bring art supplies or other materials to class. Students who arrive without any of the required supplies will receive a tardy. We use old magazines for project, and I am always grateful for any donations of old magazines – Time, Newsweek, National Geographic, etc. are especially useful.

Textbooks: The religion books have a soft cover and are designed to be used for one year and then thrown away. However, due to financial constraints, we must try to get at least three years use out of each book. The textbooks are brand new this year, and the students are expected to exercise great care of these books. The textbooks come with a plastic book cover; students are not required to have an additional book cover on their religion textbook, as long as the provided plastic book cover is in place. Students who do not have their books covered with the plastic cover are required to have a paper book cover. (Brown grocery bags work the best.) Students with books that are not properly covered will be notified of the violation and given 24 hours to cover the book. Students not covering their book within the given time will be receive a behavior report.

Grading: The overall religion grade is based on several components:

- Assignments such as Bible searches, worksheets, or assignments from the textbook are given in each chapter of study. These assignments are typically worth 5 – 20 points.
- Tests are open-book and are given at the end of each chapter. Tests may consist of multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blank, matching and/or essay questions and one short essay question. Tests will be worth 25 points.
- Students will complete a unit review at the end of each unit – every 4 chapters. These unit reviews are also open-book and will be worth 100 points each.
- A few projects will be given throughout the year. Students are always given class time to work on these projects, but some work may be needed at home. Projects vary in value. A scoring

guide is given to the students when project is assigned, so they will know how the project will be evaluated.

- Per junior high policy, students may turn in only one late assignment (including take home tests, unit reviews & projects) per quarter. Late assignments will receive a 10% point deduction. Any additional late assignments in a quarter will be given scores of zero.

Pen-Pal Project: Several years ago, students in the 7th grade religion classes had the unique experience of being pen-pals with a group of soldiers serving on a peace keeping mission in Kosovo. Unfortunately, we were unable to continue this wonderful program. However, with the recent deployment of Missouri troops to Kosovo, including the parent of a St. Joseph Cathedral School parent, students will once again be able to participate in this very special project. More information will be coming in the next few weeks regarding this project.

I am looking forward to working with your child this year and helping them to learn and grow in their Catholic faith. If need be, please do not hesitate in contacting me. I can be reached at school through e-mail (flo.minor@cathedralschooljc.com) or by phone (635-5024). My plan period is 11:10-11:50 each day.

Please sign and return this sheet indicating that you have received and reviewed the 7th grade religion information sheet. Students will receive 5 points for returning this sheet by Friday, August 22.

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