We Believe –Catholic Identity K-6

In-Service Notes

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*But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.* 1 Peter 3:15

1*. Long Term Planning-General Overview*

-Familiarize yourself with scope and sequence for your grade level all levels.

-Each grade level book is divided into 4 units

-There are 5 lessons per unit including seasonal chapters

2. *Short Term Lesson Planning*

-The Three Step Lesson Format

-***We Gather*** (opening prayer)

-***We Believe*** (main lesson)

-***We Respond*** (conclusion and take home activities)

-In the **We Believe** section there are 4 four faith states for each chapter (2 for Kinder)

-There are four retreats at the beginning of each unit (based on the four pillars of the Catechism).

-Catholic Home Companion (a continuation and completion of the retreat at home)

-Questions and Answers

-Resources for the Family

3*. Immediate Preparation (the week of the lesson)*

-Spend 3 to 5 minutes in prayer and reflection

-Study the lesson plan chart at the beginning of the chapter

-Read the Catechist Article

-Review all the pages for that chapter in the guide.

***Planning a lesson-***

1. Decide what your aim or goal is for this lesson. You can use the four faith statements as your goals (maybe only choose one or two or all four).

2. Use the three step lesson format as your procedure or the way to get to your goal.

3. Always make sure you keep in mind what your students learn best.

4. Incorporate where appropriate media such as music, video, internet games

5. Finally—Evaluate! How did the lesson go