

# *Curriculum Guide* *For* *Religion*

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**St. John's Lutheran  
Church and School**



**Connecting People with Jesus**

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# **Purpose of Religion in St. John's Lutheran School Curriculum**

**The mission of St. John's Lutheran Church and School is "Connecting People with Jesus." God's Word and the sacraments are the "means of grace," the means by which the Holy Spirit connects people with Jesus. The religion curriculum at St. John's Lutheran School is a study of the Bible, where God's Word is read, studied, interpreted and applied to the lives of the children. God's Spirit, working in the hearts of the children through that Word, creates, nourishes, and strengthens saving faith. In that way, the children at St. John's Lutheran School are connected and kept connected with Jesus and his life-saving gifts of forgiveness of sins and eternal life.**

**Through the study of the Bible, children not only learn about Jesus, but they also learn from God about other people who lived between the time of the creation of Adam through the time of the Apostles and the early church. These people serve as examples for us today: how God works, how Satan tries to destroy saving faith, and how even godly people fall into sin, are confronted by their sinfulness, repent, and are restored into a right relationship with a just and loving God.**

**Through their study of God's Word, children learn that they are a precious creation of a loving heavenly Father, that they are sinful, and that without Jesus they have no hope for eternal life. They will learn from their study of God's Word how God wants them to live and what He has done for them. They will pray, worship, witness, and be guided by Christian teachers to live a Christian life style. They will learn the essential teachings of the Bible as summarized in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther.**

**Ultimately, the purpose of the religious curriculum is to create and nurture saving faith and be equipped to share that saving faith with those who do not yet know Jesus.**

## **Adopted Curriculum Materials** **For Religion**

**Grades K-8:**

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## **Overview of Religion Curriculum**

**Our religion curriculum is comprised of selected Bible stories (*see scope and sequence of Bible Stories*) and Bible truths that are then applied to student's lives based on their age and ability to comprehend the material presented. Selections are taken from the Old Testament, New Testament, and Luther's Small Catechism. From these the students are taught the chief parts of Christian Doctrine. In each lesson God's Law is included, which reveals that we are all sinners in need of a Savior. Each lesson also includes the Good News of the Gospel that Christ died on the cross so that all who believe have forgiveness and eternal life. Our curriculum also includes a study of worship topics, which introduce our students to, and explain more about the Worship Service, Elements and Furnishings of worship, Symbolism, the Church Year, and the Sacraments.**

**At St. John's we also include memory work/assignments as an important element of our religion curriculum. We hold to Martin Luther's belief that "Every Christian young and old, should know by memory certain minimum Christian truths, upon which a richer and fuller knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ might be built." Our memory curriculum is focused around the Six Chief Parts of Luther's Small Catechism, and Bible passages from which these chief parts are derived (For a complete grade by grade overview of our memory curriculum see *Appendix I*).**

# Bible Story Scope and Sequence

(This is a complete listing of the Bible stories taught in our curriculum and at what grade level they are taught)

One in Christ Bible Stories	I/T	PA	P8	K	Gr1	Gr2	Gr3	Gr4	Gr5	Gr6	Gr7	Gr8	
<b>Old Testament Stories</b>													
Creation and the Fall													Genesis 1-3
Cain and Abel	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Genesis 4:1-16
The Great Flood	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	Genesis 6:1-9:17
The Tower of Babel	x		x						x				Genesis 11:1-9
God's Promise to Abraham													Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6; 17:1-8,
Abraham and Lot	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	15-17; 18:1-15; 21:1-6
Three Visitors and a Laugh								x					Genesis 13
Abraham Prays/Sodom and Gomorrah								x					Genesis 18:1-21
God Gives Abraham and Sarah a Son	x	x		x	x								Genesis 18:22-33
The Offering of Isaac									x	x			Genesis 22:1-18
Isaac and Rebekah										x			Genesis 24
Isaac Blesses His Sons					x	x						x	Genesis 27:28
Jacob Runs Away/Jacob's Dream			x	x	x			x					Genesis 27:28:10-22
Jacob and Laban										x			Genesis 29-32
Joseph's Coat of Many Colors										x			
Joseph and Potiphar's Wife										x			Genesis 39:1-23
Joseph in Jail										x			
Joseph's Dreams										x			
Joseph and Pharaoh's Dreams										x			
Joseph and His Brothers	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	Genesis 37-50
Jacob Goes to Egypt													
Joseph Reunites with His Father													
Job	x												The Book of Job
Baby Moses	x	x	x		x								Exodus 1:1-2:10
The Call of Moses													Exodus 1-4
The Plagues and Passover													Exodus 7-12
The Exodus	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Exodus 13:17-15:21
God Gives His People Food and Water					x	x			x				Exodus 15:22-17:7
Songs of Moses and Miriam								x					Exodus 15:1-21













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## **St. Johns Religion**

### **Curriculum Standards**

- 1. St. John's students are knowledgeable about the Bible and use it.** *(All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man on God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work – 2 Timothy 3:6-7)*
- 2. St. John's students understand prayer, and pray privately and corporately.** *(Pray continually – 1 Thessalonians 5:17)*
- 3. St. John's students love and serve others as well as recognize all parts of God's creation as a precious gift.** *(Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God as something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness – Philippians 2:5-7)*
- 4. St. John's students witness to others about God's saving grace in Jesus Christ.** *(Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect – 1 Peter 3:15)*
- 5. St. John's students worship with fellow believers.** *(Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God – Colossians 3:16-17)*
- 6. St. John's students engage in Christian fellowship.** *(They devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All believers were together and had everything in common – Acts 2:42-44)*
- 7. St. John's students dedicate themselves to a lifetime of Christian growth.** *(And now, dear children, continue in Him, so that when He appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at His coming – 1 John 2:28)*

# Religion Curriculum Framework

## (Grades K – 4)

**Standard 1: St. John's students are knowledgeable about the Bible and use it**  
***These general truths, beliefs, and teachings are taught throughout the grades and curriculum (For Standard 1)***

- *The Bible is the inerrant word of God.*
- *The Bible is God's Word speaking to us.*
- *The Bible was written by men, through the revelation, guidance, and inspiration of God.*
- *Reading God's Word is a very important aspect of our lives as a Christian.*
- *Memorization of selected verses of the Bible is important for everyday use, reflection, and defense of their faith.*
- *The Bible is an important tool in spreading the Gospel Message to the world.*

***\* As students in grades K-4 extend their knowledge, by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, they will . . . . .***

<b><i>Kindergarten</i></b>	<b><i>First Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Second Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Third Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Fourth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Realize that God created the world.</li> <li>- Understand that God made them special and chose each to be his child.</li> <li>- Know that all people are sinners.</li> <li>- Know they can never be good enough to save themselves.</li> <li>- Understand that God</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognize Jesus as his/her Savior, God's Son and that Jesus fulfilled the promise in the Old Testament</li> <li>- Understand that through "grace" he/she is saved; salvation is a gift, and cannot be earned.</li> <li>- Understand that he/she is a sinner, and all have</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand the difference between the New Testament and the Old Testament.</li> <li>- Understand that we read and understand the Bible with a focus on Christ and His teachings</li> <li>- Learn and understand many of the bible stories that are chosen for the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be able to discuss many aspects of the ministry of Jesus here on earth, especially how He taught the grace of God, and how He acts to fulfill God's grace in our salvation.</li> <li>- Demonstrate a desire to use God's creation wisely.</li> <li>- Describe changes in creation after sin entered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learn and know the Bible stories that are chosen for the fourth grade in both the Old and New Testaments.</li> <li>- Describe how sin entered the world; how Satan tempts; how Jesus paid for the sins of all people, and how faith receives the gift of forgiveness.</li> <li>- Realize that God is holy,</li> </ul>

<p>promised to send His son to be our Savior.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Know that God keeps his promises.</li> <li>- Understand that Jesus is our friend and is always near us.</li> <li>- Know that Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins.</li> <li>- Know that Jesus came alive again at Easter. He did not stay dead.</li> <li>- Understand that if we believe in Jesus as our Savior, God will take us to heaven one day.</li> <li>- Know that they are forgiven and accepted by God with unconditional love.</li> <li>- Know the Holy Spirit works in us to live as His children.</li> <li>- Realize the stories in the Bible help us learn all about God and His gift of salvation for us.</li> </ul>	<p>sinned and need God's forgiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand God created all things.</li> <li>- Learn about the people of Israel traveling to their new homeland; and God was with His people offering His grace, provision, and deliverance, just as He is with us.</li> <li>- Understand that God gave us the Ten Commandments to show us how to live; love God and serve others.</li> <li>- Understand that leaders of the Bible were sinners and needed God's love just like he/she does.</li> <li>- Understand that at Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior, fulfilling the promise given to people in the Old Testament.</li> <li>- Understand that during lent we remember that Jesus died to save us from our sins and that on Easter we celebrate His victory over sin.</li> <li>- Understand that Jesus performed miracles to heal others and show His power, but only God can forgive sins.</li> </ul>	<p>second grade (see Bible Story Scope and Sequence) and be able to discuss them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be able to discuss many aspects of the ministry of Jesus here on earth, especially how He taught the grace of God, and how He acts to fulfill God's grace in our salvation.</li> <li>- Understand through the teachings of Jesus and his disciples that faith in Jesus Christ alone is the only way to heaven</li> <li>- Understand and appreciate that Jesus, though a man, was also true God, Son of His Heavenly Father, who has power over sin and over Satan.</li> <li>- Understand and appreciate that the Lord remains faithful to His people, even when they turn against Him in disobedience.</li> <li>- Understand that the promises of God were fulfilled upon the birth of Jesus so that we will one day be with him in heaven, and that is the essence of Christmas.</li> <li>- Learn about and</li> </ul>	<p>world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognize some of the temptations to sin that Satan uses.</li> <li>- Know that God has called them to be His own dear children, just as God chose Moses for His purposes.</li> <li>- Identify the commandments that focus specifically on our relationship to God and those that focus on our relationship to others.</li> <li>- Identify the similarity between their own complaining and the grumbling against God by the people of Israel in the wilderness.</li> <li>- Recognize that God uses world events and their consequences to call sinners to repentance and to strengthen repentant sinners with His grace and love</li> <li>- Recognize problems, sickness, death and natural disasters as the results of sin.</li> <li>- Acknowledge God's faithfulness throughout history as He fulfills His promise to send a Savior.</li> <li>- Connect Jesus' life and</li> </ul>	<p>just, and gracious</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that God hates sin and because of sin pronounces judgment, but that He also freely offers forgiveness.</li> <li>- Know the Ten Commandments and that disobeying them separates them from God.</li> <li>- Recognize the promises of God and know that faith in Jesus is the only way to heaven.</li> <li>- Describe faith as believing what is unseen.</li> <li>- Trust God's Word for guidance for their lives</li> <li>- Understand that people living in Biblical times were both sinners and saints.</li> <li>- Know that God loves sinners and does work for good in the lives of those who believe in Jesus.</li> <li>- Know that God gives us power to overcome temptation.</li> <li>- Recognize that Jesus has the power to heal us both physically and spiritually.</li> <li>- Joyfully celebrate that all believers will have perfect wholeness of body and soul in heaven.</li> <li>- Describe the sickness</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand what a parable is and that Jesus told parables to teach us a life application.</li> </ul>	<p>understand the events of Jesus' crucifixion and its meaning and significance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognize God's special messengers (from the Bible and in their own lives).whom He has sent to teach about God's love through Christ.</li> <li>- Recognize that there will be things that we don't understand about God's Word, but the Holy Spirit blesses, us, helping us to know by faith what we need for our salvation.</li> </ul>	<p>ministry to God's plan at work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appreciate the fact that Jesus desires to do His Father's work and did it perfectly.</li> <li>- Describe and appreciate the work and blessings of the Holy Spirit in their lives.</li> <li>- Understand that Jesus physically died and became alive again.</li> <li>- Understand that God called His followers to faith, bringing about a complete change in their lives</li> <li>- Continually use God's Word so the Holy Spirit may work saving faith in their hearts.</li> <li>- Identify sins of commission and omission.</li> </ul>	<p>caused by sin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand and use properly the terms "grace" and "faith."</li> <li>- Describe the hope they have in Jesus</li> <li>- Appreciate the many mercies of God.</li> <li>- Recognize Jesus as both true God and true man.</li> <li>- Trust Jesus, not good works, to save them</li> <li>- Know what Jesus meant when He said He is the Light of the world.</li> <li>- Know and believe that Jesus in their Good Shepherd.</li> <li>- Realize and accept the reality of persecution and the power that Jesus gives us to endure persecution.</li> </ul>
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**Standard 2: St. John's students understand prayer, and pray privately and corporately**

***These general truths, beliefs, and teachings are taught throughout the grades and curriculum (For Standard 2)***

***- Prayer is a way that we can talk with God and know that God always listens.***

***\* As students in grades K-4 extend their knowledge, by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, they will . . . . .***

<b><i>Kindergarten</i></b>	<b><i>First Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Second Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Third Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Fourth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that God hears them when they pray.</li> <li>- Pray for classmates, family members, and others.</li> <li>- Pray when children are troubled due to family problems or school problems.</li> <li>- Pray in groups or inside their own hearts.</li> <li>- Pray at the beginning and end of the day, at lunch, and anytime they need to talk with God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pray for themselves and others</li> <li>- Understand that God answers pray</li> <li>- Understand that he/she can pray anytime, anywhere, and in our thoughts and God will hear us.</li> <li>- Pray the Lord's prayer and understand we can praise God, thank Him and ask for our needs and wants.</li> <li>- Understand that we can pray for something repeatedly as Bible characters did.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Know the Lord's Prayer and pray it as God taught us.</li> <li>- Be able to pray to God for and about themselves and others.</li> <li>- Know that prayer can be done privately by ones self, or with each other as a group</li> <li>- Rest securely in the promise that God listens to their prayers and will answer in the way and time He knows best.</li> <li>- Confidently go to the Lord in prayer and praise</li> <li>- Grow in their desire to pray to God every day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that prayer can lead them to share God's love readily with everyone.</li> <li>- Express confidence that through prayer God forgives them for Jesus' sake.</li> <li>- Be able to pray to God for and about themselves and others.</li> <li>- Know the Lord's Prayer and pray it as God taught us.</li> <li>- Pray regularly as a response to God's love</li> <li>- Understand that our loving Father hears prayers and answers in ways and time He knows best</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Repent of their sins.</li> <li>- Recognize that God hears and answers prayer and cares for them.</li> <li>- Love and care for others by praying to God for them.</li> <li>- Pray for God's guidance in building Christian relationships and selecting friends.</li> <li>- Use God's power for confession, forgiveness, and repentance.</li> <li>- Rely in faith on the promises of God.</li> <li>- Pray to a loving God, bringing Him all their needs.</li> <li>- Repent of their indifference to God's Word and seek forgiveness in Jesus.</li> <li>- Pray more often, trusting</li> </ul>

				confidently in God's promise to hear and respond. - Define temporal and spiritual gifts. - Trust and go to Jesus when troubles come.
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**Standard 3: St. John's students love and serve others as well as recognize all parts of God's creation as a precious gift**

***\* As students in grades K-4 extend their knowledge, by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, they will . . . . .***

<b><i>Kindergarten</i></b>	<b><i>First Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Second Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Third Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Fourth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make cards for people who are ill.</li> <li>- Sing to workers in our building.</li> <li>- Practice kindness on the playground, in the halls, and in their lives both at school and at home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trust in God's ability to help them and others.</li> <li>- Recognize God gives us everything</li> <li>- Understand the story of creation and the flood.</li> <li>- Learn from Bible stories of the Old and New Testament examples of how God's believers show love to others and apply these to practical examples in a first grader's life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that God calls us to love each other (even our enemies) and treat each other with love and respect</li> <li>- Know that God created everyone equal and that as His children we are to love and treat every one the same</li> <li>- Know that God has a purpose and a plan for everything in His creation.</li> <li>- Understand that God has given each person certain gifts and talents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that we should respect others and their belongings; we should help our neighbors take care of their property and possessions.</li> <li>- Understand that we reflect God's grace and mercy in lives of service and obedience to Him.</li> <li>- Know that God created everyone equal and that as His children we are to love and treat every one the same</li> <li>- Understand the love of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appreciate the unique family that God has given them.</li> <li>- Believe that God gives them the power to forgive others.</li> <li>- Gratefully rely on the caring, protective and preserving hand of God.</li> <li>- Understand the needs of persons with disabilities.</li> <li>- Show thankfulness to God by showing mercy to others.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow Jesus' example in showing love toward individuals with various abilities.</li> <li>- Understand that as a Christian we are to use our talents and gifts to help and serve others whenever possible.</li> </ul>	God and His many blessings, including the abilities He has given us. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that as a Christian we are to use our talents and gifts to help and serve others whenever possible.</li> </ul>	
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#### **Standard 4: St. John's students witness to others about God's saving grace in Jesus Christ.**

***\* As students in grades K-4 extend their knowledge, by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, they will . . . . .***

<b><i>Kindergarten</i></b>	<b><i>First Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Second Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Third Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Fourth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Witness to others through song, making cards for others, and through their words.</li> <li>- Tell their family members how to be saved.</li> <li>- Tell their friends about Jesus.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trust in God's ability to help them and others.</li> <li>- Show/express God's love to others in class, on the playground and at home.</li> <li>- Understand that God gave us the Ten Commandments, and parables to show us how to live; love God and serve others.</li> <li>- Understand the meaning of the Great Commission.</li> <li>- Understand that just as Jesus chose the Disciples and other helpers, they</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that one way that we can be a witness to others is by living the life Jesus would want and by being a Christian example and role model.</li> <li>- Understand the importance of evangelism and its role in the church</li> <li>- Understand and appreciate that Jesus is the only way to heaven, and it is the Lord's desire that people of all nations know Jesus as their savior.</li> <li>- Understand Matthew 28:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that God's Word must be proclaimed in order for His kingdom to be extended.</li> <li>- Express a Gospel-motivated desire to share God's love and forgiveness with others.</li> <li>- Demonstrate joy as they witness their faith.</li> <li>- Understand that they can share the Gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>- Recognize that persecution and opposition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify the challenge of the Great Commission.</li> <li>- Pray that the Holy Spirit would lead them to share God's forgiveness and love with others.</li> <li>- Realize that God calls and prepares each Christian to witness.</li> <li>- Share the joy of their salvation with others</li> <li>- Rejoice that in Jesus they are called to confess their faith to others.</li> <li>- Grow in their skill of witnessing their faith</li> </ul>

	can also tell others about Jesus and show love to others.	18-20 and the call or commission that Jesus gives to us in those verses. - See Paul's ministry as an example of witness and evangelism	can lead to further opportunities to spread the Gospel. - Understand that God calls His people into lives of service	- Express the hope and joy they feel about Jesus' gift of eternal life. - Demonstrate a desire to be involved with mission activities.
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## Standard 5: St. John's students worship with fellow believers

***\* As students in grades K-4 extend their knowledge, by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, they will . . . . .***

<b><i>Kindergarten</i></b>	<b><i>First Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Second Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Third Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Fourth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Worship God anytime and anyplace through prayer, songs, and Bible reading.</li> <li>- Worship with multiage chapel families each Wed.</li> <li>- Participate in Cherub Choir and sing in regular Sunday services, for the senior citizens, and other special events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sing songs, pray, read Bible Stories, and devotions to praise and worship God in class and at chapel.</li> <li>- Understand that God loves a cheerful giver and wants us to use our gifts to serve Him and others.</li> <li>- Participate in quarterly chapel love offerings / service projects.</li> <li>- Participate in Cherub choir and sing praise songs in church and senior citizen gatherings and memorial services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Know that we can worship God anytime and in anyplace through songs, reading His word, and prayer</li> <li>- Understand the importance of worshipping God.</li> <li>- Understand how through worship our faith is strengthened and renewed.</li> <li>- Worship with fellow St. Johns students and teachers each Wednesday during chapel time.</li> <li>- Worship with their families Sunday mornings at church as often as possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Demonstrate an understanding that everything they say and do can be an act of worship.</li> <li>- Seek new opportunities to worship and praise Jesus in their daily lives. Understand how through worship our faith is strengthened and renewed.</li> <li>- Worship with fellow St. Johns students and teachers each Wednesday during chapel time.</li> <li>- Worship with their families Sunday mornings at church as often as possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Praise God that He has called them to repentance and faith.</li> <li>- Thank God for the blessings of baptism</li> <li>- Understand the what the Sacraments are, and how they impact their lives today.</li> <li>- Respond to God's grace with praise and thanks</li> <li>- Know that in worship God comes to us and we respond to Him.</li> <li>- Joyfully worship God corporately and privately.</li> <li>- Praise God for the certainty of His love, forgiveness, and salvation.</li> </ul>

		possible - Understand and recognize many of the symbols of worship		- Celebrate that Jesus gives them victory over death and Satan.
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## Standard 6: St. John's students engage in Christian fellowship

***\* As students in grades K-4 extend their knowledge, by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, they will . . . . .***

<b><i>Kindergarten</i></b>	<b><i>First Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Second Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Third Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Fourth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Treat others with respect because they are all God's children.</li> <li>- Help others who are hurt or sad.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trust in God's ability to help them and others.</li> <li>- Share their experiences to help understand how God works in their lives.</li> <li>- Share what they have learned from the Bible lesson with each other.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be able to express their praise and thankfulness to God in the way that they interact with others</li> <li>- Understand that as believers we are all part of God's family</li> <li>- Participate in school and church activities with fellow believers and understand the value that comes through this in the strengthening of faith and of relationships.</li> <li>- Invite others (friends, relatives, etc.) to church and school activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be able to express their praise and thankfulness to God in the way that they interact with others</li> <li>- Understand that as believers we are all part of God's family</li> <li>- Participate in school and church activities with fellow believers and understand the value that comes through this in the strengthening of faith and of relationships.</li> <li>- Accept others as either brothers or sisters in Christ or as fellow sinners with whom to share the Good News.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Value and celebrate their membership in the family of God through faith in Jesus</li> <li>- Develop biblical standards to guide them in their relationships with others.</li> <li>- Trust the Holy Spirit to guide them as they attempt to mend any troubled relationships they may have.</li> <li>- Recognize the sinful jealousy in their lives</li> <li>- Recognize God's blessings of gentleness, compassion, kindness, humility, and forgiveness.</li> <li>- Identify all people as neighbors.</li> <li>- Show acts of kindness to others.</li> </ul>

## Standard 7: St. John's students dedicate themselves to a lifetime of Christian growth

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<b><i>Kindergarten</i></b>	<b><i>First Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Second Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Third Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Fourth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Daily live as God's child.</li> <li>- See how exciting it is to serve God by serving others.</li> <li>- Remember their Bible verses and use them as a means of encouragement and comfort.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognize Jesus as his/her Savior, God's Son.</li> <li>- Understand that through "grace" he/she is saved; salvation is a gift; and cannot be earned.</li> <li>- Understand that God is always with him/her.</li> <li>- Understand that leaders of the Bible were sinners and needed God's love just like he/she does.</li> <li>- Understand that at Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior, fulfilling the promise given to people in the Old Testament.</li> <li>- Understand that during lent we remember that Jesus died to save us from our sins and that on Easter we celebrate His victory over sin.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that we are all sinners and are helpless on our own, and that it is by reliance on God alone that we can accomplish what He wants of us.</li> <li>- Understand and appreciate that God has a plan for our lives, and we can trust the wisdom and grace of God to do what is best for us.</li> <li>- Understand the importance in our lives of reading God's word.</li> <li>- Recognize the need to tell God about their sins (repent) daily and know that God has forgiven them.</li> <li>- Recognize that God calls them to repentance, faith, and service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that we are to live a life reflecting God's love, even when facing difficult circumstances.</li> <li>- Memorize selected verses of the Bible for everyday use, reflection, and even defense of their beliefs (if needed)</li> <li>- Understand the importance of our confession of sins and trusting in God's forgiveness for the sake of Jesus' suffering and death</li> <li>- Recognize that we should rely on God for all we need now and in eternity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Know that faith is created and grows by the Holy Spirit working through the Word.</li> <li>- Know that God's Word and the sacraments are the only Means of Grace.</li> <li>- Read God's Word and memorize important verses to better equip themselves for the battle with Satan, the world, and their sinful flesh.</li> <li>- Express a desire to live freely in Jesus.</li> <li>- Understand that through God's Word and prayer we can overcome temptations</li> <li>- Affirm that God calls each Christian to serve Him.</li> <li>- Know that God prepares, and strengthens His children for their service to</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that just as Jesus was baptized, He has directed us to be baptized and to become part of the family of baptized Christians.</li> <li>- Be encouraged to talk to their parents about being baptized if they have not been.</li> <li>- Understand that we are reminded of Jesus' suffering and death and the promise of life everlasting when believers celebrate the Lord's Supper.</li> <li>- Memorize Bible verses to recall and help him/her make good choices in times of temptation and life's trials and joys.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Recognize that children are important to God and that He desires that they grow in faith and knowledge of His Word.</li> <li>- Memorize selected verses of the Bible for everyday use, reflection, and even defense of their beliefs (if needed)</li> </ul>		<p>Him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prayerfully consider becoming full-time workers in the church</li> <li>- Grow in faith and the godly life.</li> <li>- Daily prepare for Christ's return.</li> <li>- Joyfully seek opportunities to hear and learn God's Word.</li> </ul>
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Religion Curriculum Framework (Grades 5-8)	
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**Standard 1: St. John's students are knowledgeable about the Bible and use it**  
*These general truths, beliefs, and teachings are taught throughout the grades and curriculum (For Standard 1)*

- *The Bible is the inerrant word of God.*
- *The Bible is God's Word speaking to us.*
- *The Bible was written by men, through the revelation, guidance, and inspiration of God.*
- *Reading God's Word is a very important aspect of our lives as a Christian.*
- *Memorization of selected verses of the Bible is important for everyday use, reflection, and defense of their faith.*
- *The Bible is an important tool in spreading the Gospel Message to the world.*

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<b><i>Fifth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Sixth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Seventh Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Eighth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that God has preserved His Word through history so that we can receive the message of salvation today</li> <li>- Understand and appreciate God's use of believers in the past to preserve his Word, especially Martin Luther</li> <li>- Understand God's Word as a message of deliverance for His people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confess that the Bible is divinely inspired, inerrant, and the infallible word of God.</li> <li>- Recognize that only in Scripture does God reveal Himself as Savior from sin through the person and work of Jesus Christ.</li> <li>- Identify and confess the central theme of Scripture—justification by grace through faith in Jesus.</li> <li>- Recognize the Word as the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand and appreciate God's Word being preserved and shared throughout history.</li> <li>- Recognize Jesus as the One who earned forgiveness, life, and salvation, defeating the powers of evil for us.</li> <li>- Understand the sinful motives of those who built the tower of Babel</li> <li>- Evaluate modern situations of pride and idolatry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand and appreciate God's Word being preserved and shared knowledge throughout history</li> <li>- Understand that human sin and divine judgment and grace are foundational Christian themes</li> <li>- Understand the origin of God's chosen people and thank God for His care of them</li> <li>- Recognize their own acts of</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learn, discuss, and apply the concepts taught when studying Old Testament stories</li> <li>- Understand the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as the Savior of the world</li> <li>- Learn and understand the significance of the resurrection of Jesus and waiting for the Judgment Day</li> <li>- Use Bibles regularly with lessons.</li> </ul>	<p>means through which the Holy Spirit creates and sustains the gift of sustaining faith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Describe the purpose and use of both Law and Gospel.</li> <li>- Determine when and how to apply Law and Gospel in various situations.</li> <li>- Identify God's covenant of forgiveness and grace to His sinful people.</li> <li>- Recognize how God fulfilled His prophecies and promises in the events of Christ's coming to earth.</li> <li>- Identify Jesus as the central character of the Bible.</li> <li>- Identify the purpose and primary theme of each of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.</li> <li>- Have knowledge of New Testament history and the books of the New Testament.</li> <li>- Know the ministry and teachings of Christ.</li> <li>- Know and understand the miracles that Jesus performed.</li> <li>- Have learned selected parables.</li> <li>- Have studied the Last Supper and its meaning for believers.</li> <li>- Understand the significance of the trial, crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for all people.</li> <li>- Have discussed the significance of the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven.</li> <li>- Have studied the growth and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify events at the first Passover that demonstrate God's power to free His people</li> <li>- Describe how God provided for His people in the wilderness</li> <li>- Identify God's purpose in giving the Ten Commandments</li> <li>- Identify the idolatry and repentance of God's people in the episode of the golden calf.</li> <li>- Describe how God prepared His people at Sinai for the journey to the Promise Land</li> <li>- Describe details of the fall of Jericho.</li> <li>- Recognize that God changed Gideon by strengthening his faith.</li> <li>- Demonstrate an understanding that, like us, Old Testament believers were both saints and sinners</li> <li>- Acknowledge God's supreme power as demonstrated in the life of Elijah</li> </ul>	<p>rebellion and ingratitude, repent of them, and receive assurance of God's full and free forgiveness through Christ Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify the author, date, and place of writing, the audience for which it was written, and the purpose of each of the Gospels</li> <li>- Express confident trust in Jesus, the Promised One, their Savior and King who restored the broken relationship between God and people</li> <li>- Realize that Jesus was both true God and true man</li> <li>- Identify the metaphors John uses to describe Jesus</li> <li>- Depend on Christ to help fight Satan's temptations and recognize these temptations</li> <li>- Demonstrate an increased understanding of the kingdom of God that Jesus described in parables</li> <li>- Realize that Jesus and His disciples faced rejection and ultimately death because of their message of God's love and forgiveness</li> <li>- Explain the significance of the death of John the Baptist, who in the face of persecution continued to proclaim God's message of repentance</li> <li>- Recognize Jesus' command to His disciples to follow His example of service.</li> </ul>
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	<p>persecution of the Christian Church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Know the story of the Apostle Paul's conversion and ministry.</li> <li>- Be able to tell about the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul.</li> <li>- Have read the Epistles of Paul.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acknowledge that conformity to the evil in the world is a constant temptation</li> <li>- Define the purpose of the law for Christians and describe the purpose for the Gospel.</li> <li>- Realize that God's Good News is meant for people everywhere!</li> <li>- Understand how the early Christian church received the Word.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify the hypocrisy and misdirected ideas and beliefs in their own lives</li> <li>- Identify signs of Jesus' final coming</li> <li>- Describe the fear and failure the disciples felt after betraying and denying Jesus</li> <li>- Compare their attitudes toward death with those of the early followers of Jesus</li> <li>- Identify the biblical events recorded as evidence of the resurrection</li> <li>- Express confidence in the victory over death Jesus won for them on the cross and proclaimed on the first Easter morning</li> <li>- Explain the implication of Jesus' last promises to His disciples and to us</li> <li>- Describe the events of Pentecost and the reactions of the people who witnessed and experienced them</li> <li>- Explain how God used Peter, John, and the other apostles to build His church</li> <li>- Recognize that the Lord has brought about growth within His church during times of persecution</li> <li>- Describe the miraculous ways the Holy Spirit worked through Philip the Evangelist and Peter to spread the Gospel.</li> <li>- Describe the events of Saul's conversion and how the Holy</li> </ul>
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			<p>Spirit transformed him from a persecutor of Christians to a bold witness of Jesus Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explain the issues involved in the Jewish-Gentile controversy and state how it was resolved</li> <li>- Identify Paul's co-workers who used their gifts to serve God</li> <li>- Describe the events of Paul's arrest, imprisonment, and trial</li> <li>- Identify Paul's proclamations of the Gospel during his trials</li> <li>- Recognize Law and Gospel in the Pauline Epistles</li> <li>- Recognize how Paul's letter to Timothy equips the church and its workers today</li> <li>- Acknowledge biblical characters as examples of faithful, joyful, confident, God-pleasing lives.</li> <li>- Cite examples of good works listed in James that result from faith</li> <li>- Use scripture as the source book to identify sin and its consequences</li> </ul>
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**Standard 2: St. John's students understand prayer, and pray privately and corporately**

***These general truths, beliefs, and teachings are taught throughout the grades and curriculum (For Standard 2)***

***- Prayer is a way that we can talk with God and know that God always listens.***

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<b><i>Fifth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Sixth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Seventh Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Eighth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Realize the importance of prayer to God for the leaders in the Old Testament</li> <li>- Pray before the noon meal</li> <li>- Receive a blessing ( a type of prayer) when they leave for the day</li> <li>- Share in prayer time at morning devotions for special needs of people in the world, in families, or acquaintances</li> <li>- Engage in impromptu prayers whenever a special need arises</li> <li>- Be encouraged to share a prayer life with their family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognize God's desire for them to pray to Him.</li> <li>- Examine their own thoughts and words when they pray.</li> <li>- Confess their individual unfaithfulness and desire for forgiveness through Jesus.</li> <li>- Evaluate their own faithfulness to God's law, repent of their disobedience, and receive comfort through the Gospel.</li> <li>- Trust in God's promise to answer every prayer and give us the power to serve Him.</li> <li>- Grow in their desire to pray.</li> <li>- Pray for Jesus' help in living out their faith.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Praise and thank God providing for us daily as He provided for the Israelites in the desert.</li> <li>- Evaluate their daily worship and pray for the Holy Spirit's help to make it more meaningful.</li> <li>- Realize that God is both holy and gracious</li> <li>- Adopt a bold and confident prayer life.</li> <li>- Thank and praise God for providing us with Jesus, our spiritual rock!</li> <li>- Give thanks to God for His unfailing mercy, forgiveness, and power to live for Him</li> <li>- Thank and praise God for His patient love and mercy demonstrated through Jesus, the Savior</li> <li>- Repent of the lack of courage their lives demonstrate and trust in God to forgive them for Jesus' sake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seek Christ's forgiveness and pray for the power to follow Him more faithfully</li> <li>- Express a desire to seek and communicate with God regularly through Word, Sacrament, and prayer.</li> <li>- Examine their own hearts and then repent of the tendency to substitute pious practices and religious traditions for true repentance and reliance on God's forgiveness</li> <li>- Write and evaluate their own prayer in relation to a devotion they create</li> </ul>

		- Understand the work at the Diet of Worms in relation to the Holy Spirit being our intercessor, not the Pope.	
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**Standard 3: St. John's students love and serve others as well as recognize all parts of God's creation as a precious gift**

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<b><i>Fifth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Sixth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Seventh Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Eighth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand how people in the Old Testament were led by God to love and serve others in their lives</li> <li>- Understand and follow the Great Commission in spreading the Word like the disciples did after Jesus' ascension</li> <li>- Participate in chapel presentations and collections to help people in other parts of the world</li> <li>- Be involved in activities at St. John's that witness to the community and individuals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand love as described and demonstrated by Jesus.</li> <li>- Recognize and appreciate Jesus' love and concern for people in need.</li> <li>- Let God's love and forgiveness motivate them to give freely of themselves in service to God and other people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students will investigate God's promises at work in the lives of sinners, providing forgiveness, restoration, and hope for the future</li> <li>- Demonstrate a desire to use God's gifts wisely</li> <li>- Confess their misuse of God's creation and express confident trust in Jesus to forgive their sins</li> <li>- Describe God's creation and preservation of the universe</li> <li>- Consider the parallel between the flood and Baptism</li> <li>- Recognize the elements involved in God's promises to Abraham</li> <li>- Identify righteousness as God's gift, credited through the merits of Christ</li> <li>- Recognize God as the giver of all good things, especially the gifts of forgiveness, life, and eternal salvation, which are ours in Christ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investigate God's promises at work in the lives of sinners, providing forgiveness, restoration, and hope for the future</li> <li>- Demonstrate the power of the Gospel in their lives</li> <li>- Recognize that when God gives faith in Jesus, He calls and equips them to serve Him with their time, talents, and treasures</li> <li>- Demonstrate a desire to bring healing through the love of Christ to those in need</li> <li>- Eagerly anticipate the gifts of God they receive through His church and rededicate themselves to lives of thanksgiving</li> <li>- Tell how the Holy Spirit can use them and other believers to continue to build His church</li> <li>- Explain how people with differing talents and abilities help to spread the Gospel</li> </ul>

		to share with others. - Explore possible vocations in the church - Ask God to help them share His Word with pure and joyful hearts - Recognize what a divine call is in relation to professional church work - Respond to Jesus' love by letting the beauty of His love shine through their lives.	- Demonstrate service in a service project during the mission trip
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**Standard 4: St. John's students witness to others about God's saving grace in Jesus Christ.**

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<b><i>Fifth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Sixth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Seventh Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Eighth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand how God guided His leaders to witness to His people in the Old Testament</li> <li>- Understand how the Holy Spirit used the disciples to be witnesses to the people after Pentecost</li> <li>- Seek to be used by God through the help of the Holy Spirit as witnesses of His love</li> <li>- Share their faith with each other through class devotions, prayers, and interactions</li> <li>- Share their faith with their family in discussions, and life events</li> <li>- Look for other people in their life with whom they can share the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Demonstrate trust in Jesus as their Savior and Lord.</li> <li>- Recognize that God seeks to redeem all people and values each person as one for whom Christ has died.</li> <li>- Trust in the power and courage that the Holy Spirit offers them freely through the means of grace.</li> <li>- Relate some of the encouragement God's word offers for situations in their daily lives.</li> <li>- Identify ways in which their faith in Jesus will affect their lives.</li> <li>- Desire to live as witnesses to Christ and His love.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand that human sin and divine judgment and grace are foundational Christian themes.</li> <li>- Examine the effects of the fall into sin on relationships among people and with God.</li> <li>- Become familiar with God's grace through the story of Sodom and Gomorrah.</li> <li>- Demonstrate an appreciation for God's Word and Sacraments as the means of grace through which God works in the lives of His people.</li> <li>- Identify both God's judgment and grace in His dealings with eh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Come to a better understanding of various cults in the world and how they differ from Christianity.</li> <li>- Be equipped to share their faith with others and be prepared to back beliefs with their own personal creeds of faith</li> <li>- Acknowledge God's salvation for all people</li> <li>- Demonstrate Jesus' concern for those who are spiritually ill by sharing His healing message of love and forgiveness</li> <li>- Identify how God has called them to faith and equipped them with gifts to share His Good News</li> </ul>

message of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reflect God's love by willingly sharing His word with others.</li> <li>- Trust in Jesus for the power to face rejection or persecution for the sake of the Gospel.</li> <li>- Use their God-given talents to help build Christ's kingdom.</li> </ul>	<p>people of Israel in both their following and their leading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Express gratitude to God for forgiveness and strength for daily living available to them in Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>- Rejoice that God forgives their sin- even the sin of being a poor witness for Him</li> <li>- Identify what Luther's goals were in writing the 95 Thesis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify the Holy Spirit as the One who will work through our witness to create faith in the hearts of unbelievers</li> <li>- Identify different ways to witness to people in various phases of their faith walk</li> <li>- Describe possible situations in which presenting Christian witness might cause someone to face rejection, persecution, or death</li> <li>- Demonstrate a desire to share the Good News with those who do not yet know or believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior</li> </ul>
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### **Standard 5: St. John's students worship with fellow believers**

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<b><i>Fifth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Sixth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Seventh Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Eighth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learn worship events in the Bible and the role of worship in the Bible</li> <li>- Learn songs, prayers, and other parts used for worship</li> <li>- Participate in worship services so that worship becomes an integral part of their life</li> <li>- Attend chapel services, Sunday School, and church services on Sunday and other special times to worship Jesus as Lord and Savior</li> <li>- Have personal devotions and encourage family devotions at home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Define the term "sacrament"</li> <li>- Recognize that Baptism's power to forgive sins and create faith comes from the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God that accompanies the water.</li> <li>- Rejoice in the new life that Christ gives us through baptism.</li> <li>- Identify the blessings God offers to all believers in the Lord's Supper.</li> <li>- Compare and contrast the Passover celebration with the Lord's Supper.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be equipped to share their faith with others and be prepared to back beliefs with their own personal creeds of faith</li> <li>- Demonstrate a desire to give witness of their trust in God's promises</li> <li>- Acknowledge Christian spouses as one of the God's great blessings</li> <li>- Describe the tabernacle and its furnishings as a sign of God's presence and a demonstration of His care for Israel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Express a desire to seek and communicate with God regularly through Word, Sacrament, and prayer</li> <li>- Demonstrate a variety of worship techniques such as dance and song</li> <li>- Clarify their ideas about the purpose of the church and the blessings God offers through it.</li> <li>- Describe different ways of worshipping</li> <li>- Tell how the Holy Spirit can use them and other believers to</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify the power God offers to all believers in the Lord's Supper.</li> <li>- Recognize the real presence of Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper.</li> <li>- Confess their faith in the promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation that Jesus gives with His body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create, describe, and explain the tabernacle</li> <li>- Demonstrate a greater appreciation and an increased understanding of worship</li> <li>- Demonstrate a desire to pray with one another</li> <li>- Demonstrate a variety of worship techniques such as dance and song</li> <li>- Identify worship-related sins and review the forgiveness offered freely in Christ</li> <li>- Describe different ways of worshiping</li> <li>- Understand the history of Christian worship</li> <li>- Understand persecution in non-Christian countries, and identify dangers thereof.</li> <li>- Adopt a joyful and sincere attitude toward worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>continue to build His church</li> <li>- Worship with fellow St. Johns students and teachers each Wednesday during chapel time</li> <li>- Worship with their families Sunday mornings at church as often as possible</li> <li>- Understand persecution in non-Christian countries, and identify dangers thereof.</li> </ul>
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## **Standard 6: St. John's students engage in Christian fellowship**

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<b><i>Fifth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Sixth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Seventh Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Eighth Grade</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seek out activities to do with other believers</li> <li>- Seek ways to bring in nonbelievers to these groups for opportunities to witness their faith</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Celebrate God's goodness and salvation.</li> <li>- Share in the peace that God offers all people through the forgiveness and salvation that Jesus won on the cross.</li> <li>- Identify ways in which their faith</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relate God's actions to their lives and realize God also calls, empowers, and equips those who belong to Him through faith in Christ for lives of leadership.</li> <li>- Describe the early life of Moses, during which God prepared him</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rely on God's Word alone for establishing religious practices and teachings!</li> <li>- Demonstrate a desire to bring healing through the love of Christ to those in need</li> <li>- Participate and lead in daily</li> </ul>



	in Jesus will affect their lives. - Rejoice in the promise of Jesus' return.	for leadership - Rely upon God's Word alone for establishing religious practices and teaching - Describe God's love for His people when they desire to trust leadership other than His own - Participate and lead in daily classroom devotions and prayers - Clarify their ideas about the purpose of the church and the blessings God offers through it. - Adopt a joyful and sincere attitude toward worship with other people - Demonstrate a desire to share the message of forgiveness and eternal life offered in God's Word	classroom devotions and prayers - Clarify their ideas about the purpose of the church and the blessings God offers through it. - Tell how the Holy Spirit can use them and other believers to continue to build His church - Participate in school and church activities with fellow believers and understand the value that comes through this in the strengthening of faith and of relationships - Inviting others (friends, relatives, etc.) to church and school activities
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## **Standard 7: St. John's students dedicate themselves to a lifetime of Christian growth**

***\* As students in grades 5-8 extend their knowledge, by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, they will . . . . .***

<b><i>Fifth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Sixth Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Seventh Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Eighth Grade</i></b>
- Understand how Old Testament leaders were dedicated to serve God - Understand how the disciples and other New Testament believers were led by the Holy Spirit to give their lives to God - Dedicate their own lives to serving Jesus as their Savior and	- Trust in Jesus as their Savior, Redeemer, and friend. - Express a desire to serve God with lives of faithfulness. - Apply the wisdom God offers in His Word to situations in their own lives. - Use their Bibles as tools to find answers to specific real-life needs.	- Come to a better understanding of various cults in the world and how they differ from Christianity. - Demonstrate a greater willingness to forgive those who sin against them - Express confident trust in God and appreciation for the freedom He offers through faith in Jesus	- Relate God's action to their lives and realize God also calls, empowers, and equips those who belong to Him through faith in Christ for lives of leadership - Recognize both the human cause and the divine necessity of the cross of Christ - Acknowledge that Christ calls

<p>Friend*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop a daily worship pattern which includes devotions, prayers, and reading the Bible*</li> <li>- Become active participants in a Christian community*</li> <li>- Share their faith with others in their lives*</li> </ul> <p>* These are all encouraged, discussed, and modeled)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Depend more fully on the promises of God to help them overcome the temptations they face.</li> <li>- Rely on the Holy Spirit's power to trust Jesus for help with their fears and to strengthen their faith through all circumstances.</li> <li>- Depend on Christ to help them fight Satan's temptations.</li> <li>- Relate the Biblical description of the disciples' mission to the mission Jesus has given them.</li> <li>- Witness more effectively for Christ.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, the students will demonstrate a desire to live their lives in willing obedience to God</li> <li>- Confess sins of idolatry in their lives</li> <li>- Recognize their need for God's continual grace, forgiveness, direction, and encouragement for their journey through life</li> <li>- Recognize signs of God's love and caring in their own lives.</li> <li>- Express confident trust that God in Christ will keep His promise to protect them from all danger</li> <li>- Recognize that God has also personally called them into His service</li> <li>- Demonstrate a desire to live a life that reflects God's love, even when that Christian life is different from that of family or peers</li> <li>- Articulate the peace, joy, and happiness they will experience when God takes them to live with Him in heaven</li> </ul>	<p>His disciples to follow and serve Him</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trust in Christ's forgiveness and power as they face the challenges of everyday life</li> <li>- Recognize that when God gives faith in Jesus, He calls and equips them to serve Him with their time, talents, and treasures</li> <li>- Demonstrate ability to create and maintain prayer journal</li> <li>- Express reliance upon the Holy Spirit to work positive change and Christian growth and maturity in their lives</li> <li>- Recognize how selfishness and self-reliance, can lead to the destruction of the home and family</li> <li>- Identify childlike qualities that God would have them always treasure as they rely upon His strength in their lives and relationships</li> <li>- Affirm that God in Christ continues to love and forgive them even when they sin.</li> <li>- Dedicate their lives to full-time service in God's kingdom</li> <li>- Recognize how Paul's letter to Timothy equips the church and its workers today</li> <li>- Recognize the signs of spiritual weakness present in their lives</li> <li>- Anticipate Christ's second coming, confident is His saving love and care for us</li> </ul>
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# *Appendix I*

## *Memory Work* *Curriculum*

*Grades K-8*

**Memory Curriculum**  
**St. John's Lutheran School**

	<b><u>Catechism</u></b>	<b><u>Bible Verses</u></b>	<b><u>Other</u></b>
<u>Kindergarten</u>	No official memory work, but Bible verses from stories during Bible time are discussed and reviewed.		
<u>First Grade</u>	Lord's Prayer Morning Prayer	25 Bible verses	Prayer before and after meals
<u>Second Grade</u>	Commandments 1-10 Lord's Prayer	25 Bible verses	Prayer before and after meals
<u>Third Grade</u>	Commandments & Meaning Apostles Creed	25 Bible verses	Books of New Testament
<u>Fourth Grade</u>	Commandments & Meaning Apostles Creed Luther's Morning Prayer Luther's Evening Prayer	25 Bible verses	Books of the Bible Psalm 23
<u>Fifth Grade</u>	Commandments & Meaning Apostles Creed & Meaning Baptism and Meaning Sacrament of the Altar and Meaning Lord's Prayer & Meanings of its Petitions	25 Bible verses	Books of the Bible Psalm 23

<u>Sixth Grade</u>	Luther's Morning Prayer Luther's Evening Prayer Asking a Blessing Prayer Commandments & Meaning Apostles Creed & Meaning Lords Prayer Petitions and Meaning Baptism and Meaning Sacrament of the Altar and Meaning	25 Bible verses	Books of the Bible Psalm 1 Psalm 130
<u>Seventh Grade</u>	Luther's Morning Prayer Luther's Evening Prayer Asking a Blessing Prayer Returning Thanks Prayers Commandments & Meaning Close of Commandments & Meaning Apostles Creed & Meaning Lords Prayer Petitions and Meaning Baptism and Meaning Sacrament of the Altar and Meaning	25 Bible verses	Books of the Bible Psalm 130 Psalm 100
<u>Eighth Grade</u>	Commandments and Meaning Close of Commandments and Meaning Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers Asking a Blessing Prayer Returning Thanks Prayers Apostles Creed and Meaning Lord's Prayer & Petitions Baptism and Meaning Sacrament of the Altar and Meaning Confession and Meaning	25 Bible verses	Books of the Bible Psalm 100 Psalm 46