

# Grades K-7 Faith Formation Ministry Curriculum

*(Sunday Mornings unless noted otherwise)*

(2024-2025 update)

- K/1:** (ages 5 and 6 only - combined)  
Children are introduced to God as “The Good Shepherd,” which allows them to grasp the truth of the gospel message and be inspired by it. By providing age-appropriate materials and removing any extraneous materials that might distract, the children work individually or with others in an atmosphere of reflection and self-expression. The ‘classroom’ in which this takes place is called an Atrium. Due to the limited class sizes required in Atrium learning, Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon sessions are scheduled.  
*(Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I – also known as CGS\*)*
- Due to the class size limitations in CGS, a conventional classroom ministry will also be available for children in K/1.  
*(Image of God: Ignatius Press)*
- 2:** First Reconciliation and First Communion.  
*(Faith and Life: Ignatius Press + Baltimore Catechism One: Tan Publishing)*
- 3:** Life with Jesus. Emphasis on Parables.  
*(Faith and Life: Ignatius Press)*
- A Level II CGS Atrium will also be available  
*(Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II\*)*
- 4:** Old Testament. Salvation History.  
*(Faith and Life: Ignatius Press + Catholic Children’s Bible: St. Mary’s Press)*
- 5:** The Creed.  
*(Faith and Life: Ignatius Press)*
- LoveEd: Raising kids who are Strong, Smart and Pure  
**These optional lessons will be offered at times other than when the regular class meets**  
*(Tan Books)*
- 6/7+ combined:** Small group discipleship forums where theological truths may be introduced and discussed. Activities and content specifically designed for young people in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade age ranges. Boys and girls form separate groups to facilitate opportunities to share more freely about the issues they face. The students in this ministry may choose to continue with their small group and prepare for Confirmation or participate in convention Confirmation preparation ministry.  
*(YDisciple)*

*(resources listed in italics)*

*\*Due to the nature of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd learning/teaching principles, class sizes are extremely limited and children will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis*