

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Scope and Sequence

	Level One (3 to 6 years old)	Level Two (6 to 9 years old)	Level Three (9 to 12 years old)
Prayer: gives the child opportunity and language to enter into prayer alone and with others	Prayer table, praise language	The Lord's Prayer, Develop prayer services, personal prayer journals, examine scriptural prayers	Continue prayer services, personal prayer journals, and liturgies
Infancy Narratives: young children in particular are drawn to these narratives—indeed, they have rich theological content	The Annunciation to Mary, The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, The Adoration of the Shepherds, The Adoration of the Magi, The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple	Flight to Egypt, same narratives as Level One expanded to include scriptural prayers, moral content, and common themes across all narratives,	
Geography: helps the child to understand that the Biblical stories did indeed occur, as well as provide a context for what they hear.)	Three major cities & associated events, Regions & waterways of Israel, City of Jerusalem and key locations	Extensive work with the cities of Israel, locating and connecting scriptural events to them, further work with the paschal events in Jerusalem	
Eucharist and sacraments: helps the child to enter into our liturgy as a sign of the covenant relationship, explores the underlying significance	Nomenclature of articles used during Eucharist, Liturgical colors, Gestures of Epiclesis, Offering, Peace, and Lavabo; Genuflection, Sign of the Cross, Preparation of the Chalice & Cruets, Celebration of Liturgy of the Light & Pentecost, Eucharistic presence of the Good Shepherd	Synthesis of the articles & gestures of the Eucharist, further work with the articles of the Eucharist, Continuing celebrations, continuing work with the Eucharistic presence of the Good Shepherd expanding the meaning to the world wide community, The Mystery of Faith	Examination of the Biblical origins of the sacraments and their function as Christ's continuing work, further work with the Eucharistic prayers, including the Propers, the Preface, and the Prayers of Intercession, Messianic Seder, History of Worship & the Synagogue,
Paschal narratives: the child studies the key events of our	The Last Supper, The Women at the Tomb	Bible studies of these narratives, Study of the	Eucharist as Memorial

Christian story and the meaning of Christ's death and risen life		apostles, further work with the Last Supper, Origin of the Eucharist	
Bible: the children learn to honor the Bible as God's written word, where it came from, it's structure, and how to study it	The Bible and the Prayer Table	Books of the Bible, How to Use the Bible, various Bible studies, Maxims—key teachings of Jesus	Biblical study tools: concordance, topical index, etc., further maxims of Jesus with personal application for examination of conscience, Miracles of Jesus
Typology: older children study Old Testament stories and connect those themes with those learned in the New Testament			Creation, The Fall, The Flood, Abraham, The Exodus, types for pre-resurrection events, post-resurrection events, and parousia
Sacred History: the child looks at the history of man as God's history and studies its greatest moments		The History of the Kingdom of God & its 3 great moments: creation, redemption, & parousia, including associated scriptural texts	The Plan of God; a closer look at the development of civilizations & their contributions with particular emphasis on the history & contribution of the Jewish people, moving toward the individual's place in God's plan
Prophecy: reveal Jesus as the long awaited Messiah, examine moral teaching.	Messianic prophecies of the Light, the Mother, the City, and Names, Star & Scepter	Same prophecies as Level One expanded to include a synthesis of common themes, moral prophecies from Isaiah 11:6-9 and 40:3-5	Study of the call, struggles, and moral and messianic content of Jeremiah, Isaiah, Amos, Ezekiel, and Daniel
Parables: the younger child focuses on parables concerning the Kingdom of God. Older	The Pearl of Great Price, The Mustard Seed, The Leaven, The Hidden Treasure, The	Further work with Level One parables including common themes, The True Vine, The	The Workers in the Vineyard, The Talents, The Debtors

children focus on moral parables	Mystery of Life and Death, The Good Shepherd, The Found Sheep, Psalm 23	Forgiving Father, The Centurion's Servant, The Wolf & the Hireling, The Good Samaritan, The Insistent Friend, The Pharisee & the Tax Collector, The Sower, The Ten Bridesmaids, The Wedding Feast	
Baptism: examine the signs and liturgy associated with this induction into the Christian faith	The gifts of the water, oil, word, light at Baptism	Further exploration of the liturgy and prayers associated with Baptism	Further exploration of the liturgy and prayers associated with Baptism, Chrism