UNIT #3 Big Idea – How does Jesus Christ teach us to live a moral life? [5/14/18]

**Unit #3 - Essential Question #1: Why does Jesus want me to love myself and others?**

[Focused Theme/Topic: *“Circle of Grace” Lessons/ Morality*]

NOTE to Catechists: Unit 3 is the perfect time to teach the Kindergarten *Circle of Grace* lessons required by our Archdiocese. These three lessons address 13 of the *CFLFF* Kindergarten Learning Targets. Use this Essential Question to “frame” each lesson, posing it at the beginning and again at the end of each session.

**Unit #3 - Essential Question #2: Why does Jesus want me to make good choices?**

[Focused Theme/Topic: *Moral choices*]

UNDERSTANDINGS: Learners will understand that…

Key Targets –

* A3.3.3.1 – People can act in ways that are good or bad. (CCC#1749)
* K.3.4.2 (& A3.3.4.1 & A3.3.7.1) – God wants people to choose to do good things. (CCC#1723; 1798)
* A4.3.4.1 – Good choices show love for God. (CCC#1723; 1728)
* K.3.5.1 – God helps people to do good things. (CCC#2082)
* K.3.4.1 (& A4.3.5.1) – Making good choices is loving to others. (CCC#1723; 1728)

Supporting Targets -

* K.3.2.1 – God gave people rules to love him, themselves, and others. (CCC#1980-83; 2055; 2080-81) [Repeated from *Circle of Grace*]
* K.3.1.2 – People are called to treat others as they would like to be treated. (CCC#459; 1823; 1944; 1970-1971; 2074; 2822; 2842) [Repeated from *Circle of Grace*]
* K.3.1.1 (& A3.3.1.1 & A4.6.3.1) - People show God’s love by treating others with kindness and respect. (CCC#912; 1807; 1944) [Repeated from *Circle of Grace*]

**Unit #3 – Flexible Essential Question: Why do we celebrate (Lent and) Easter?**

[Focused Theme/Topic: *Liturgical Seasons of Lent*---Our loving God forgives us---*and Easter –* importance of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus]

UNDERSTANDINGS: Learners will understand that…

Key Targets -

* A4.1.1.5 – Jesus was born, died, and went to heaven. (CCC#437; 525; 599; 604-05; 613; 619; 623; 629; 638; 651; 654-55; 662; 666-67)
* K.1.3.2 – All living things eventually die. (CCC#658; 682; 997; 1016)
* K.1.1.11 - Jesus came to save and to forgive all people. (CCC#561; 620-621; 846; 851; 1421; 1427) [Circle of Grace]
* K.3.3.1 (A4.3.3.1) – God forgives people when they say they are sorry. (CCC#1424; 1431; 1496)
* K.1.1.13 – On Holy Thursday Jesus met with his friends to share a special meal. (CCC-none)
* K.1.1.14 – Some people did not know that Jesus was God’s Son. They hurt and killed him. (CCC-none)
* K.1.1.15 - Jesus Christ died on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. (CCC-none)

Supporting Targets -

* K.4.1.2 - Prayer can be used to ask for God’s help and forgiveness. (CCC# 2629; 2631; 2644)
* K.2.2.6 (& A4.2.2.2) – When people hurt others, they ask for forgiveness (and say they are sorry). (CCC#1451; 1490) [Repeated from *Circle of Grace*]

Repeated from Advent/ Christmas (Unit #1) –

* A4.2.3.6 – The Church has different seasons. (CCC#1163; 1168; 1171-73; 1194)
* K.2.3.4 – The Church year celebrates the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Easter, Ordinary Time and special feasts of Jesus Christ, Mary and the saints. (CCC#1163; 1168; 1171-73; 1194)
* K.4.5.3 (& A3.4.5.1) – There are prayers, songs, and customs for different seasons of the Church. (CCC#2663; 2720)