

Faith Facts Study Guide – grade 4

Students in fourth grade will be tested orally for prayers and with a written test for the remaining concepts. No study guides or other materials may be used.

Prayers

a) **Rosary Mechanics** (a rosary will be used)

1. *Begin with the Sign of the Cross (on the crucifix)*
 2. *Then pray the Apostles' Creed (still on the crucifix)*
 3. *Followed by the Our Father (large bead)*
 4. *On the next 3 beads pray (Three) Hail Marys (next 3 small beads)*
 5. *Followed by a Glory Be (next small bead)*
 6. *The next Five decades*: each begins with 1 - Our Father, 10 - Hail Mary's, 1 - Glory Be and 1 - O My Jesus prayer*
 7. *Conclude with the Hail Holy Queen*
- please note that various practice sheets and handouts have been used, the above steps are very basic. every student was given a pamphlet on how to pray the rosary at the beginning of the year. They do not need to pray the prayers, only **name** them.

Joyful Mysteries

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3. The Nativity
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Glory Be

Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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These are main points from fourth grade on the written test. Please note that half of the textbook covers major events in the Old Testament.

- ✚ God gave us the bible, it is true and inspired
- ✚ There are 73 books in the bible
- ✚ The bible has 2 parts the Old Testament and the New Testament
- ✚ There 4 gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) in the New Testament
- ✚ The first book of the bible is Genesis and the last book is Revelation

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- **Heaven** is eternal life and happiness with God
- **Hell** is eternal suffering and separation from God
- God created us to know Him, love Him and serve Him so we can be happy with Him in heaven

- **Adam and Eve**
 - Original Sin was committed by Adam and Eve, they disobeyed God
 - We receive original sin
 - When we are baptized, original sin is taken away by God's grace

- **Cain and Abel**
 - Two of Adam and Eve's sons were Cain and Abel
 - Cain killed Abel out of jealousy
 - God still loved Cain even though he killed his brother

- **Noah**
 - Noah built an ark because God told him to and this saved his family from the great flood
 - God flooded the earth to wash away the evil
 - God made a **covenant**, a promise, never to flood the earth again. The sign of this covenant is the rainbow

- **Abraham**

- Abraham is our father in faith
- God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac

- **Isaac**

- When Isaac was married, he had two sons Esau and Jacob
- Esau was supposed to receive the blessing, but it was given to Jacob

- **Jacob**

- God changed Jacob's name to Israel
- Jacob (Israel) had 12 sons
- Joseph was the favorite son of Jacob (Israel)
- Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers but he later saves his family

- **Moses**

- God spoke to Moses through the burning bush
- God reveals His name, "I AM" to Moses. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- God sent the 10 plagues to Egypt to show that He is the one, true God
- Moses and his people celebrate the first **Passover**
 - the Passover feast included sprinkling blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would pass by those in the home, this would be remembered and celebrated in the years after Moses and the people were freed from slavery (of the Egyptians)
- God gave Moses the 10 Commandments on Mt Sinai
- We have **free will** because we can choose to follow or not follow God
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10 Commandments – (God's moral laws)

1. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep Holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 - * this means do not tell lies
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.
 - To covet means to want something that is not yours

- After Moses died, God blessed and protected the people with leaders and prophets to prepare for the coming of the savior (Jesus Christ)
- **David**
 - David was a shepherd boy
 - David killed Goliath
 - God chooses David to be king
 - God makes a **covenant** with David
- **Solomon**
 - Solomon is David's son
 - Solomon builds a great temple to honor God
- Many years passed after Solomon died and before the final king (Jesus) came
- **Jesus**
 - Jesus is true God and true man
 - Mary was born without Original Sin and was Jesus' mother
 - Jesus came to us so that he could save us from our sin. He had to suffer and die on the cross in order to save us and allow heaven to be opened back up for us
- At the Last Supper, Jesus changed the bread and wine into His Body and Blood
 - the Last Supper was the first Mass
 - Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist; it is not a symbol
 - the Holy Eucharist contains the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus in the form of bread and wine
- **Consecration** is the part of Mass when the priest changes the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus
- Things to remember before receiving the Holy Eucharist (Jesus)
 - **Fast for one hour** prior to receiving Jesus – this means no food, drinks or gum
 - water or medicine are OK
 - **Go to confession** if we have committed mortal sin – it is a good practice to go to confession regularly even for venial sins
 - **think about Jesus** before receiving Him - remember that it IS truly Jesus

- Things to remember to do after receiving the Holy Eucharist
 - close your eyes and focus on Jesus – not on other people in church
 - **thank Jesus** for coming to you
 - tell Jesus you love him
 - ask for his help for you and others
- Sin is to disobey God and not choose Him
- Sin is committed in four ways
 - by our actions
 - by our words
 - by our thoughts
 - by what we should do but don't (what we fail to do)
- There are two types of sin
 - Mortal Sin – is serious sin that kills grace in our soul (big sin)
 - Venial Sin – is a small sin that is less serious
- We go to the sacrament of Reconciliation (or Penance) to tell Jesus we are sorry for our sins
- The steps to make a good confession are:
 1. **know my sins** (examination of conscience)
 2. **be sorry** for my sins
 3. make up my mind **not to sin** again
 4. **tell my sins** to the priest in confession
 5. do the **penance** the priest gives me
- Holy Spirit
 - The Blessed Trinity is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
 - The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity
 - **Pentecost** is when the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles after Jesus went back to heaven

Virtues - A virtue is a firm habit to do good.

Respect - Respect is to treat others (nicely) as you would like to be treated. St. John Bosco gives us a good example of respect.

- Students in fourth grade should also know the prayers and concepts from previous years which include (but is not limited to): the Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Hail Mary, Our Father, Act of Contrition, Before Meal Prayer and the 7 sacraments. Previous virtues include faith, hope and charity.