

Religion- Finding God 24-25 Curriculum Map

Unit 1: God Loves Us

- **Theme:** God's Love and Creation
- **Key Topics:**
 - God as Creator
 - God's love for all creation
 - Appreciation of nature and the environment
- **Activities:**
 - Bible stories about creation (Genesis)
 - Discussions on caring for God's creation
 - Prayer experiences focusing on gratitude

Unit 2: God Cares for Us

- **Theme:** God's Care and Protection
- **Key Topics:**
 - God's providence and care for His people
 - Stories of God's protection in the Bible (e.g., Moses and the Exodus)
 - Understanding God as a loving Father
- **Activities:**
 - Role-playing and storytelling
 - Learning prayers of trust and protection (e.g., Guardian Angel Prayer)
 - Reflective activities on how God cares for us in daily life

Unit 3: God Calls Us

- **Theme:** God's Call and Our Response
- **Key Topics:**
 - Understanding vocation and call in the context of faith
 - Stories of God calling individuals in the Bible (e.g., Abraham, Samuel)
 - Exploring how we can respond to God's call in our own lives
- **Activities:**
 - Reflections on personal gifts and talents
 - Prayer experiences focusing on discernment
 - Learning about different vocations (priesthood, religious life, marriage, etc.)

Unit 4: God Loves Us in Jesus

- **Theme:** Jesus Christ, Our Savior
- **Key Topics:**
 - Understanding Jesus as the Son of God and Savior
 - Stories of Jesus' life, teachings, miracles, and parables
 - The significance of Jesus' death and resurrection
- **Activities:**
 - Bible stories and dramatizations
 - Learning about the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist
 - Prayer experiences focusing on Jesus' love and forgiveness

Unit 5: God's Spirit Leads Us

- **Theme:** The Holy Spirit and the Church
- **Key Topics:**
 - Understanding the Holy Spirit as the Advocate and Guide
 - Stories of the early Church and the Acts of the Apostles
 - The role of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments and in our lives
- **Activities:**
 - Pentecost stories and activities
 - Exploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - Prayer experiences inviting the Holy Spirit's presence

Unit 6: God Sends Us

- **Theme:** Sharing God's Love
- **Key Topics:**
 - Understanding mission and service in the Christian life
 - Stories of missionaries and saints who spread God's love
 - Ways we can share God's love through our actions
- **Activities:**
 - Service projects or outreach activities
 - Learning about the global Church and different cultures
 - Prayer experiences focusing on compassion and service

Each unit typically includes a mix of stories from Scripture, interactive activities, prayers, and reflection questions tailored to engage third-grade students in learning about their faith.