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COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025-2026
Subject	Religious Studies
Grade Level	Pre-Kindergarten
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to the Religious Studies course!

Religious Studies lessons invite kindergartners to learn and experience God's love through simple reflections on Scripture, connecting it to their everyday lives. Students will explore, in an age-appropriate way, the living tradition of our Catholic faith in the Dominican spirit.

They will come to know Jesus as the symbol of God's love and learn how to model their lives on Christ's teachings. Through music, songs, storytelling, and engaging activities, students will celebrate God's goodness while deepening their understanding of prayer and faith. Each lesson provides a meaningful opportunity for spiritual growth, reflection, and joy.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

WORD:

- *I can learn stories about Jesus and how to follow Him by being kind and loving.*
- *I can value, respect, and love all God's creation.*
- *I can pray using singing, drawing, and acting out stories about God.*

WITNESS:

- *I can say how God sees good in everything He made.*
- *I can recognize the beauty God created exists everywhere.*



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- *I can say that God made us special to be like Him.*

WORSHIP:

- *I can sing and praise God, our Creator.*
- *I can worship God through basic prayers.*
- *I can celebrate God's love by attending the Holy Mass in our school.*

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND DIFFERENT SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

- Advent Wreath
- Nativity Story
- Stations of the cross
- Holy Week
- Easter
- Ordinary Time
- Holy Days (Dominican/ Saints' Feasts and Memorials)
- Feasts in Honor of Mother Mary
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PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

- Blest are we.

GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:

50% Academic

Section A: Homework, Seatwork, Projects.....16.66%

NOTE: Attendance will be included in the RS grading system.

Section B: Quizzes.....16.67%

Section C. Major Quarterly Exam.....16.67%

Section D: Deportment.....50%

50 % Deportment (Behavior)

- Truthful.....19 points
- Organized.....19 points
- Reflective.....19 points
- Courageous.....19 points
- Helpful.....19 points
- TOTAL.....95 points**



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Note: The highest possible grade students can get every quarter in Department is 95 points in conformity with the current grading system.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Google Classroom code will be given to all students to access all the Religious Studies' learning guide and tasks.
- There will be NO Homework to be given during the weekend except during major exams or quizzes. It is to give students a chance to spend quality time with their family.
- The Project D (Detention) significantly affects the Department Grade of students.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's work;
- Representing another's intellectual work, such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, research, or the like, as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
- Employing a tutor, using Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgment, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, and paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's work.
- Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment/learning task.



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First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
Week 1 (August 12 to 15) 4 days of class 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium 15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	Welcome back to school, Dominicans! <i>August 12: School's Opening and General Orientation Day</i> <i>August 15: Opening Mass Assumption of Our Lady</i>
Week 2 (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation A. Introduction: ● RS Teacher's Introduction ● Quick students' introduction ● Introduction about the Subject (The "what" and the "why" of the subject? ● Course contents for the whole quarter and subject's requirements ● Grading system (Academic=50 % and Deportment=50 %) B. Integration: ● Agreed Rules and Regulations of the class (In the light of the D'TORCH Values)
Week 3 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year"	C. Revisiting DIS ● Review: DIS Vision-Mission and Philosophy ● D'TORCH values and Dominican Ethos ● Basic Prayers ● D'TORCH Hymn



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29- First Club Meeting	
Week 4 (September 1 to 5) 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair 5- House Ceremony	● How can we start a prayer? (Sign of the cross) ● Introduce the Basic Prayers (The Lord's Prayer)
Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start	Introduce the Basic Prayers - The Hail Mary - Glory be - Prayer before meals
Week 6 (September 15 to 19) 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline	Introduce and explain the DTORCH values. - Truthful - Organized
Week 7 (September 22 to 26) 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace-Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day	Introduce and explain the DTORCH values. - Reflective - Courageous - Helpful



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Celebration & 26-Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days	
Week 8 (September 29 to October 3) 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)	Review the DTORCH values and introduce the DTORCH song
Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)	

Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
6-Moon Festival (no classes)	
7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)	
Week 1 (11) (October 13 to 17) 13- Second Quarter Begins 13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester 14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer) 15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline	Lesson 1: God's Creation-Let there be light Lesson 2 : God's Creation-Sky and Sea



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15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam	
Week 2 (12) (October 20 to 24) 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room)	Lesson 1: God's Creation-The Land and plants Lesson 2 : God's Creation-Sun , moon and stars
Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	Lesson 1: God's Creation-Sea creatures and birds. Lesson 2 : God's Creation- Man and land animals
Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	Lesson 1: God's Creation story. Lesson 2 : God's Creation Craft.
Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	Lesson 1: A big big boat for a big big flood Lesson 2 : Noah's Ark Craft
Week 6 (16) (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare	Lesson 1: A boy, a giant and an almighty God Lesson 2 : David and giant craft



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Play Writing and Performing Contest	
Week 7 (17) (November 24 to 28) 24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly) 24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon) 25-27- Pre-Exam Days 27- Thanksgiving Potluck after school for teachers and staff 27- Thanksgiving Family Day 28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam	Lesson 1: We give thanks - The Thanksgiving Story Lesson 2 : Introducing Advent
Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)	
Week 8 (18) (December 1 to 5) 1- First Week of Advent: Lighting of First Advent Candle (During the Monday Assembly) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 5- Nativity Play (Collaboration with Campus Ministry) 5- Christmas Fair Whole Day	Lesson 1: The Nativity Story Lesson 2: Review for exam
Week 9 (19) (December 8 to 12) 8- Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony, and Class Party (half	Second Quarter Exam Lesson 1 : We celebrate Christmas - Christmas ornaments



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day) 8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 8- Second Week of Advent 10- Gr. 12 Advent Immersion 11 and 12- Second Quarter Exam (half day)	
<i>December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)</i>	
<i>December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break</i>	

Third Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)</i>	
Week 1 (20) (January 5 to 9) 5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts 6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	Lesson 1: Review the lesson and classroom rules. Lesson 2: My Winter vocation
Week 2 (21) (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	Lesson 1: God creates me Lesson 2: I am special



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Week 3 (22) (January 19 to 23) 19-23- Individual Yearbook Photoshoot for Students 19-23- Career Awareness Week 22- Grade 9 Career Educational trip 23- First Club Meeting for 2nd Semester	Lesson 1: God gives me feelings Lesson 2: Song-If you happy and you know it
Week 4 (23) (January 26 to 30) 26- Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas/Launching of the Catholic Week 26-28- Aquinas Conference: Science and Faith 26-30- Catholic Week Activities 30- DYM Charity Concert	Lesson 1: God creates my senses Lesson 2: Song: O be Careful little eyes
Week 5 (24) (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUA0 Recollection for MS	Lesson 1: God gives me a family Lesson 2: My family tree.



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Week 6 (25) (February 9 to 13) 9- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 1st Semester for SY2025-26 13- PSAT 8/9 Registration Deadline 13- House Valentine's Mini Fair 13- Chinese New Year Celebration	Lesson 1: We celebrate Valentine's day
<i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (26) (February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days	Lesson 1: God gives me friends. Lesson 2: God gives me teachers.
<i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i>	
Week 8 (27) (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test	Lesson 1: Who is my neighbor? Lesson 2 : A good Samaritan craft



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Week 9 (28) (March 9 to 13) 13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)	Lesson 1: God's love creates a wonderful world. Lesson 2: Thanks for all the gifts of God's creation.
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Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
Week 1 (29) (March 16 to 20) 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day) 16-20- Faculty & Staff Yearbook Photo 17- Fourth Quarter Begins 18-21- EARCOS Teachers' Conference 19- Lectio Divina and Feast of St. Joseph 20- Parents Learning Community Meeting 20- Kindilympics 20-House Movie Night and Club Fair	Lesson 1: Safe in lion's den Lesson 2: Lion's craft
<i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i>	
Week 2 (30) (March 23 to 27) 23-27 Student Leaders Applicant Interviews 26- Annual Visit to World Religion	Lesson 1: We celebrate Lent Lesson 2: The station of cross.



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Museum Gr. 11 27- Lower School Readers Theatre	
<i>March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break</i>	
Week 3 (31) (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students	Lesson 1: The story of Easter Lesson 2 : He is alive!
Week 4 (32) (April 13 to 17) 13 Laudato Si Month Launching (During the Monday Assembly) 13-30 Laudato Si Month Activities 13-17- Class Photo Taking 17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test	Lesson 1: The lost sheep Lesson 2 : Jesus loves the little children
Week 5 (33) (April 20 to 24) 20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week 24- Music Recital 20-24 Student Council Campaign	Lesson 1: Jesus is our Friend Lesson 2 : Roleplay on kindness, sing-along “Jesus is my friend”.



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20-24 AP Mock Exams	
Week 6 (34) (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days	Lesson 1: Angels are God's helpers. Lesson 2 : story of Guardian Angels, "Angel of God" prayer.
<i>May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (35) (May 4 to 8) 4- May Crowning & Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly) 4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, & 12 Only) 4-15 AP Exams	Lesson 1: Helping Others Like Jesus. Lesson 2 : Simple acts of kindness challenge
Week 8 (36) (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam—Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days	Lesson 1: The Bible Is God's Special Book Lesson 2 : Make mini Bible" craft, story-time corner, matching Bible stories to images.
<i>May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students)</i> <i>Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes</i>	



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Week 9 (37) (May 18 to 22) 18- Gr. 5 Recollection & Mass 19- Gr. 8 Recollection & Mass 20- Gr. 12 Recollection 20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School) 18-21 WIDA Testing 19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 & 7 School Field Trip 19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation" 19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle & High School Sports Day 21- High School Field Trip 22- House Culminating Activity 20-22 Final Deliberation for Non-Graduating Classes 22- Student Leaders One Day Recollection / Turn Over Ceremony	Review for quarter exam
Week 10 (38)	Undergraduate 4th Quarter Exam



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(May 25 to 29) 25- Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 26- LS Field Trip 26- Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12 Graduation 27- Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4, 6 & 7, 9-11 Recognition Last Day of School, Report Card 28- Distribution, & Class Party (half day) 29- Last day for Teachers/Staff Meeting	
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“Kindling the Light of Faith, Hope, and Love: The Legacy of St. Dominic de Guzmán”