

Religious Studies 1



Dominican International School Course Syllabus (First Semester) School Year 2026–27



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"Ripple by Ripple, Charity in Action: A Year to Seven Decades"

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Second graders embark on a meaningful journey of discovering and practicing both Universal and Christian values. They will grow in their appreciation for the beauty and goodness of creation, learning to recognize the many blessings God has given and the importance of offering gratitude in return.

Whether Christian or non-Christian, students will come to understand that they are created in the image of God and are deeply loved. They will learn the value of mutual respect and begin to see themselves as important members of their class and the wider school community. Through asking questions, expressing creativity, and exploring their curiosity, students will begin to make sense of the world around them in a collaborative and engaging environment.

This course guides second graders in discovering how to live out important values and contribute positively to our diverse world. Rooted in our commitment to a God-centered education, we partner with families to nurture thoughtful, caring, and curious learners.

Gratitude and Creation: Students explore the beauty of nature, recognize God's many blessings, and practice saying thank you for the gifts in their lives.

Belonging and Mutual Respect: Children learn that every person is created in God's image and deeply loved. They build mutual respect and see themselves as valued members of our school community.

Curiosity and Creativity: Learners ask questions, share creative ideas, and explore how the world works in a safe, collaborative classroom.

Community and Critical Thinking: Students begin developing critical thinking skills to help them make wise, thoughtful choices that benefit everyone around them.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: By the end of the semester, (SWBAT) Students will be able to:

 WORD: Learning God's Story

Through the stories in the Bible, God speaks directly to our hearts!

- The Old Testament: We will read stories about how God loved and guided the Israelites.
- The New Testament: We will learn about Jesus' life, His miracles, and His teachings.
- Putting Faith into Action: By understanding God's Word, we can practice our faith every day at home, at school, and with our friends!

 WITNESS: Sharing Jesus' Love

Jesus showed us that being a Christian means loving, serving, and helping others.

- Caring Community: We will see how Church members pray together, share what they have, and help people in need.
- Following Jesus: We can act like the first Christians by keeping our hearts open, using kind words, and showing helpful actions.
- Sharing the Good News: We will practice sharing God's love and joyful message with everyone around us!

 WORSHIP: Praying and Praising God

Worshiping God helps our faith grow stronger and brings us closer to Him.

- Talking to God: We will learn about Church traditions, Mass, and special prayers to communicate with God.
- Listening for God's Voice: Through readings, prayers, and songs, we will listen for God and respond with loving praise.
- Feeling God's Love: When we gather to worship together, God reminds us of His promises and fills our hearts with His love!

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

- Blest Are We (Grade Two)
- Faith in Action - RCL Benziger (a Kendall Hunt Company)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND DIFFERENT SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

- Advent
- Christmas
- Lent
- Holy Week
- Easter
- Ordinary Time
- Holy Days (Dominican/ Saints' Feasts and Memorials)
- Feasts in Honor of Mother Mary

DOMINICAN PILLARS AND CORE VALUES

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| ▪ Study | Truth |
| ▪ Prayer | Joy |
| ▪ Community | Justice |
| ▪ Service/Preaching... | Compassion |

School-wide Learning Outcomes (SLO's): D'TORCH:
Dominicans are Truthful, Organized, Reflective, Courageous, and Helpful

Truthful:

- *are guided by the Gospel and universal values;*
- *center their lives on God's teachings;*
- *show respect to all.*

Organized:

- *set goals and pursue them to fruition;*
- *maintain a balance between a healthy body, mind and spirit;*
- *engage responsibly with the world, through a variety of resources.*

Reflective:

- *contemplate their strengths and weaknesses;*
- *aim to respond, rather than to react;*
- *determine patterns, make connections, and think critically.*

Courageous:

- *are open and responsive to new and diverse perspectives;*
- *are willing to take risks and graciously accept results;*
- *communicate effectively.*

Helpful:

- *evaluate all decisions in light of the common good.*
- *are compassionate and caring;*
- *respect and care for the environment.*

GRADING SYSTEM:

Part 1: Academic (50 %)	
Section A: Homework, Seatwork, Projects NOTE: Attendance will be included in the RS Grading System.	16.66%
Section B: Quizzes	16.67%
Section C: Major Quarterly Exam/PBL/PETA	16.67%
Part 2: Deportment/Behavior (50 %) STUDENT'S SELF-EVALUATION	
Truthful	19 Points
Organized	19 Points
Reflective	19 Points
Courageous	19 Points
Helpful	19 Points
Total	95 points
Note: <i>The highest possible grade students can obtain every quarter in Deportment is 95 points in conformity with the current grading system. Students are guided on how to self-evaluate their deportment truthfully and reflectively.</i> The Project D (Detention/Infraction) significantly affects students' Deportment Grade.	

GUIDELINES REGARDING THE UTILIZATION OF AI AND GADGETS

Important School Rules to Know! ☀️

Here are some helpful things to remember so we can have a happy, fair, and fun school year together!

Extra School Information

- **Your Special Online Class (Google Classroom):** Your teacher will give you (your parents/guardians) a special secret code to open your computer classroom. That's where you'll find all your Religion activities!
- **No Weekend Homework!** 📍 You get to rest and play on the weekends! The only time you might have homework is before a big quiz or test. Weekends are for spending fun time with your family!
- **Time-Outs Count:** If you break big rules and get a detention (a special time-out), it will hurt your behavior grade. So always try your best to be good!

🚫 Being Honest with Our Work!

Being honest means doing your own work and telling the truth!

What is NOT okay?

- **Copying Words or Ideas:** Taking someone else's story or ideas and saying you wrote them.
- **Copying Art:** Using someone else's drawing, picture, or photo and pretending you made it.
- **Having Someone Else Do It:** Having a parent, tutor, or computer (like AI) do your homework for you.
- **Tricking the Teacher:** Doing anything sneaky to get a good grade without doing the work yourself.

⚠️ **Remember:** If you copy or trick the teacher, you will get a zero on your work!

★ How to Be a Superstar Student!

- *Do your own work with your own hands!*
- *Tell your teacher if someone helped you!*
- *Enjoy your family time on the weekends!*

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 2 SY 2026-2027

First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (Aug 10 - 14) 11 - General Assembly ~ Gym 13 - Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	Welcome back to school, Dominicans! <i>Introduction (Part 1):</i> - RS Teacher's Introduction - Quick students' introduction <i>Introduction about the Subject (The "what" and the "why" of the subject?)</i> Monday Class Preparation ~ Student Holiday Tuesday Morning Assembly Practice for the Mass Review: Parts of the Mass Friday Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady 8:00
Week 2 (Aug 17 - 21) 21 - Club Orientation & Sign-up	Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation Patron Saint of DIS – St. Dominic - Introduction of the School's Patron Saint - Life of the Class Saint – St. John Macias / Bl. Cecilia Activity: Class collaborative poster about their class's Saint B. Integration: - Agreed Rules and Regulations of the class (In the light of the D'TORCH Values) - Students' Profile Form
Week 3 (Aug 24 - 28) 28 - First Club Meeting	Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 1: Our Church Welcomes Us - Explore communities Activity: Community Actions (Activities & Projects - 1a) Scripture: A warm welcome (Luke 5: 27 - 29) - God's People - Bodily/Kinesthetic: Practicing Hospitality Skills
Week 4 (Aug 31 - Sept 4) 31 - World Day of Prayer for the	Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 1: Our Church Welcomes Us Scripture: The People of God (Corinthians 12:12 -27) - Our Church Teaches

Care of Creation ~ Assembly 4 - House Ceremony	- We welcome everyone as followers of Jesus Activity: Caring for Others (p. 31) - Chapter Review 1	
Week 5 (Sept 7 - 11) 7 - Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 9 - House Mini Games Start	Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 3: Our Church Shows Us How to Live - Identify heroes in the world (John 13:35) Activity: Honoring Heroes (Activities & Projects - 3a) Scripture: The Real Hero (Luke 10:29 - 35) - Saints as Heroes Activity: The Good Samaritan - Mary and Other Saints	
Week 6 (Sept 14 - 18) 15 - Catholic Bridge Program: New Students 19 - Athletics / Sports Orientation	Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 3: Our Church Shows Us How to Live - Chapter Review 3 - Assessment for Ch. 1 & 3	
Week 7 (Sept 21 - 25) 21 - Teacher's Day Celebration 22 to 24 - Pre-Exam Days	Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 4: We Praise and Thank God <i>King David Gives Thanks (Psalm 92:1-5)</i> <i>The Songs of King David (Psalm 148 and 118)</i> <i>Glory to God Song</i> <i>A Prayer of Praise and Thanks</i> - Chapter Review 4 Unit 1 Review for Quarter Exam	
Sept. 25 & 28	Moon Festival & Confucius Day Holidays	
Week 8 (Sept. 28 - Oct 2) Oct. 1 & 2 – Q1 Exams	Monday Confucius' Birthday ~ Public Holiday Tuesday Preparation/Review for Exams Wednesday Preparation/Review for Exams Thursday Major Exams Day 1 Friday Major Exams Day 2	10 Page

Week 9 (Oct 5 - 8)	Oct 5 - Record Day Oct 6 to 8 - Teachers' Conference
Oct. 9	Double Ten Holiday

2nd QUARTER TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (10) (Oct 12 - 16) 12 - Second Quarter Begins 13 - Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms	Unit: Holy Rosary ▪ Mother Mary as an example of love, patience, and obedience ▪ Activity: Holy Rosary Collaborative poster ▪ Rosary's mysteries ▪ Reflection on the Holy Rosary as a way of life
Week 2 (11) (Oct 19 - 23)	Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 5: We Can Choose What Is Good • Choosing Good (Deuteronomy 30:20) • Activity: A Game of Choices Project Unit 2 • Scripture: The Forgiving Father (Luke 15: 11-24) • Knowing Right from Wrong Activity: Making Choices (Activities & Projects - 5a)
Oct. 26	Retrocession Day ~ Public Holiday
Week 3 (12) (Oct 27 - 30) 30 – Autumn & Book Fair	Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 5: We Can Choose What Is Good • Scripture: Saul Changes His Life (Apostles 9: 1 -20) • Our Church Teaches • Saint Paula Frassinetti • Practicing Good Choices • Chapter Review 5 Monday Retrocession Day ~ Public Holiday
Week 4 (13) (Nov 2 - 6)	Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 6: We Celebrate God's Forgiveness

2 – All Souls’ Day Mass ~ Monday Assembly	● Scripture: Jesus Forgives (Luke 7:36-38, 47-50) ● Concept of Reconciliation ● Activity: Making Up ● Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation ● A Sacrament of Healing
Week 5 (14) (Nov 9 - 13) Launch of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month, Health Week	Unit 2: We Ask God’s Forgiveness – Ch. 6: We Celebrate God’s Forgiveness ● Our Church Teaches ● Time to Ask for Forgiveness ● Activity: Celebrating God’s Forgiveness ● (Activities & Projects – 6b) ● Ways to Follow Jesus by making good choices Chapter 6 Review
Week 6 (15) (Nov 16 - 20) 20 - Young Shakespeare Plays	Unit 2: We Ask God’s Forgiveness – Ch. 6: We Celebrate God’s Forgiveness ● Story: “A Time to Ask for Forgiveness” ● Daily situations to ask for forgiveness ● Illustrate Jesus and the story completed by them ● Illustration through Penance and Reconciliation
Week 7 (16) (Nov 23 - 27) 23 - Peace Pole Day ~ Assembly, Lighting of Christmas Tree (pm) 24~26 - Pre-Exam Days 26 - Thanksgiving Family Day Thanksgiving Potluck (Faculty)	Unit 2: We Ask God’s Forgiveness – Ch. 5: We Can Choose What Is Good & Ch. 6: We Celebrate God’s Forgiveness Ch. 5 and Ch. 6 Assessment T-W-Th Pre-Exam Days Friday Grade 12 Exams
Week 8 (17) Q3 W1 (Nov 30 - Dec 4) 1 - 1st Week of Advent: Lighting of 1st Advent Candle ~ Assembly House Unity dress up Wk	REVIEW WEEK/Preparation for Exams Religious Studies 1 Quarter Exam Monday Grade 12 Exams

Week 9 (18) Q3 W2 (Dec 7 - 11) 2nd Week of Advent 8 - Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony & Christmas Fair 10 & 11 – Q2 Exams	<i>Self-Assessment Student's Department</i> <i>Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 2nd Quarter</i> Tuesday Foundation Day Mass 9:00, Cutting of the Cake Ceremony, Christmas Fair, (Whole day) Thursday Major Final Exams half day Friday Major Final Exams half day
<i>Dec 12 to Jan 3</i>	<i>Christmas Break</i>