

Religious Studies K2



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:

Welcome to the Religious Studies course!

The kindergarten world is broadening daily, continually experiencing new things and meeting new people. This course invites kindergartners to learn and experience God's love through simple reflections on scripture and how it relates to their life experiences. Lessons in this unit will help the children realize that many of these significant others in their lives whom they encounter show them God's love. As they receive love from neighbors, they, too, should return that gesture of love in their own little ways.

In this foundational unit for Kindergarten Religious Studies, children will be guided to marvel at the beauty of God's creation. Through their natural curiosity, they will explore the world around them and begin to understand the loving intention behind all that God has made. These experiences will foster spiritual awareness and encourage a deeper appreciation for His divine artistry.

Children will be introduced to **Jesus as the living symbol of God's love**, guiding them in how to model their lives after His teachings. Through heartwarming stories, gentle instruction, and joyful celebration through music, role playing, and art, kindergartners will begin to understand what it means to live with kindness, compassion, and gratitude.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND CONTENTS: (SWBAT) Students will be able to:

WORD:

- *I can recognize God as a loving Father.*
- *I can communicate God as Creator.*
- *I can value, respect, and love all God's creation.*
- *I can express gratitude to God's goodness and creation.*
- *I can retell the stories of the creation of man and woman.*

WITNESS:

- *I can communicate that God always sees the good in creation.*
- *I can appreciate the beauty God created exists everywhere.*
- *I can acknowledge that we are made in God's image and likeness.*

WORSHIP:

- *I can sing and praise God, our Creator.*

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

- Study..... Truth
- Prayer..... Joy
- Community..... Justice
- Service/Preaching..... Compassion

PARAGONS OF VALUES: DOMINICAN SAINTS AND BLESSED

Months	Feasts/Memorials of Dominican Saints
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August	02- Bl. Jane of Aza 08- St. Dominic de Guzman 14- St. Dominic Ibañez 17- St. Hyacinth of Poland 18- Bl. Mannes de Guzman 23- Rose of Lima
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September	18- St. John Macias 20- St. Francis Posadas 28- St. Lawrence Ruiz
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October	09- St. Louis Bertrand
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November	03- St. Martin de Porres 15- St. Albert the Great 22- Bl. Cecilia
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December	01- Bl. John Vercelli The Holy Family
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January	07- St. Raymond of Peñafort 18- St. Margaret of Hungary
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February	13- Bl. Jordan of Saxony
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March	07- St. Thomas Aquinas
April	05- St. Vincent Ferrer 06/29- St. Peter of Verona 20- St. Agnes of Montepulciano 29/30- St. Catherine of Siena 30- St. Pius V
May	10- St. Anthony of Florence 12- Bl. Imelda Lambertini 20- Bl. Columba of Reiti
Others	June 09- Bl. Diana July 17- Bl. Ceslaus

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: 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. 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!**

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES

- **Blest Are We.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week & Date	Topics / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 Aug 10 – 14 11 - General Assembly ~ Gym 13 - Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	<i>Welcome back to school, Dominicans!</i> A. Introduction: • RS Teacher's Introduction • Quick students' introduction • Introduction about the Subject (The "what" and the "why" of the subject?) Monday: Class Preparation ~ Student Holiday Tuesday: School's Opening and General Orientation Day Friday : Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady 8:00
Week 2 Aug 17 – 21 21 - Club Orientation & Sign-up	Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation B. Integration: • Introduction to D'TORCH Values • Agreed Rules and Regulations of the class (In the light of the D'TORCH Values)
Week 3 Aug 24 – 28 28 - First Club Meeting	C. Revisiting DIS • Introduction of the School's Patron Saint • Life of the Class Saint – Bl. Jane of Aza/ St. Columba of Rieti • Activity: Coloring of the portrait of the class patron saint
Week 4 Aug 31 - Sep 4 31 - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation ~ Assembly 4 - House Ceremony	• Review Sign of the cross. • Understanding of the Basic Prayers. • Prayer before meals.
Week 5 Sep 7 – 11 7 - Holy Mass: Nativity of the	Unit 1: God Creates the World Chapter 1: God creates the Earth and Skies. • Lesson 1: God's gifts of day and night

Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 9 - House Mini Games Start	• Lesson 2: God's Creation Storytelling and Song • Song: The Creation Song
Week 6 Sep 14 – 18 15 - Catholic Bridge Program New Students 19 - Athletics / Sports Orientation	Unit 1: God Creates the World • Chapter 2: God creates the animals • Lesson 1: God loves all the animals • Lesson 2: God gives us animals to love
Week 7 Sep 21 – 25 21 - Teacher's Day Celebration 22 to 24 - Pre-Exam Days	Unit 1: God Creates the World Chapter 3: God creates People Lesson 1: God loves us Lesson 2: People show love T-W-Th Pre-Exam Days Friday Moon Festival ~ Public Holiday
Week 8 Sep 28 - Oct 2 Oct. 1 & 2 – Q1 Exams	Unit 1: God Creates the World Culminating Activities: Project-Based Assessment of the Lessons in Quarter 1 1. Creating an Album: Each student will create an album about the people who love them or take care of them and the moments they shared together showing that love. 2. Sorting: Students will sort - out or classify pictures of God's creation according to the day it was created. Monday Confucius' Birthday ~ Public Holiday Thursday Major Exams Day 1 Friday Major Exams Day 2
Week 9 Oct 5 – 9	Monday Record Day ~ Student Holiday T-W-Th Teachers Conference ~ Student Holiday Friday Double 10 Day ~ Public Holiday

Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week & Date	Topics / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (10) Oct 12 - 16	Unit 2: God's Love Makes Me Who I Am Chapter 4: God Creates Me Lesson 1: God creates me special Lesson 2: I can praise the Lord with my talents
Week 2 (11) Oct 19 - 23	Unit 2: God's Love Makes Me Who I Am Chapter 5: God gives me feelings Lesson 1: God knows how we feel Lesson 2: We can share our feelings
Week 3 (12) Oct 26 - 30	Unit 2: God's Love Makes Me Who I Am Chapter 6: God Gives Us Senses Lesson 1: My senses help me enjoy God's world Lesson 2: Thank God for my senses Monday Retrocession Day ~ Public Holiday
Week 4 (13) Nov 2 - 6	Unit 3: God Gives Us Loving People Chapter 7: God gives us families Lesson 1: God makes my family special
Week 5 (14) Nov 9 - 13	Unit 3: God Gives Us Loving People Chapter 7: God gives us families Lesson 1: God makes my family special - Introducing your family. Lesson 2: Loving my family
Week 6 (15) Nov 16 - 20	Unit 3: God Gives Us Loving People Chapter 8: God gives us friends Lesson 1: Our wonderful friends Lesson 2: God gives us teachers

Week 7 (16) Nov 23 - 27	Lesson 1: We Give Thanks Supplementary Lesson: The Thanksgiving Story Lesson 2: Supplementary Lesson Advent: An Introduction Advent Wreath T-W-Th Pre-Exam Days Friday Grade 12 Exams
Week 8 (17) Nov 30 - Dec 4	Lesson 3 : • Supplementary Lesson: We Celebrate Christmas • Christmas Ornaments (Symbolism & Meaning) Monday Grade 12 Exams
Week 9 (18) Dec 7 - Dec 11	EXAM WEEK Monday TBD Tuesday Foundation Day Mass 9:00, Cutting of the Cake Ceremony, Christmas Fair, (Whole day) Wednesday TBD Thursday Major Final Exams half day Friday Major Final Exams half day
<i>Dec 14 to Jan 1 Christmas Break</i>	