



TO TEACH AS JESUS DID

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Sacred Space

A Teacher's Prayer

Loving Creator, Map your goals for us in our hearts. Make our classrooms oases in the busy world. Make them places of warmth and trust. May our affirmation of our students enable them to know that their opinion counts. Let my students be enveloped by our faith as they seek holistic growth in a safe, nurturing, Catholic environment.

Bless us all and bless this day of new beginnings. Smile upon my fellow teachers and student body, And surround us, Lord, with the soft mantle of your love. Teach this community to follow in your footsteps, And to live life in the ways of love, faith, hope and charity. We ask this through your name, Jesus Christ... Amen
(prayer-resourceblogspot.com)



Dear God,
Help me spend today 
with a *Smile* on my face,
Love in my  heart,
 *Joy* in His grace, 
and my *thinking cap* on all day.
Amen

In the Classroom

Whether you are a seasoned classroom teacher or new to the profession or even just new to your school, Classroom procedures and routines are the key to effective classroom management. Check this website:

<http://www.thereligionteacher.com/classroom-procedures-and-the-first-weeks-of-school/>.

The ideas are tried and true but worth reviewing.



Engaging Families in Catechesis

Remember that *Parents are the most influential agents of catechesis for their children. They have a unique responsibility for the education of their children; they are their first educators, or catechists.* (National Directory of Catechesis 234)

In one of your first communications to parents, remind them that you teach their children religion but the parents are crucial in good catechesis. Stress the importance of attending Sunday Mass as a family. Advocate prayer time as a family and suggest that parents engage in some sort of adult formation in the parish as well as some kind of service or stewardship. And of course, encourage the parents to talk with their kids about their religion classes and what they are learning. The school and the home are intrinsically linked in good faith formation.

Scripture –Based Classroom Rules – by Jared Drees 07/30/2009



COOLCLIPS.COM

When you are developing your classroom rules this year, you may want to consider a couple of Scripture passages to provide a framework for acceptable behaviors. You will, of course, need to create succinct rules such as “Follow directions,” “Seek permission to get out of your seat by raising your

hand,” “Raise your hand to speak to the class,” “You may not eat or drink in class,” “Be respectful to yourself and others,” etc. The following passages from Scripture might be used as additional guidance for your students. If you use them, post them on the wall with your other classroom procedures/rules. Constantly refer back to them as standards of behavior.

From the Resource Center

The Education Resource Center has begun to include online resources among the various media types such as:

- Online Activities for students (games, reproducibles, crafts and more);
- Catechetical Presentations (lesson plans, downloadable PowerPoint presentations, etc.)
- Links to sites that will provide you with a variety of resources on a given topic
- Resources and Reference materials (formational articles, in-service webinars, artwork resources, reflections, inc.)
- Tools that will help you create stories, pictures, timelines, games, poetry, puzzles, animations, and more; Videos, most of which are shared void of ads and unwanted links to other questionable resources.

Prayer with Students

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 “We ask you, brothers, to respect those who are laboring among you and who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you, and to show esteem for them with special love on account of their work. Be at peace among yourselves... Admonish the idle, cheer the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient with all. See that no one returns evil for evil; rather, always seek what is good [both] for each other and for all. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus... Test everything, retain what is good. Refrain from ever kind of evil.”

See more at: <http://www.thereligionteacher.com/scripture-based-classroom-rules/#sthash.934Urt4K.dpuf>

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