**Religious Education Session Planning Form**

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| **PRELIMINARIES** | |
| **Session Date and Title:** Tuesday, October 1, 2013 - Bible Basics & Rosary  **Session Theme/“Big Idea” and Chapter:** Bible Boot Camp & Rosary Intro  **Scripture for this session:** Lk 1:39-42 "Blessed is the fruit of your womb"  **Materials Needed:**   * Illuminated Gospel of John * Bible Basics Learning Stations * Bible Basics Fill-in Sheets * Prayer intention cards * Rosary PowerPoint * Extra Rosaries * computer, LCD   **Notes:** | |
| **ENGAGE (10 – 15 MINUTES) –** *“Enter through THEIR door…” In this step, seek to capture the imagination of your participants with an image or idea from their lived experience. Use this to introduce the focus of your session. Also, use this time to establish a prayerful climate.* | |
| 1. **Welcome and “housekeeping” details**   Collect Homework Notification Sheets from last week. Pass around Illuminated copy of St. John's Gospel.   1. **Ritual setting up of prayer table/center** *(procession, Bible enthronement, etc)* 2. Proceed with procession as usual. (Mike = bell ringer) 3. **Opening Prayer experience** *(Sign of Cross, ritual greeting, threefold Sign of Cross, intentions, etc.)* 4. regular format 5. **Engage Activity/Introduction of theme/topic/big idea** *(a brief activity that introduces the theme/big idea through the life experience of the learners)* 6. Complete Bible Basics Learning Stations 7. Give students 10 minutes to prepare presentations: Bible Timeline ("I have no idea when these stories actually happened. When did some of the major events of the Bible occur?"); How Catholics Understand the Bible ("I find it hard to believe everything in the Bible? How am I to understand it?"; The Bible at Mass ("Does the Bible have anything at all to do with the Mass?") 8. Students give 2 minute presentations on their assigned Learning Station. 9. Distribute Bibles and go over How to find things in the Bible using the Table of Contents and abbreviations. Introduce biblical citation. Send volunteers to the board. Then have everyone find Lk 1:39-42. | |
| **EXPLORE (30 – 40 MINUTES) –** *In this step, present the content of our faith – the Good News – that “fixes” (repairs, heals, restores, redeems) the problem exposed in the Engage step.* |
| 1. **Moment of silent prayer** *(open minds and hearts to hear God’s Word)* 2. **Scripture reading:** *(invite a participant to come forward, bow before the Bible, and proclaim the Scripture reading for the session)*   Lk 1:39-42 "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" - Jacob reads   1. **Delivery of Content** *(reading of textbook or other method of delivery)* 2. Do Rosary PPT - make sure all have rosaries. 3. Distribute note taking sheet on the Mysteries of the Rosary 4. Distribute books and find Apostles' Creed and Hail, Holy Queen 5. **Reinforcement Activity** *(discuss or do an activity that further clarifies, fleshes out, or reinforces the content; the “big idea”)* 7. **Prayerful Segue** *(Play a song on CD or sing a hymn that flows from/reinforces the “big idea”* |
| **REFLECT (10 - 15 MINUTES) –** *In this step, invite participants to spend time with Jesus in prayerful reflection related to the theme of the session.* | |
| 1. **Invitation to Prayer** *(invite participants to transition to prayer: comfortable posture, quiet, deep breathing, background music)* 2. **Lead a Guided Reflection** *(invite participants to use their imaginations to encounter Jesus and to spend time in conversation with him)* 3. Pray Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries) 4. **Allow a minute of silence at the end of the reflection before inviting participants “back”** | |

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| **RESPOND (10 MINUTES) –** *“….but be sure to leave through YOUR door!” in this step, prepare participants to go forth armed with a new “behavior” – a new way of looking at and living life.* |
| 1. **Assessment** *(whether formally or informally, assess the extent to which participants have grasped the “big idea” and the content of the session)* 2. Invite a volunteer to explain how to say the Rosary 3. **Assignment** *(give the participants some “homework” – an assignment; a practice – that invites/challenges them to put into practice what has been learned. Tip: this is most effective when printed and sent home for parents to sign and return the following week)* 4. Test Your Bible Knowledge BLM 5. Pray the Rosary for someone this month 6. Parents Mtg. Reminder 7. **Closing Prayer** *(invite participants to a brief closing prayer: tradition prayer, a hymn, a decade of the Rosary, a Mass part, a Sign of Peace)* 8. Confiteor 9. **Blessing with Holy Water** *(have participants bless themselves with Holy Water as they leave)* |
| **FOLLOW-UP** |
| **Evaluation, Comments, Notes:** |