



Standard #5 Church

Illustrate a basic understanding of Church.

Performance Indicators

- ~Celebrate the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.
- ~Indicate that the Catholic Church celebrates its faith through the sacraments.
- ~Recognize that in Baptism we become members of the Church.

Assessment : How will you know that the children learned or are able to perform the indicators?

Where in your catechetical materials did you find the performance indicators?

Some Sample Activities



Make special birth of Jesus storybooks. Ask the children to pretend they were in a stable in Bethlehem and write in the storybooks what they saw and heard.



Provide time for the children to make a New Life album out of items collected on a nature walk. Allow creative drawings to be added to help personalize each album, and then take time to discuss what the albums illustrate. Be sure to include the concepts of resurrection, new life and transformation in the discussion.



Invite families to help their children list all of the sacramental events in which they have participate and what they celebrated at each event.



Gather the children to participate in a mock baptism. Allow them to act out the various roles.



Pray the Way of the Cross in the Church together during Lent. Invite families to join you.



Invite the children to participate in making symbols for and decorating a Jesse Tree to show some very special members of God's family.

Other activities I found useful...