

## THEMES

## PRIMARY Grades 1 to 3

### I Created and Loved by God

#### Grade 1 students:

- explore the gifts of creation, and especially, the gift of people
- discover that each person is unique and has likes and dislikes
- learn that all humans have feelings and all humans grow and develop

#### Grade 2 students:

- discover some ways in which they are a unique person who God created and loves
- explore their past growth and development and look ahead to the coming year
- learn more about feelings and the ways they choose to express those feelings

#### Grade 3 students:

- continue to explore what it means to be known and loved by God – known so well that God calls each one of us by name
- find out more about what it means to be a person – to be unique, but also alike in many ways; to have feelings and to make choices about the way we express them; and to have talents and gifts that need to be developed
- discover that when talents and gifts are shared with each other, they are sharing themselves

### II Living in Relationship

#### Grade 1 students:

- describe their family and the activities their family enjoys together
- explore the changes in families (a new baby), the strength of family love, and the special place of each person in the family
- discover more about what it means to be a friend

#### Grade 2 students:

- explore the uniqueness of each family, including their own
- explores signs of love in families, how a change (moving) affects family members, and the relationship between brothers and sisters
- discover more about friendship, and learn about the meaning of cooperation

#### Grade 3 students:

- talk about family names, some family customs, and how family love is open to others, especially when we celebrate special occasions
- discuss how a family responds to the death of a family member
- explore different positions in the family (oldest, middle, youngest, only child)
- discover the importance of learning how to compromise with friends and being friendly and open to others

### III Created Sexual: Male & Female

#### Grade 1 students:

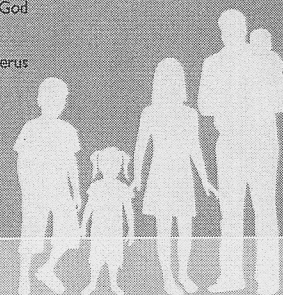
- discover that husbands and wives share their love by becoming parents
- learn about the development of babies before birth and about the care and love they need after they are born
- learn that God made boys and girls physically different

#### Grade 2 students:

- discover more about the development of babies before birth and especially how the baby breathes and receives nourishment in the uterus
- learn about the importance of respect and care for the body, which is a gift from God

#### Grade 3 students:

- learn more about life before birth, and how all of a baby's needs are met in the uterus
- discover that life begins at the moment of conception as a single cell
- explore the amazing growth and development of babies in their first year of life



### IV Growing in Commitment

#### Grade 1 students:

- examine how they depend on their families and what it means to be dependable
- discover that 'promise' is a special word that has to be used with care
- begin to explore how they make choices and the meaning of consequences

#### Grade 2 students:

- learn more about being dependable by exploring the commitments of community workers
- examine what it means to keep their word and why it is important
- analyze situations that involve making decisions

#### Grade 3 students:

- learn more about the commitments that all families have, and how important it is for people to keep their commitments
- discover that they have to think before they make a decision
- continue to analyze situations involving a decision, and learn that other people can help them when they are making decisions

### V Living in the World

#### Grade 1 students:

- explore the world as an amazing place to be and to learn about
- learn about some of the ways people care for God's creation and discover some of the kinds of work that adults do to contribute to making the world a good place to be

#### Grade 2 students:

- explore aspects of the world that make it a good place for them
- learn about some natural resources of the world, which are gifts of creation
- discover some of the work that people do to transform God's gifts for our use

#### Grade 3 students:

- explore some of the differences and similarities of people from all over the world, and recognize how much they have in common, no matter where they live
- discover more about human work and its importance for human society
- learn that doing good work requires effort and patience