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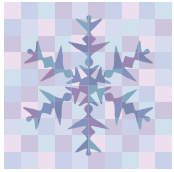
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EARTH SCIENCE MODULE – FIRST GRADE - CATHOLIC LESSON 5: Seasons of the Year and the Liturgical Year

GENERAL CONCEPT: What are seasons of the calendar year and what is the Liturgical Year?

SCIENCE LESSON CONCEPT

Identification of the four seasons of the calendar year.

GOAL OF SCIENCE LESSON

1. Student will learn the names of the four seasons.
2. Student will be able to describe the characteristics of each season.

OUTCOME EXPECTED

1. Student will be able to name the four seasons.
2. Student will be able to describe and draw each season's characteristics.

RELIGION LESSON CONCEPT

Identification of the Liturgical seasons of the Church Year.

GOAL OF RELIGION LESSON

1. Student will learn the names of the major liturgical seasons of the Church Year.
2. Student will be able to describe the characteristics of the major liturgical seasons.

OUTCOME EXPECTED

1. Student will be able to name Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.
2. Student will be able to associate the correct liturgical color with each season.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Story book on seasons. Recommended: “The Season of Arnold’s Apple Tree
- 4 pieces of large chart paper with the outline of a tree drawn on each piece
- Markers or Crayons
- Science Journal Page: SEASONS

SCIENCE METHODOLOGY

- **READ** the story on seasons.
- **START** with the current season. Use one chart paper tree outline for each season.
- **WRITE** the name of the season on the paper.
- **ASK:** What do trees look like in winter (summer, spring, fall)?
- **WRITE** the students comments on the WINTER tree for example: snow covered, bare branches,
- **REPEAT** for the other three seasons.
- **POST** all 4 tree charts. Compare how the tree changed from season to season.
- **HAVE** the student divide the Science Journal Page: SEASONS into 4 equal parts. Label each part with the

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Red, Green, Purple, Violet, Rose, White cardboard name tags
- The words: Pentecost, Lent, Advent, Rejoice, Easter, Christmas on the name tags,
- Spinner arrow
- Round head brad

RELIGION METHODOLOGY

- **DISPLAY** the Liturgical Calendar.
- **COMPARE** it with the yearly calendar.
- **POINT** out the seasons as they correspond to the four yearly seasons:
Winter – Advent and Christmas
Spring – Lent and Easter
Summer – Pentecost and Ordinary Time
Fall – Ordinary Time
- **DISCUSS** how the colors tell us what liturgical season it is.
- **ATTACH** the spinner arrow with the round head brad to the liturgical calendar.
- **HAVE** the student spin the spinner and tell what season and color.

name of one season. Draw the appropriate tree for that season.

- **POSIT:** The Four Seasons make the earth look different.

RESOURCES, LINKS AND COMPUTER LESSONS.

Science Links

(Student) On-line story book about seasons; audio is available for pre-readers.

<http://www.kidsclue.com/seasontory/season1.html>

(Teacher) Printable “Label Me” page about the seasons

<http://enchantedlearning.com/themes/fall/seasons.shtml>

(Teacher) Lesson Plans to Teach the Seasons

http://teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/k_2theme/seasons.htm

(Student) Interactive site featuring Clifford and the four seasons.

<http://scholastic.com/clifford/play/seasonalstickers/stickers/htm>

(Student and Teacher) Interactive Kids’ site about global warming; links for teachers as well.

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/index.html>

- **HAVE** each student make a seasonal card for a parish Leader thanking them for their service during _____ time.
- **POSIT:** The Church has a Liturgical Year with Seasons.

Religious Links

(Teacher) Resource explaining the Liturgical Year with links to printable activities for students.

http://www.cyberfaith.com/liturgical_year.cfm

(Teacher) Instructions for making a “praise shaker”-requires permission from “We Believe”.

http://www.webelieveweb.com/documents/downloadables/pairsh/grade_1/gl_chapter_6.pdf

(Teacher) <http://www.silk./net/RelEd/seasons.htm>

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