

SAINT JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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		<i>Essential Questions</i>	<i>Books & Materials</i>	<i>Essential Questions</i>	
SEPTEMBER					
<i>Why are responsibilities important to make a successful classroom?</i>	Responsive Classroom: The first six weeks - Building classroom community and responsibilities -All about me	What are home versus school behaviors? What are my responsibilities in the classroom?	Responsive Classroom Teacher text, nonfiction Community Helpers texts	You are special because God made you Responsibilities and talents to share in the classroom -Mustard seed parable	Give examples of the different kinds of jobs that people do including the work they do at home 9. Explain why people work? 6. Give examples that show
OCTOBER					
<i>How have people helped to change the world and community?</i>	Columbus Day, Halloween, Home and Address, Community Helpers	How has Christopher Columbus' journey changed the world? What are examples of community helpers?	Fiction and Nonfiction Halloween texts, Nonfiction Christopher Columbus texts, Guardian Angel prayer	God helps us to discover. God gave us our five senses to discover His world.	1a Columbus Day 3 Identify the students street address, city or town; and Massachusetts as the state; and the United States as the country in which he or she lives; Identify the names of the students school and the city or town in which it is located 4 Describe the location and features of places in the immediate neighborhood of the student's home or school 6 Identify and describe family or community members who promote the welfare and safety of children and adults
NOVEMBER					
<i>How have people helped to change the United States?</i>	Veterans Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving	Each of these major events are important to our country. How do our Veterans, Presidents, and the Pilgrims shape our past and future?	Nonfiction and Fiction Thanksgiving texts	Jesus teaches and helps us. Jesus taught many people, He was kind, good, and caring.	1e. Thanksgiving Day and Veteran's Day: Identify and describe the events or people celebrated during U.S. national holidays and why we celebrate them

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DECEMBER						
<i>Why do we share Jesus' story?</i>	Nativity and Christmas	What is the story of Jesus?	Nonfiction and Fiction Christmas texts	Jesus grew up in Nazareth. He grew up in a family and Mary and Joseph showed their love for one another.	K.5 Retell stories that illustrate honesty, courage, friendship, respect, responsibility, and the wise or judicious exercise of authority, and explain how the characters in the stories show these qualities. (C) Put events in their own and their families lives in temporal order	
JANUARY						
<i>Why did God make us different?</i>	Martin Luther King Jr, Celebrating diversity	Who was Martin Luther King? How did Dr. King change the United States?	Martin Luther King texts	Jesus wants us to love. Jesus wants us to tell and show others that we love them.	c. Martin Luther King: Identify and describe the events or people celebrated during U.S. national holidays and why we celebrate them	
FEBRUARY						
<i>Why do we honor those we care and respect?</i>	Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, President's Day	What are some of the responsibilities of the President?	Nonfiction and Fiction texts about Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, and President biographies	We belong to the church. The church is the family of God. We belong to the United States as well.	6. Give examples that show the meaning of the following concepts: authority, fairness, justice, responsibility, and rules. (C)	
MARCH						
<i>What changes do we celebrate and observe during this time of the season and year?</i>	Saint Patrick's Day, Spring, Daylight Savings, Lent	What is the culture and country of Ireland like? What traditions do the people of Ireland celebrate? What are the changes taking place in nature?	Nonfiction and fiction texts about Saint Patrick's Day and Spring	We pray as Jesus did. Prayer is one way we can show our love for God. Lent is the season of prayer to worship and reflect on our relationship with God.	K.5 Retell stories that illustrate honesty, courage, friendship, respect, responsibility, and the wise or judicious exercise of authority, and explain how the characters in the stories show these qualities. (C)	
APRIL						
<i>How do we show those that we love and take care of them?</i>	Easter, Grandparent's Day, Earth Day	What are ways I can take care of God's gifts?	Texts about Easter	God gave us the land. God filled the land with many gifts for us to take care of.	Tell or show what a map is and what a globe is. (G)	

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<i>What is a sacrifice and how does that show love?</i>	Mother's Day, Memorial Day	Why/who do we celebrate on Memorial Day?	Texts about Mother's Day and Memorial Day	Jesus chooses Mary. Mary loved God very much. God asked Mary to be the Mother of his Son.	K.7 Demonstrate understanding that there are important American symbols by identifying A. the American flag and its colors and shapes B. the melody of the national anthem C. the picture and name of the current president D. the words of the Pledge of Allegiance. (C)
JUNE					
<i>How have I grown this year?</i>	Closing and Reflecting	What relationships have we built in Kindergarten? What will the community of the Big Building be like?	End of Year and Summer texts	How has God helped me this year to grow in his love and care for others in school and at home?	