St. Aloysius Religious Education 2015-2016
1st Grade
Introduction and Welcome

4:00pm   *ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL MEET IN THECHURCH/ GYMNASIUM*
              FOR A PRAYER SERVICE PRIOR TO THE FIRST CLASS.

4:35pm   Welcome (class attendance)

4:40pm   **Introduction**
Introduce yourself to the class and explain what we will learn this year in Religious Education.

You are on a journey this year to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. This year we will:
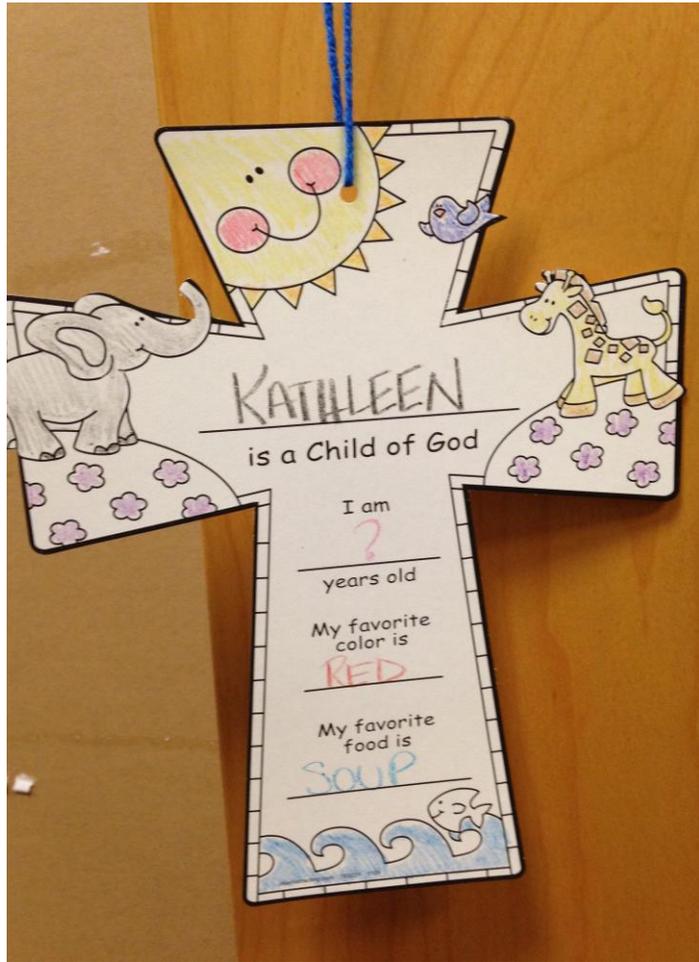   Learn the ways God has shown his love for us,
    Pray at home and with our Church community,
    Celebrate your faith at Sunday Mass and by honoring the saints,
    Choose to lives as a child of God every day,
    Share God's gifts with family and others,
    Live out the Catholic faith by caring for God's creation, especially people!

- *We Believe* – Have the children cut out and write their name on the front of the cardboard cross nametag and then color it. *The name tag should be put on whenever the children are in Religious Formation class – this is the beginning of their Catholic identity; God shows his love for us by creating us and we show our love for God by loving ourselves and others.* The catechist can string the yarn through a punched hole in the medallion. Then the catechist will place the nametag on each child claiming them for God by saying *"_____ is a child of God." We all belong to God because we are all part of the family He created!*

- *We Respond* – "God's Gifts" sharing
    If you have time, Read from *"Tomi dePaola's book of Bible Stories"*
    (page 124 "Praise the Lord Everywhere")

4:55pm   Closing Prayer –

              "May all our work this year be pleasing to you, Lord.
              We give all our efforts over to you,
              So that you may bless our work.
              May our lives become our prayer to you
              And to be a help to the coming of Your Kingdom.
              We ask this through, your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen"

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

KATHLEEN
is a Child of God

I am
?
years old

My favorite
color is
RED

My favorite
food is
SOUP