

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Montessori Atrium*  
*Scope and Sequence*

|   | <b>Level One (3 to 6 years old)</b>   | <b>Level Two (6 to 9 years old)</b>   |
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| <b>Prayer:</b> give the child opportunity and language to enter into prayer alone with others   | Prayer table, praise language   | The Lord's Prayer, Magnificat, Develop prayer services, personal prayer journals, examine scriptural prayers  |
| <b>Infancy Narratives:</b> young children in particular are drawn to these narratives – indeed, they have rich theological content                      | The Annunciation to Mary, The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, The Adoration of the Shepherds, The Adoration of the Magi, The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple   | Flight into Egypt, same narratives as Level One expanded to include scriptural prayers, moral content, and common themes across all narratives  |
| <b>Geography:</b> helps the child to understand that the Biblical stories did indeed occur, as well as provide a context for what they hear.            | Three major cities & associated events of Israel (Nazareth where Mary becomes the Mother of God by the Holy Spirit, Bethlehem where Jesus is born, Jerusalem where Jesus rises from the dead), Regions and waterways of Israel, City of Jerusalem and key locations                         | Extensive work with the cities of Israel, locating and connecting scriptural events to them, further work with the paschal events in Jerusalem  |
| <b>Eucharist and sacraments:</b> helps the child to enter into our liturgy as a sign of the covenant relationship, explores the underlying significance | Nomenclature of articles used during Eucharist, Liturgical colors, Gestures of Epiclesis, Offering, Sign of Peace, Lavabo; Genuflection, Sign of the Cross, Preparation of the Chalice & Cruets, Celebration of Liturgy of the Light & Pentecost, Eucharistic presence of the Good Shepherd | Synthesis of the articles & gestures of the Eucharist, further work with the articles of the Eucharist, Continuing celebrations, continuing work with the Eucharistic presence of the Good Shepherd expanding the meaning to the universal church, The Mystery of Faith |
| <b>Paschal narratives:</b> the child studies the key events of our Christian story and the meaning of Christ's death and risen life                     | The Last Supper, The Women at the Tomb  | Bible studies of these narratives, Study of the apostles, further work with the Last Supper, Origin of the Eucharist  |
| <b>Bible:</b> the children learn to honor the Bible as God's written word, where it came from, its structure, and how to study it                       | The Bible and the Prayer Table  | Books of the Bible, How to Use the Bible, various Bible studies, Moral Maxims – key teachings of Jesus  |

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| <b>Sacred History:</b> the child looks at the history of man as God's history and studies its greatest moments               |  | The History of the Kingdom of God and it's 3 great moments: Creation, Redemption and Parousia, including associated scriptural texts   |
| <b>Prophecy:</b> reveals Jesus as the long awaited Messiah, examine moral teaching   | Messianic prophecies of the Light, the Mother, the City, and Names, Star and Scepter   | Same prophecies as Level One expanded to include a synthesis of common themes, moral prophecies from Isaiah 11:6-9 and 40:3-5  |
| <b>Parables:</b> the younger child focuses on parables concerning the Kingdom of God. Older children focus on moral parables | The Pearl of Great Price, The Mustard Seed, the Leaven, The Hidden Treasure, The Mystery of Life and Death, The Good Shepherd, The Found Sheep, Psalm 23 | Further work with Level One parables including common themes, The True Vine, The Forgiving Father, The Centurion's Servant, The Wolf and the Hireling, The Good Samaritan, The Insistent Friend, The Pharisee & the Tax Collector, The Sower, The Ten Bridesmaids, The Wedding Feast |
| <b>Baptism:</b> examine the signs and liturgy associated with this induction into the Christian faith                        | The gifts of the water, oil, word, light at Baptism  | Further exploration of the liturgy and prayers associated with Baptism   |