Answer Sheet for Pre Test for the GOD STRAND Year 1

Teachers - Please read the Teacher's Notes for each lesson – the answers are in them

Key Concept 1 - God is the creator of all that is and keeps it in being (L1-4)

1) God created the whole universe
2) God keeps the world going
3) Suggested items children could draw animals, people, trees, flowers, sun, moon, stars, mountains, rivers, sea, sky, air, planets, fruit, vegetables, insects, fish, birds clouds, water,
4) God is good because God
   created the world for people to enjoy
   looks after all of creation
   keeps the world going
   gives life to all living things
5) These are the things God gives us that we need to live each day
   air, water, food, family, friends,

Key Concept 2 – Each person is God's unique creation made in love for love (L5-10)

6) Children draw themselves, parents, family, friends, teacher
7) Gifts God has given to people so they can enjoy being alive could include their bodies and senses, family and friends and people who love them, items in creation, their uniqueness

Key Concept 3 - We praise God for all the good gifts of creation, both seen and unseen (L11-13)

8) An example of a prayer of praise to God for our wonderful creation could be
   I praise God for making me special and unique.
   I thank God for creating the beautiful world for us to enjoy.
   I praise God for my five senses so I can enjoy the world.
   I thank God for my family who love and care for me.

Answer Sheet for Pre Test for the GOD STRAND Year 2

Teachers - Please read the Teacher's Notes for each lesson – the answers are in them

Key Concept 1 – God's gifts to people are a sign of God's love (L1-3)

1) Examples of God's gifts of creation that are all signs of God's love could be people, animals, air, food, places to keep warm, water and all items of creation

2) Children could draw people who are God's gifts that are signs of God's love such as: parents, foster and grandparents, family, friends, teachers, priest, whanau, neighbours

3) People are precious to God because God created them and loves them and they are signs of God's love in the world.

Key Concept 2 - God's greatest gift is Jesus who showed us God is a loving and forgiving Father (L4-7)

4) Jesus is God's greatest gift to people because Jesus is God's only precious Son whom God loves most deeply
5) The Parable of the lost sheep tells us that every sheep is important, if one sheep got lost you would search for it until you found it because you love it so much
6) In the Our Father we pray that

God's name be spoken with respect
God's Kingdom will grow on earth and become like it is in heaven
We will have food to eat each day
We will be forgiven when we do things that are wrong
We will forgive people who hurt us
We will not be tested but we will be protected from all harm

Key Concept 3 - People are called to appreciate God's gifts and be grateful for them (L8-10)

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7) People give gifts to people because they love them and remember them

8) When people receive a gift they say thank you and show they like it and appreciate it by using it and looking after it

9) God wants people to use the gifts God has given them by enjoying them and sharing them with others

10) People can give thanks to God for all the gifts God has given them by using them well so they improve

Answer Sheet for Pre Test for the GOD STRAND Year 3

Teachers - Please read the Teacher's Notes for each lesson – the answers are in them

Key Concept 1 – God is everywhere in the world through creation (L1-3)

1) People can see God's presence in creation when they use their senses to experience the beauty and wonder of creation, when they are filled with joy and admiration that makes them want to give praise and thanks to God for creating the world.
2) People can take care of creation by
   helping all living things grow and develop
   helping others to be aware of how important it is to take care of God's creation
   helping people to understand how everything is connected to everything else

Key Concept 2 – God works through people who accept God's gift of grace (L4-5)

3) Grace means people can share in God's love and God's life.
4) It is grace that makes people holy.
5) I am a sign of God's grace when …
   I share in God's mana spiritual power I act with God's life working in me
   I show love and concern for others. I demonstrate the fruits of the spirit

6)The Church helps people to accept God's grace …
   Through the special grace of the Sacraments people grow and become stronger
   Through participating in the Sacraments people have the strength to change
   Through the charisms, the special gifts given to people to build up the community

Key Concept 3 – God speaks to people through the Scriptures (L6-7)

6)The special book for Christians is the Bible.
7)The Bible is God's Word speaking to us.
8)The Bible has 2 parts that are called Testaments.
9)The first part is the Old Testament. The second part is the New Testament.
10)The New Testament is about Jesus' life.
11)We can listen to readings from the Bible when we go to Mass/ Eucharist
12)It is the Holy Spirit who helps people to understand the message in the Bible readings.

Key Concept 4 – God works in the world through every culture (L8-9)

13)We can find the creation story in the Bible in the Old Testament.

14)The name of the Maori creation story is Rangi and Papa.

15)People show respect for different cultures when they
   accept the different ways they do things, eg speak, dance and what they eat
   try to learn and understand the different ways of cultures

Answer Sheet for Pre Test for the GOD STRAND Year 4

Teachers - Please read the Teacher's Notes for each lesson – the answers are in them

Key Concept 1 – God is the mystery of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (L1)

1)The 3 persons in the Holy Trinity are

God the Father, God the Son Jesus, God the Holy Spirit

2) The Bible story that includes all members of the Holy Trinity is

The Baptism of Jesus

3) Here is my picture of this story.

Children's picture should include:

Jesus standing in the River Jordan, a dove (symbol of the Holy Spirit) fluttering over him, a cloud with a voice coming from it saying "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased". Refer to picture of this story in RE Picture Resource

Key Concept 2 - Giving respect to the gift of God's creation because it is tapu (L2-3)

4) God created the land. The land is tapu because it is the work of God and God's presence is in it.

5) People disrespect the tapu of the land when they

cause the land to be polluted, litter, tag, cut down forests,
drift net fishing, spitting on the earth, hurting animals, wasting resources such as water or electricity,

6)People can restore the tapu of whenua when they

recycle, plant and care for plants and trees,
grow their own food and care for their home, school and community environment.

Key Concept 3 – God's love expressed through the ten commandments (L4-8)

7)The Exodus story is about

Moses leading the people, along with his brother Aaron and his sister Miriam, out of slavery in Egypt away from the Pharoah to freedom in Canaan the Promised Land.
God sent 10 plagues on the Egyptians because they would not let the Israelites go to the Promised Land
The journey of the Israelites travelling for 40 years across the desert living in tents and living on bread from heaven called manna and water.

8)One important event in the Exodus story is

The Israelites crossing the Red Sea and the Egyptian army being drowned
God sending bread from heaven called manna for the people to eat
Moses' death and Joshua leading the people into Canaan the Promised Land
God showing Moses the Promised Land from a mountain top before he died.
The plagues being sent on the Egyptians Moses receiving the 10 Commandments
The people worshipping a golden calf
The walls of Jericho falling down and the people enter the Promised Land after 40 years in the desert.

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9)Moses received the Commandments from God.

10) There are 10 Commandments.

11) A Commandment I know is

I am the Lord your God. You shall not have other Gods besides me.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Take care to keep holy the Sabbath Day.

Honour your father and your mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's spouse.

You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

12) The Commandments teach people about showing love and respect for all people's tapu because they were the old law but they prepared the way for the new law which was given by the power of the Holy Spirit to those who believe in Jesus. The new law is the law of love and is it through the Holy Spirit that people can live this law.

Answer Sheet for Pre Test for the GOD STRAND Year 5

Teachers - Please read the Teacher's Notes for each lesson – the answers are in them

Key Concept 1 - Scripture stories of God's call to people and their responses (L1-2)

1) A story from the Old Testament which tells about God calling people to follow God is God's call to Abraham and Sarah

2) They responded to God's call by
leaving their homeland, Haran and travelling to Canaan where Sarah gave birth to her son Isaac even though she was an old woman.
Setting up an altar in the desert and worshipping God

3) A story from the New Testament which tells about Jesus calling people to follow him is Jesus' call to
the apostles James, John, Andrew, Simon Peter, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, Thaddeus, Simon and Judas Iscariot

4) They responded to his call by following him and learning from him.

Key Concept 2 - The meaning of covenant and God's faithfulness (L3-4)

5) A covenant is a sacred and very serious agreement between God and God's people

6) God promised Abraham and Sarah
A relationship with God through a covenant, a sacred agreement with them.
A son even though Sarah was an old woman.
To bless them and make them into a great family whanau that would become a whole nation so that through them all the families of the world would be blessed.
Land – the land of Canaan which is now called Israel.
God would be their God and they would be God's people and share in God's own life and love.

7) Abraham and Sarah kept their covenant with God by
setting up an altar in the desert and worshipping God
obeying God's commands to continue the journey
showing their faith and trust in God

8) Some people broke their covenant with God when they
built a golden calf and worshipped it as a god

Key Concept 3 – God calls people to be reconciled in relationships (L5-6)

9) An example of God's faithfulness is when
he renewed the Covenant with the people even when they had not been faithful.
God gave the people the Commandments again
God did not abandon the people and stayed among them.

10) When we break our relationships God wants us to
ask for forgiveness and mercy
seek to know and love God and walk in God's ways

11) Give an example of how children your age can break relationships

by selfish behaviour and speaking and acting in unloving ways

by not taking responsibility for your actions

by not doing their share of the tasks at home

by not respecting the rights of others

12) Give an example of how children your age can restore relationships

By saying sorry and asking for forgiveness

By making an effort to make up for the damage you have caused to the relationship, eg making contact with the person/ people and spending time with them

By resolving to try not to damage relationships again

Key Concept 4 – The call to believe in God and build up Te Rangatiratanga – the Reign of God on earth (L7-8)

13) To believe in God means

to seek to grow closer to and love God

to live with faith, hope and trust in God

to accept the teaching of Jesus and live the way Jesus lived

to worship God

to obey God's commandment of love

to keep hoping in God even when life is hard, that God will make things right

to realise that the resurrection is the reason why people can have hope in God

14) To have faith in God means

to believe in God and have the gift of faith that enables people to love, have trust and hope in God

15) People can build up the Kingdom of God on earth by

cooperating with God

responding to the Holy Spirit by working to do away with injustice

respecting people who are different

speaking out when they see bullying or fighting

including children in games and activities

telling the truth

supporting children who find learning hard or who have a disability

challenging the behaviour of people who cause others hurt

Answer Sheet for Pre Test for the GOD STRAND Year 6

Teachers - Please read the Teacher's Notes for each lesson – the answers are in them

Key Concept 1- Images of God reveal something of what God is like (L1-2)

1) An image of God from the Bible is
   A mother eagle carrying and sheltering her young with her wings (Deuteronomy 32:11)
   A potter (Jeremiah18:5-6)
   A shepherd (Psalm 23)
   A gardener (Ezekial 17:22-24)
   A powerful warrior (Exodus 15:3)
   Water (Psalm 42:1-2)
   Fire (Ezekial 22:20)
   Light (Psalm 27:1)

2) This image tells us that God is
   A mother eagle carrying and sheltering her young with her wings - protective, caring, like our parents
   A potter – can shape us into what God wants us to be
   A shepherd - takes care, will not leave us, revives us when we are weak,
   A gardener – wants us to grow, tends to our needs
   A powerful warrior - has strength and power, is protective
   Water – life giving, nourishing, replenishes
   Fire – full of energy, warms, gives light
   Light – enables us to see, leads us, shows us the way

Key Concept 2- Christians come to know God through Jesus and respond in worship and action (L3-5)

3) Jesus taught people that God was
   A dear father (Mark 14:36)
   A house wife (Luke 15:8)
   A bakerwoman (Luke 13:20-21)
   A gardener or winegrower (John 15:1-18)
   The good shepherd (John 10:11)
   The light of the World (John 8:12)
   The bread of life (John 6:51)
   The Son of God (Matthew 16:15-16)

4) Christians come to know God through Jesus

5) To worship God is to
   Show God that people recognise who God is and how important God is
   Adore God and show how great God is and how they depend on God completely
   Say thanks to God for the wonders of creation

6) Public worship is called liturgy
7) Catholic people worship God through prayer and the Sacraments
8) The Good Samaritan story is about not just knowing the commandment to love but to go out and **live** it in our everyday lives

9) In the Good Samaritan parable Jesus was teaching people to
   Respect the tapu and dignity of all people regardless of their race or religion
   Help people you may not like or know or those who are different from you
   Realise all people are God's children
   Respond to people in need regardless of who they are

10) People can be good Samaritan's today when they
   Reach out in love to those who are in need
   Respect those who have been disrespected and rejected
   Pick people up and support them to get their lives back on track and restore their tapu
   Show the loving presence of God to people in need in the world

11) Christians respond to God in faith in the ways they live their lives
   They help family whanau members who are struggling to cope with life
   They make an effort to include class mates in games and class activities
   They join groups that help people who are in need
   They challenge people who put others down
   They encourage people to do their best
   They share their time and resources with others in need

12) An example of this is
   Making a meal for a family having a hard time
   Noticing when someone in your class is sad and spend time then to support and comfort them
   Inviting someone who is alone to join your group

Key Concept 3 - Catholic beliefs within the Creed (L6)

13) The major beliefs of Catholics are written in the Nicene Creed
14) The Creed is proclaimed publically by the community at the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays and important feast days.

15) The Creed is important for Catholics because
   It is an expression of faith shared by all the people in the community
   It is a summary of the key beliefs of Catholics

16) One belief about God in the Creed is
   God is creator
   God is Father
   God is the first person of the Trinity

Answer Sheet for Pre Test for the GOD STRAND Year 7

Teachers - Please read the Teacher's Notes for each lesson – the answers are in them

Key Concept 1 – People are created to grow through grace to become like Jesus and turn away from sin (L1-2)

1) A virtue means a quality or way of doing things that leads to good.
2) Some examples of virtues which enable people to live as Jesus lives are

Respecting the rights and dignity of others, promoting equality for all.
Promoting right and good thinking.
Resisting temptations and overcoming obstacles.
Overcoming persecution and fear.
Having fortitude and acting temperately with moderation in their lives.
Making good choices that help people lead balanced lives.
Acting prudently with integrity.
Taking time to make good thoughtful judgements and choices.
Honouring God and making choices that are in keeping with God's law.
Looking for ways to help and support others.
Asking God for help and accepting God's grace to guide and strengthen them.

3) A person can grow in the virtue of respect and this can be seen when they speak and act in ways which show they recognise a person's rights and dignity.

4) Sin diminishes virtue because it takes away a person's virtue. Sin diminishes or lessons a person's good habits such as kindness and truthfulness. Sin makes it harder for a person to be open to God's grace, strength and help to do the right thing.

5) One way that helps people to turn away from sin and grow more like Jesus is by accepting God's grace to do good and to develop qualities that make them a true disciple of Jesus.

Key Concept 2 – Using talents for the work of the Church and the Reign of Tika, Rangimarie and Aroha on earth (L3-4)

6) The Parable of the Talents is about
   using the talents God gave us for the work of the Church to carry on the saving work of Jesus.
   Continuing to share the good news of Jesus with others.
   Teaching those who believe to understand their faith more deeply.
   Caring for people in need and working for peace and justice.
   Worshipping God in prayer and in the liturgy.
   Celebrating the Sacraments.
   Sharing in the life of Jesus through the Holy Spirit.
   Building up the Kingdom or Reign of God

7) The work of the Church is to continue the work of
   See examples for previous question

8) Examples of how this is done are

Preparing liturgy — teaching others about the faith
Looking after church property — caring for people who need care

People use their gifts to carry out the work of the Church

9) A person with the gift of
Music could use this gift in the Church by playing their instrument when the people sing

Computing could use this gift in the Church to type out the parish notices

Reading could use this gift in the Church to proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass

10) A person of my age can help to build the Kingdom of God by
Standing up for what is right and just
Being a peaceful person and helping others to resolve their problems
Being generous with share time and resources such as toys, books

Key Concept 3 – God's desire for humanity (L5)
11) God wants me to live my life to the full by
Developing a close relationship with God
Helping and supporting others
Using my gifts for the good of others
Giving time and attention to my relationships.
Taking care of myself and enjoying my life

Key Concept 4 – Although affected by sin, all creation is redeemed by God and has been given its own tapu and mana (L6-8)
13) Examples that show the glory of God's creation are
See list of examples beside second bullet in Teaching and Learning column

14)Ways creation can be respected by people are
See list of examples beside second bullet in Teaching and Learning column

15) Maori spiritual values regarding creation and whenua are
See list of examples beside fourth bullet in Teaching and Learning column

16)Creation is redeemed by God through God's gift of grace to people so they can work to restore those parts of creation that are being damaged and destroyed

Answer Sheet for Pre Test for the GOD STRAND Year 8

Teachers - Please read the Teacher's Notes for each lesson – the answers are in them

Key Concept 1 – God is mystery – personal and distant (immanent and transcendent) (L1-3)

1) When we say God is a mystery we mean
God's greatness will always be more than the human mind can grasp and the human heart can experience.
God is not a mystery to be solved.
God can never be fully understood because God and people are not equals.

2) What do we mean when we say God is near but also faraway?
God is present within people's hearts protecting and caring for them each day of their lives and God is also present faraway in every aspect of creation and sustains it and holds it in being.

3) It is through the gift of faith whakapono, with help of the Holy Spirit te wairua tapu, that people come to know God and grow in friendship with God.

4) God is Spirit Wairua, and therefore is greater than anything created

5) Can people understand the mystery of God? Give a reason for your answer.
People cannot understand the mystery of God because God is more than the human mind can grasp.
God and people are not equals so God will always be beyond people's understanding.
People are limited in their understanding and there are no limits to God Te Atua.

6) Why do Christians call God great?
Because Christians believe God is greater than God's own creation, awesome, marvellous and beyond greatness.
Christians have read the words of psalmists who try to describe God's greatness and have used them to describe God's greatness.
Christians want to express God's greatness by using words to express God's greatness in prayers and hymns in the liturgy of the Church, and in movement and gesture in liturgical dance, and in symbols on the sacred vessels and the priest's vestments and in the Church building and environment.

7) How can the greatness of God be measured?
The greatness of God cannot be measured or compared to any person or thing created by God.
All creation shows something of God's greatness but nothing can express the fullness of God's greatness.

8) What do many of the Psalms tell us about God's greatness?
The psalms tell us God is a mystery, magnificent, awesome, mighty, splendid, abundant in goodness, filled with compassion, faithful, gracious, everlasting and unsearchable

Key Concept 2 – God revealed as a Trinity of three persons – creating, redeeming and sanctifying (L4-5)

9) Christians believe in God who is the Trinity – 3 persons in one

1) Father 2) Son 3) Holy Spirit

10)An image Christians use to help them understand God as Trinity is

Trinity as Fire, Trinity as River Trinity as Plant

Trinity as the Sun Trinity as Loving Relationships

11) Match members of the Trinity

God the Father creates and holds in being

God the Son redeems by dying on the cross

God the Holy Spirit sanctifies – makes holy

12)All members of the Trinity act as one through each other, with each and in each other. Give an example of this

God the Father sent Jesus into the world and he acted through the power of the Holy Spirit