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Pre-School: GOD LOVES US The Pre-School program concentrates on the theme and the experience of love. God loves the pre-schooler, his family, and the world. The pre-schooler begins to recognize God's love through seeing his family, others and all things around him as God's gifts. He experiences God's love in playing with others, family relationships and activities, and participation in Church worship and life.	God loves me and the whole world. God's love is shown through the beauty of creation: sky, mountains, lakes, flowers, birds and animals. We love God and thank Him for all His gifts. We show God's love by how we care for and protect each other.	God gave us Jesus. Mary and Joseph love and protect Jesus – the Flight into Egypt. Jesus loves and blesses children. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who brings back the lost sheep. Jesus taught us to love each other as He loved us.	The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus at His baptism. We receive the Holy Spirit at our baptism. The Holy Spirit in our hearts makes us feel God's love.	We love the Church as God's house. In the Church we love each other. The Church is the family of God. Jesus is the Leader of the Church. The family of God includes the priest, grandparent, parents, the children and all the people. Godparents, by their willingness to sponsor, also exhibit love and faith.	We show our love for God by praying together. When we pray, we thank God and ask Him to help us. We learn how to make the Cross. We learn how to light a candle. We learn to pray "Holy God, Holy Mighty,...." We learn how to venerate an icon. In the Church, we show respect and proper conduct.	We come to Liturgy because we know God loves us. God shows His love for us by giving us Holy Communion. By receiving Holy Communion we receive Jesus. Holy Communion helps us to feel God's love in our hearts and to love each other. In the Liturgy we pray, sing, and thank God for all His gifts.	Prayers at the birth of a child when the priest visits in the hospital or in the home. By Baptism we become Christians and followers of Christ.	
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	Begin to learn the Lord's Prayer. "Holy God" (Trisagion Prayer) "By the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us." A short meal prayer with parent. An evening prayer with parent. A morning prayer with parent. Selections from songbook.	Thanksgiving- daily & yearly Christmas – the birth of Jesus Theophany – the baptism of Jesus and three Persons Annunciation – the good news about Jesus' birth. Easter – weekly & yearly Other feasts and saints as may be suitable to specific lessons	The golden book carried by the priest in Church is the Bible. The Bible is God's Book given to us. Biblical stories related to Feasts of the Lord and the Theotokos. Biblical stories exemplifying God's love for us.	Sign of the Cross Candles Incense Icons of feasts and Biblical stories suitable to lessons.	God gives us our family. We love each other in our family. We say "thank you" to God for our family.	Because God loves us, we can trust and obey Him. Saying "thank you" to God for all His gifts. We love God, Jesus, our family, and others. I am special because God made me.	We play with the hands, feet, and body God gave us. We take turns in a game.	Helping parents. Sharing with others. Protect the wonderful world God gave us.