

GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH STUDIES YEAR AT A GLANCE

Trimester: Month	Broad Learning Goals	Specific Learning Areas
T1: Sep T2: Nov-Dec T3: Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction/expectations - The existence of God, and why people choose to practice a faith - Key tenets of major world religions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ontological, cosmological, and teleological arguments for the existence of God - Religious experience - Problem of evil - Faith and reason, role of science - Religious pluralism - Judaism, Islam, and more
T1: Oct T2: Jan T3: Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic beliefs of Christianity and the Episcopal tradition - Church history - Basic Biblical literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Layout of the Biblical canon - Early Church history, Creeds, councils, doctrines - Development of the Church through the Reformation - Modern denominations - Reflection and discussion on our own spiritual practices and those of our families
T1: Nov T2: Feb T3: May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Service learning, worship, and reflection on spirituality - The Christian moral life - Connection between spirituality and other disciplines - Theory/practice of ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christian ethics and morality; practical application - Spiritual gifts and vocation - Practice of ministry for all believers

* This YAG will change. It is meant only to provide a quick look at the topics that will be addressed during the school year. Class progress, ERB testing, school trips, and inclement weather will all merit YAG adjustments.