

# Second Grade Recitation

**Please Stand.  
Let Us Pray.**

## Week

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- 1**
- Opening prayer – discuss the words in it and explain the meanings before memorizing.
  - Pledge of Allegiance.
  - How many letters are there in the alphabet? (26)
  - What are the two sizes of letters? (uppercase and lowercase)
  - What are the two types of letters? (vowels and consonants)
  - How many vowels are there? (5) Name the vowels? (a, e, i, o, u)
  - What are the short vowel sounds? (**a** (apple) **e** (egg), **i** (igloo), **o** (octopus), **u** (umbrella))
  - What letter do you add to a word to make it plural? (s)
  - In which city do you live in? In which state do you live in? In which country do you live in?
  - Recite the Glory Be, Hail Mary and Our Father prayers.
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- 2**
- What is the punctuation mark, plus letter combination used to show possession? ('s)
  - How many seasons are there? (4)
  - Name the four seasons. (fall, winter, spring, summer)
  - Point to and name the four directions. (North, South, East, West)
  - Count to 50 by 1s.
  - Why did God make us? (God made us to know, love, and serve him and so to enter heaven.)
  - Recite Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."
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- 3**
- How many months are there in a year? (12)
  - Name all twelve months in order (January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December)
  - On what continent do you live? (North America)
  - How many continents are there? (7)
  - God made us how? (God made us in His image and likeness.)
  - What are the first three Commandments? (1. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange gods before me. 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.)
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- 4**
- Name the seven continents. (North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Antarctica, Australia)
  - Count to 100 by 10s.
  - Count to 50 by 5s.
  - What is the emergency phone number? (911)
  - Recite the first memorized poem chorally.
  - What is the fourth commandment? (Honor your Father and your Mother.)
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- How many days are in the week? (7)
  - Name the days of the week in order. (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
  - On what planet do you live? (Earth)
  - How many planets are there? (8 – Pluto was downgraded)
  - Count to 50 by 2s.
- 5
- How many pennies are in a nickel? (5)
  - How many pennies are in a dime? (10)
  - How many pennies are in a quarter? (25)
  - How many pennies are in a dollar? (100)
  - What are five categories of animals with backbones? (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals)
  - What is the fifth commandment? (You shall not kill.)
  - Recite Genesis 1:27, “God created man in his image, in the divine image He created him, male and female he created them.”
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- How many days are in a year? (365)
  - How many hours are in a day? (24)
  - Name the planets in order. (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune)
  - Who was the first president? (George Washington)
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- How many nickels are in a dollar? (20)
  - How many quarters are in a dollar? (4)
  - When did Columbus discover America? (1492)
  - What is the sixth commandment? (You shall not commit adultery.)
  - Recite and name the four colors for the 5 liturgical seasons. (**Advent** (purple) **Christmas** (white) **Ordinary Time** (green) **Lent** (purple) **Easter** (white))
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- What is Christmas? (The celebration of Jesus’s Birth)
  - What is the capital of your state? (Lansing)
  - What is the capital of your country? (Washington D.C.)
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- How many states are in your country? (50)
  - How many stars are on the American Flag? (50)
  - How many stripes are on the American Flag? (13)
  - What are the two books of the Bible? (Old and New Testament)
  - Name the four Gospels. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
  - How many seconds are in a minute? (60)
  - How many minutes are in an hour? (60)
  - How many legs does an insect have? (6)
  - What is the seventh commandment? (You shall not steal.)
  - Recite Exodus 31:18, “When the Lord had finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Commandments, the stone tablets inscribed by God’s own finger.”
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- 8
- What are the long vowel sounds? (a (cane) e (pea) i (ice) o (note) u (unicorn))
  - What is sentence? (A sentence is a group of words expressing complete thought)
  - How many oceans are there in the world? (5 – Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, and Southern)
  - Count to 100 by 5s.
  - Count to 100 by 2s.
  - How many US time zones are there? (4 – Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific)
  - Recite the second memorized poem chorally.
  - What is the eighth commandment? (You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.)

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- 9
- If you cut an apple in half, how many pieces do you have? (2)
  - What letter at the end of a word makes the vowel before it say its name? (e)
  - What punctuation mark is used for a statement? (period)
  - How many original colonies were there? (13)
  - What is the ninth commandment? (You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.)
  - Recite Deuteronomy 6:4-5, "Here O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."

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- 10
- At what temperature does freezing occur? (32° Fahrenheit)
  - At what temperature does melting occur? (32° Fahrenheit)
  - What punctuation mark is used for questions? (question mark)
  - What are the two temperature systems? (Fahrenheit and Celsius)
  - How many pennies are in a half dollar? (50)
  - How many sides does a square have? (4)
  - What is the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment? (You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.)
  - Recite Psalm 51:12, "A clean heart create for me, God; renew in me a steadfast spirit."

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- 11
- How many inches are in a foot? (12)
  - Count to 100 by 25s.
  - How many feet are in a yard? (3)
  - We count pennies by 1s. We count nickels by 5s. We count dimes by 10s.
  - What punctuation mark is used for excitement? (exclamation point)
  - What punctuation mark shows that someone is speaking? (quotation marks)
  - What is made when two words combine to make one shorter word? (contraction)
  - Say the two great Commandments of love Jesus gave us. (1. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your mind. 2. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.)

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- 12
- How many cups are in a pint? (2)
  - How many pints are in a quart? (2)
  - How many quarts are in a gallon? (4)
  - What punctuation mark is used to make a contraction? (apostrophe)
  - Whose picture is on the penny? (Abraham Lincoln)
  - Whose picture is on the nickel? (Thomas Jefferson)
  - If you cut an apple into  $\frac{1}{4}$ 's, how many pieces do you have? (4)
  - The sun rises in the east and sets in the west.
  - How many pieces are in a dozen? (12)
  - Recite the third memorized poem chorally choosing boys or girls

- Name the three persons in one God. (God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit. This is the holy Trinity.)
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- 13
- What time is it at midnight? (12:00 a.m.) What time is it at noon? (12:00 p.m.)
  - What does an omnivore eat? (plants and meat)
  - What does a carnivore eat? (meat)
  - What does an herbivore eat? (plants)
  - Recite Psalm 118: 22, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”
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- 14
- How many books in the Bible? (73)
  - How many books in the Old Testament? (46)
  - How many books in the New Testament? (27)
  - Whose picture is on the dime? (Franklin D. Roosevelt)
  - Words with similar meaning are synonyms.
  - Words with opposite meanings are antonyms.
  - How often do you plant annual flowers? (yearly)
  - How often do you plant perennial flowers? (once)
  - Whose help do we need to do good and avoid evil? (The Holy Spirit’s help.)
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- 15
- What do we call a word that is made up of two smaller words? (compound word)
  - Name the eight parts of speech. (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, pronoun, preposition, conjunction, interjection)
  - What is the source of the forgiveness of our sins and of our salvation? (The death and resurrection of Jesus.)
  - Recite Isaiah 53: 4, “Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted.”
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- 16
- How many pennies on the quarter? (25)
  - What names a person, place, or thing? (noun)
  - Recite the fourth memorized poem chorally choosing boys or girls.
  - What does God want for everyone when they die? (God wants everyone to be happy with him forever in heaven.)
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- 17
- What shape has two short sides and two long sides? (rectangle)
  - What shape has three sides? (triangle)
  - Recite Matt 1:21, “She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
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- 18
- We call something that can be proven a fact.
  - When somebody says what they think or feel, but it can’t be proven, we call it an opinion.
  - What is a sacrament? (A sacrament is a sign, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church that gives grace.)
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- 19
- The person who draws pictures in a story is called the illustrator.
  - The time and place that a story takes place in is called its setting.
  - Name the first sacrament of initiation. (Baptism)
  - Recite Matthew 5: 43-44, “You have heard that it was said, ‘you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy’. But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”

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- 20
- What is the word that tells what the subject is doing? (verb)
  - Recite the fifth memorized poem by choosing one student.
  - Name the other two sacraments of initiation after Baptism? (Reconciliation and Eucharist)

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- 21
- What are we doing when we tell how two things are similar? (comparing)
  - What are we doing when we tell how two things are different? (contrasting)
  - Why did Jesus give us the sacrament of reconciliation? (To forgive our sins and to give us grace to do good and avoid future sins.)
  - Recite Matthew 5: 48, “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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- 22
- What is the word that tells what or who a sentence is about? (subject)
  - What is the center of our Catholic faith? (The Holy Eucharist)
  - Recite Matthew 26:26, “While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat, this is my body.””
  - Recite Matthew 26:27- 28, “Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.”

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- 23
- Which part of speech modifies or describes nouns? (adjectives)
  - Which part of speech modifies or describes verbs? (adverbs)
  - When did Jesus give us the sacrament of the Eucharist? The Last Supper was the first mass and celebration of the Eucharist which took place the night before Jesus died.
  - What happens at consecration? (During the mass, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus.)
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- Recite the sixth memorized poem by choosing one student.
  - What is the holy Eucharist? (The holy Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine.)

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- 25
- What kind of noun names a specific person, place, or thing? (proper noun)
  - What kind of noun names a general person, place, or thing? (common noun)
  - What is sin? (Choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, sin displeases God, hurts us and hurts others as well.)
  - Recite Matthew 6: 14-15, “If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”
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- 26
- The people or animals in a story are called the characters.
  - The main storyline of a story is called the plot.
  - Recite an act of contrition. (See prayers in religion curriculum binder.)
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- 27
- How many feet are in the yard? (3)
  - How many inches are in the yard? (36)
  - Recite Matthew 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”
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- What kind of letter does a proper noun begin with? (capital)
  - Recite the seventh memorized poem chorally or individually.
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- 29
- Which part of speech shows the relationship between two words in a sentence? (preposition)
  - Which part of speech replaces a noun? (pronoun)
  - Recite Matthew 6:33, “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.”
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- 30
- What punctuation mark shows ownership? (apostrophe)
  - If you cut a cookie into  $\frac{1}{3}$ 's, how many pieces do you have? (3)
  - Recite Matthew 7:21, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.”
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- 31
- Which part of speech joins words or groups of words in a sentence? (conjunction)
  - Words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings are called homonyms.
  - Recite Matthew 16:18, “And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”
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- 32
- A word part added to the beginning of a word is called a prefix.
  - A word part added to the end of a word is called a suffix.
  - How many quarts are in a gallon? (4)
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- Name the three punctuation marks that end a sentence. (a period, a question mark, and an exclamation point)
  - Recite the eighth memorized poem chorally or individually.
  - Recite Matthew 28:19- 20, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”
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