

# Third Grade Recitation

**Please Stand.  
Let Us Pray.**

## Week

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- 1**
- Opening prayer – review the words and their meanings.
  - Pledge of Allegiance.
  - How many stars on the American flag? (50) What do they stand for? (50 US States)
  - How many stripes on the American flag? (13) What do they stand for? (13 Original Colonies)
  - Who is our current president?
  - Who was the first President? (George Washington)
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- 2**
- What is Latin for ‘out of nothing’? (ex nihilo)
  - Define a sentence. (A sentence is a group of words expressing a complete thought. There are four kinds of them: declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory.)
  - Define a stanza. (A group of lines in a poem.)
  - Recite Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”
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- What is Latin for image of God? (Imago Dei)
  - Why did God make us? (God made us to know, love, and serve him and so to enter and be happy in heaven.)
  - Recite Genesis 1:27, “God created man in his image, in the divine image He created him, male and female he created them.”
  - Recite the 1<sup>st</sup> memorized poem. (chorally)
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- In the book of Genesis, where did God place man? (God placed man in the Garden of Eden to enjoy life.)
  - What is the tree that God forbade to Adam and Eve to eat from? The tree of good and evil.
  - Define a declarative sentence. (One of the four kinds of sentences. It makes a statement and ends with a period.)
  - Define an exclamatory sentence: (One of the four kinds of sentences. It expresses strong feelings and ends with an exclamation point.)
  - Recite Genesis 2:16-17, “The Lord God gave man this order. You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and bad. From that tree you shall not eat, the moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die.”
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- 5**
- Who built the ark? (Noah)
  - In the flood, how many days and nights did it rain? (40)
  - The symbol of God’s covenant with man in the flood story was a (rainbow)
  - Define an imperative sentence. (One of the four kinds of sentences. It gives a command and ends with a period or exclamation point.)
  - Define an interrogative sentence. (One of the four kinds of sentences. It asked a question and ends with a question mark.)
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- Who are God’s chosen people in the Old Testament? (The Israelites)
  - Define the principal elements in a sentence. (Principal elements are the parts of the sentence that are needed for the sentence to be completed. Subject and predicate are those parts.)
  - 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.”
  - Recite the second memorized poem. (chorally)

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- What are the Psalms? (The Psalms are special Old Testament prayers of praise, petition, thanksgiving and sorrow.)
  - Define a subject. (One of the principal elements in a sentence. It is a noun or pronoun and is what the sentence is about.)
  - Define a predicate. (One of the principal elements in a sentence. It tells something about the subject like what it is doing or being.)
  - Define simple predicate. (The verb or verb phrase in a sentence.)
  - Recite Psalm 104:30, “When you send forth your breath, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.”

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- 8
- How many US time zones are there? (4) Name them (Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific)
  - What are the eight parts of speech? (The eight parts of speech are classes of words with the same kind of meaning and use. They are nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, pronouns, conjunctions, and interjections.)
  - Define a noun. (A noun is a part of speech. It names a person, place, or thing. A noun names a quality or an idea. A noun may be singular or plural.)
  - Define a verb. (A part of speech that shows action or a state of being.)
  - Recite Psalm 118:22, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

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- 9
- In Latin, verb groups are called (conjugations)
  - What does hemisphere mean? (Half of the Earth)
  - Define helping verb. (A Helping verb helps another verb expresses its meaning. Both words work together as one action. Some examples of helping verbs include am, is are, was, were, be, have, has, had, and others.)
  - Define verb phrase. (An action verb together with a helping verb.)
  - Recite Psalm 51:12, “A clean heart create for me, God; renew in me a steadfast spirit.”
  - Recite the third memorized poem. (chorally or in selected small groups)

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- 10
- Name the four hemispheres. (Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western)
  - Point to and name the four directions. (North, South, East, West)
  - Who is Mary? (Mary is the mother of God and the mother of the church.)
  - Define tense in relation to verbs. (A form of a verb that is used to show time or when an action or occurs, as in past, present, and future.)
  - Recite Luke 1:48, “For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.”
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- What imaginary line separates the Northern Hemisphere from the Southern Hemisphere? (The equator)
  - What imaginary line separates the Eastern Hemisphere from the Western Hemisphere? (The prime Meridian)
  - Define the object in a sentence: (A word that names the person or thing that directly receives the action of the verb.)
  - Recite Luke 2:11, “For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.”
  - Recite Luke 2:14, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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- Recite and name the four colors for the five liturgical seasons. (**Advent** (purple) **Christmas** (white) **Ordinary Time** (green) **Lent** (purple) **Easter** (white))
  - How many oceans are there? (5) Name them. (Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, Southern)
  - Recite the fourth memorized poem. (chorally or in small groups)
  - Recite John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave\* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”

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- Name the seven continents. (North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Antarctica, Australia)
  - Recite Luke 6:19, “Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him because power came forth from him and healed them all.”

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- 14
- In Latin, noun groups are called (declensions)
  - Define a pronoun. (A pronoun is a part of speech used in place of a noun or of more than one noun.)
  - Define a subject pronoun. (A personal pronoun that is used as the subject in the sentence. For example (I, we, you, he, she, it, they).)
  - Recite the Ten Commandments.

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- How many books are in the Bible? (73)
  - How many books are in the Old Testament? (46)
  - How many books in the New Testament? (27)
  - Recite the fifth memorized poem. (individually)

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- 16
- Words with similar meanings are (synonyms)
  - Words with opposite meanings are (antonyms)
  - Words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings are called (homonyms)
  - 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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- 17
- What is a sacrament? (A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ and entrusted to the church by which he shares his divine life with us. This divine life is called grace.)
  - Define adjective. (An adjective is a part of speech. It modifies a noun or pronoun. It answers the questions how many, whose, which one, or what kind.)
  - 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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- What are the five Great Lakes? (Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, Ontario)
  - Define an adverb. (An adverb is a part of speech. It modifies a verb, an adjective, or adverb. It answers the questions how, when, or where.)
  - Name the seven sacraments
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- 19
- Name all the forms of the ‘to be’ verb. (Am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been)
  - 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.)
  - Define the object in a sentence. (A word that names the person or thing that directly receives the action of the verb.)
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- Define a helping verb. (A helping verb helps another verb expresses its meaning. Both words work together as one action. Some Examples of helping verbs include am, is, are, was, were, be, have, has, had, and others.)
  - Define a verb phrase. (A verb phrase is made up of the main verb and one or more helping verbs.)
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- The person who draws pictures in a story is called an (illustrator)
  - The people or animals a story is about are called the (characters)
  - The time and place that a story takes place in is called the (setting)
  - The main story line of a story is called the (plot)
  - Recite Matthew 5: 48, “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
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- 22
- What is the Paschal mystery? (The Paschal mystery is Jesus’s passion, death, resurrection, and ascension and it is revealed to us in Scripture.)
  - 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.)
  - What happens at consecration? (During the mass, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus.)
  - 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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- 23
- Define syntax. (A syntax is a word order. It is the way in which words are combined to form phrases, clauses, or sentences.)
  - Recite the sixth memorized poem (chorally)
  - 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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- 24
- What is the mystery of the Holy Trinity? (There is One God in three persons, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.)
  - Define a conjunction. (A part of speech that joins words, phrases, or clauses. Conjunctions indicate the relation between the elements they join.)
  - Recite Galatians 5:25, “If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.”
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- 25
- Define definite article: (The adjective *the*. It identifies a particular noun and is placed before nouns or adjectives.)
  - Recite Galatians 5:22-23, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

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