

(A) Sample of easy questions generated

Example A1: (Year 4, Jesus, AO 1, Lesson 2, LO 2)

God's grace allows us to:

- grow tall and strong.
- forgive people.
- play sport well.
- learn more in R.E.

personal pronoun: the use of personal pronouns such as, "us", "you", "we" and "I" in faith-based questions (rather than knowledge-based) presumes the student is a believer; this should not be presumed.

Rewrite: "Catholics believe that God's grace enables people to:"

Example A2: (Year 4, Sacrament, AO3, Lesson 5, LO2)

The Eucharist is a sacred meal first celebrated by Jesus:

- at the wedding feast at Cana.
- receiving manna in the desert.
- at the Last Supper.
- at the feeding of the 5,000.

incorrect grammar

Rewrite: when receiving manna in the desert.

Example A3: Original (Year 4, Sacrament, AO 2, Lesson 3, LO2)

A symbol and ritual used to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism is:

- pouring of water and saying the words.
- confessing your sins.
- laying on of hands.
- receiving the body and blood of Jesus.

personal pronoun (see A1)

not all the answers refer to both symbol AND ritual; only the correct answer does.

Example A3: Rewrite


A symbol and ritual used to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism is:

- pouring of water and saying the words of Jesus.
- confessing sin and receiving forgiveness.
- laying on of hands and saying, "Peace be with you".
- receiving the body and blood of Jesus and saying, "Amen".

Example A4: Original (Year 4, Jesus, AO 3, Lesson 6, LO4)

In the gospel story of Jesus healing the leper, He showed tika by:

- walking past the man with leprosy.
- touching the leper and healing him.
- stopping and speaking to the leper.
- telling the leper to go to a temple and pray.



The use of the Maori word inside the question makes the question complex if the student is not familiar with the word. While the meaning of the word should be known at this year level, the question is not about the word but about Jesus' healing of the leper.

Example A4: Rewrite

In the gospel story of Jesus healing the leper, He showed justice, what is right or should be done, by:

- walking past the man with leprosy.
- touching the leper and healing him.
- stopping and speaking to the leper.
- telling the leper to go to a temple and pray.

Another option would be to precede the original question with a question on the meaning of the word Tika, as follows:

Tika is a Maori word which means:

- the right and proper action.
- making peace between people.
- sharing a special meal.
- forgiving another for a serious wrong.

Example A5: (Year 4, Sacrament, AO2, Lesson 3, LO2)

Bread and wine are symbols of:

- Baptism.
- Confirmation.
- Eucharist.
- Penance.

(B) Sample of moderately difficult questions generated

Example B1: (Year 4, Sacrament, AO4, Lesson 6, LO1)

At the Last Supper Jesus:

- cured the blind man.
- was baptised by John the Baptist.
- fed the people with bread and fish.
- blessed the bread and wine.

Example B2: Original (Year 4, Jesus, AO2, Lesson 3, LO2)

I can help the Reign of God grow on earth when I:

- speak kind words when others are mean.
- say mean things to other people.
- plant seeds to grow in my garden.
- go to Church on a Sunday.

Ambiguous: both answers are correct

Example B2: Rewrite

The Reign of God grows on earth when:

- kind words are spoken.
- mean things are said to others.
- seeds are planted in a garden.
- people get good marks in a test.

The question and answers are ambiguous: the question needs a qualification - "The most important reason..."

Example B3: Original (Year 4, Sacrament, AO3, Lesson 5, LO3)

The Eucharist is a sacred meal because:

- we have it at Mass.
- it is the body and blood of Jesus.
- the priest blesses the bread.
- we receive it at our first Holy Communion.

personal pronoun (see A1)

Example B3: Rewrite

The most important reason the Eucharist is a sacred meal is because:

- it is received at Mass.
- it is the body and blood of Jesus.
- the priest blesses the bread.
- it is received at first Holy Communion.

Example B4: (Year 4, Sacrament, AO 4, Lesson 6, LO2)

In Eucharist we receive:

→ personal pronoun (see A1)

- ashes on our forehead. **Rewrite: "In the Eucharist Catholics receive:"**
- a blessing from the priest.
- the body and blood of Christ.
- the bread and the wine.

Example B5: (Year 4, Jesus, AO1, Lesson 2, LO2)

God's grace helps people to:

- recall prayers.
- grow in holiness.
- explain what a Sacrament is.
- talk about the early life of Jesus.

Example B6: (Year 4, Sacrament, AO3, Lesson 5, LO 1)

Jesus showed the Eucharist is a sacred meal when he:

- gathered his friends together.
- washed the disciples' feet.
- took, blessed, broke and shared the bread and wine.
- passed Judas the cup.

(C) Sample of difficult questions generated

Example C1: (Year 4, Sacrament, AO4, Lesson 7, LO3)

By receiving the Eucharist:

- people receive God's forgiveness.
- the Holy Spirit helps people to go into the world and be more loving.
- become members of God's family.
- people are healed in body and soul.

add "people" to the start of this answer so all answers maintain the pattern of beginning with this word

Rewrite: "people become members of God's family."

the addition of "the Holy Spirit" makes the correct answer stand out and is unnecessary

Rewrite: "people go into the world to be more loving."

Example C2: (Year 4, Sacrament, AO1, Lesson 2, LO1)

Reflective times are time of:

- going to Church.
- dancing to loud music.
- thinking about God's presence and feeling God near.
- quiet and calm.

Ambiguous: for a Christian or any believer in God the third answer is correct. For a secular person the fourth answer may be correct.

Qualify the question and make it specific to believers.

Rewrite: "For Catholics, reflective times are times of:"

Example C3: Original (Year 4, Jesus, AO4, Lesson 2, LO2)

The First Letter of John tells us:

- about the ten commandments.
- about the creation story.
- about how much we are loved by God.
- about the birth of Jesus.

*These answers are easily excluded: Old Testament or Gospel.
That leaves the third answer, which could be any epistle, not
just the first letter of John.*

*The primary focus of this epistle is "God's love", so that
should be the focus of the question.*

Example C3: Rewrite

In the First Letter of John the main focus is:

- God's reign.
- God's justice.
- God's love.
- God's peace.