

Resume

Thesis title: Children's Knowledge of Christianity in the Švabinského Basic School in Sokolov

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The thesis is focused on the problems of children's knowledge in the selected basic school, located in the Czech Republic, in an environment which did not follow the roots of Christianity after World War II and in particular during the communist totality. The environment is indifferent to the influence of Christian belief. The selected school is situated in West Bohemia. The school in which the research was done is the Švabinského Basic School in Sokolov.

The goal of the thesis is to establish the knowledge of children in the Švabinského Basic School in Sokolov.

The thesis is divided into four sections.

In the first section, the environment in which the school is located is described.

The second section concentrates on the questionnaire which the pupils completed. The questionnaire contained questions based on catechism of the Catholic Church.

In the third section the manner in which the questionnaire was distributed to the children is described, as well as children's reactions when they were given the questionnaire.

Eventually, in the fourth section the results of the questionnaire are summed up. The results were compared with respect to children's age and types of questions in which the children were strongest and vice versa. Further, the results with respect to age, school results, residence and their personal belief are presented.

In conclusion it may be stated that since the children of the Švabinského Basic School in Sokolov do not grow up in Christian environment, they have limited knowledge and awareness of Christianity.

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