

Unit 1 What do we believe?

Lesson 1: How do we know God?

- God loves us. God gave us the Bible. Jesus is the Son of God.
- God helps us to discover.

CCC 68, 70, 73, 136

Psalm 24:1

Saint Hildegard of Bingen

Lesson 2: Who is God?

- God made the world. God created people. God sent his Son.
- The Holy Spirit is our helper.

Psalm 89:12

Saint Anthony of Padua

Lesson 3: Why did God make us?

• God made us. • We are a gift from God. • God wants us to be loving and caring. • God wants us to love him.

CCC 176, 179, 319, 381

Psalm 100:3

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Lesson 4: Who is Jesus Christ?

• Mary is the Mother of Jesus. • Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the Holy Family. • Jesus loves and cares for us. • Jesus is always with us.

CCC 479, 665, 744, 973

Luke 1:35

Saints Anne and Joachim

Lesson 5: What is the Church?

• The Church is the Family of God. • The Church loves and cares for everyone. • The Church welcomes everyone. • The Church has many helpers.

CCC 777, 849, 851, 867, 938, 939, 941, 942

I Peter 2:10

Saint Blaise

Unit 2 How do we celebrate what we believe?

Lesson 6: How does God share his life with us?

- Jesus is with us in the Church. The Church prays with Jesus.
- The sacraments share God's love with us. Special prayers and actions help us.

CCC 1111, 1131, 1187, 1677, 1678

I John 4:19

Saint Lucy

Lesson 7: How do we praise and thank God?

• Sunday is the Lord's Day. • We show our love for Jesus all year long. • Jesus is with us at Mass. • The Church praises and thanks God.

CCC 1190, 1193, 1194, 1208, 1678

Saint Luke

Lesson 8: How do we become members of the Church?

- Baptism welcomes us into the Church. We are children of God.
- At Baptism, we become one with Jesus. We are one family in the Church.

CCC 1275, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1282

Ephesians 4:5

Mary and Martha

Lesson 9: How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?

• God always loves us. • We can ask God for forgiveness. • God is always ready to forgive us. • God takes care of us.

CCC 1490, 1497

Psalm 86:5

Saint Mary of Egypt

Lesson 10: How are we strengthened for service to God and others?

- The Church shares God's love with the world. The Church calls us to love and serve. We share God's love with others.
- Families show us God's love.

CCC 1591, 1592, 1593, 1661, 1666

Psalm 100:2

Saint Lawrence



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Lesson 11: How do we know God loves us?

- We are special to God. God made us to be good and loving.
- There are good choices and bad choices. God gives us laws to follow.

CCC 1745, 1979, 2319

Psalm 139:14

Saint Germaine Cousin

Lesson 12: How do we respond to God's love?

- God wants us to be happy. God helps us make good choices.
- We share God's love with others. We are all part of God's family.

CCC 1713, 1726, 1840, 1944

Matthew 5:9

Saint Valentine

Lesson 13: How does God teach us to love?

• God's laws are laws of love. • God is our Father. • God's love for us calls us to love others. • The Church teaches us to love.

CCC 1975, 2042, 2081, 2134, 2161, 2191, 2192

Exodus 20:2

Saint Teresa Margaret of the Sacred Heart

Lesson 14: What turns us away from God's love?

- Original Sin was the first sin. Sin is choosing to do wrong.
- Mistakes and accidents are not sins. Sin makes it hard to stay friends with God.

CCC 1714, 1871, 1874

Psalm 119:11

Saint Manuel Morales

Lesson 15: What turns us toward God's love?

• God wants us to share in his love. • Grace is a special gift from God. • Grace helps us to be holy. • Grace helps us to make good choices.

CCC 2018, 2021, 2023, 2027

Psalm 23:1

Blessed Anne of Saint Bartholomew

Unit 4 How do we become what we believe?

Lesson 16: What is prayer?

- Prayer lets us talk to God. Prayer is a conversation with God.
- God always wants to talk to us. We pray to God our Father.

CCC 2590, 2591, 2680

Jeremiah 29:12

Blessed Gregory Lopez

Lesson 17: Why do we pray?

• We learn how to pray. • Prayer helps our faith grow. • We pray always. • Our prayer shows that God is our Creator.

CCC 2661, 2757, 2800

Psalm 17:6

Saint Brendan the Navigator

Lesson 18: How do we pray?

• God loves and blesses us. • We pray every day. • We pray at special times. • We can pray out loud or quietly.

CCC 2644, 2720, 2721

Saint Clare

Lesson 19: What helps us to pray?

• Our Church is a family. • We pray with the Bible. • We pray with our families. • We thank God for creation.

CCC 960, 2662, 2694, 2754

Psalm 145:18

Saint Macrina

Lesson 20: Why is the Lord's Prayer called the perfect prayer?

- The Lord's Prayer is a prayer to God the Father. Jesus taught his followers how to pray. We tell God how much we love him.
- We ask God to help us.

CCC 2774, 2776, 2798, 2799, 2857

Matthew 6:8

Saint James the Just

Unit 5 Why and how do we celebrate the Church year?

Lesson 21: Church Year

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 22: Advent

Readers Theater: A Happy Visit

Lesson 23: Christmas

Readers Theater: Jesus Is Born!

Lesson 24: Lent

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 25: Triduum

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 26: Easter

Readers Theater: Where Is Jesus?

Lesson 27: Pentecost

Readers Theater: The Holy Spirit

Lesson 28: Ordinary Time

Unit 1 What do we believe?

Lesson 1: How do we know God?

• God always loves us. • The Bible tells us about God's love. • God the Father sent his Son, Jesus. • The Church is the family of God.

CCC 68, 70, 73, 98, 136, 139, 561, 807

I Timothy 4:4

Saint Francis of Assisi

Lesson 2: Who is God?

• God cares for all of creation. • God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are the Blessed Trinity. They are One God in Three Persons. • Jesus is God's only Son and our Lord. • Jesus is present in the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CCC 46, 267, 317, 320, 454, 455, 743, 747

Genesis 1:31

Saint Martin de Porres

Lesson 3: Why did God make us?

• God created everything. • God's gift of faith helps us believe in him and obey him. • God tells us how to live. • God wants us to live as his children forever.

CCC 44, 176, 179, 180, 181, 319, 353, 381, 415, 417, 1051

Genesis 1:27, 3 John 1:11

Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto

Lesson 4: Who is Jesus Christ?

• God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. • Jesus is God's only Son. • Jesus gives us new life. • Jesus lives with his Father and the Holy Spirit in heaven.

CCC 350, 453, 460, 479, 480, 509, 629, 656, 658, 665

John 3:16; 10:10

Mary, Mother of God

Lesson 5: What is the Church?

- The Church is the People of God. The Church is holy.
- The Holy Spirit guides the Church. Jesus chose the Apostles to lead and care for the Church.

CCC 777, 778, 804, 806, 807, 810, 849, 851, 852, 867, 869, 935, 939, 942

Mark 16:15 | Saint Andrew

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Unit 2 How do we celebrate what we believe?

Lesson 6: How does God share his life with us?

• The Church continues Jesus' work of salvation. • The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit work together in the liturgy. • Jesus gave the Church the sacraments. • Sacramentals are special prayers, actions, and objects.

CCC 1111, 1112, 1131, 1187, 1677

I Corinthians 12:27, I John 5:11

Saint Agnes

Lesson 7: How do we praise and thank God?

• We praise God every Sunday at Mass. • We honor Mary and the saints all through the Church year. • The Church shares Jesus' love and life in many ways. • Blessings and devotions are special prayers and actions.

CCC 1110, 1187, 1193, 1194, 1208, 1209, 1678, 1679

I Chronicles 16:25

Saint Thomas

Lesson 8: How do we become members of the Church?

• Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist make us members of the Church. • Baptism gives us new life in Christ. • Confirmation strengthens our life in Christ. • The Eucharist unites us to Jesus.

CCC 1275, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1409, 1411, 1412, 1416

I Peter 2:10, I John 3:1

Saint Peter Claver

Lesson 9: How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?

- Jesus showed us God's love by the things he said and did. People asked Jesus for help. Jesus showed God's love by forgiving people.
- Jesus showed God's love by healing people.

CCC 1486, 1491, 1495, 1530, 1531, 1532

Matthew 22:37-39, Psalm 130:4

Saint Peregrine Laziosi

Lesson 10: How are we strengthened for service to God and others?

- Everyone plays a part in God's Church. God calls us to service.
- We learn about Jesus in our families. We share God's love in our families.

CCC 1591, 1592, 1593, 1660, 1661, 1666

John 13:34; 20:21 | Saint Zita

Lesson 11: How do we know God loves us?

• We are made in the image and likeness of God. • God loves everyone. • God helps us make good choices. • God's laws lead us to love others.

CCC 1711, 1745, 1747, 1945, 1978, 2025, 2319

Psalm 37:3; 139:14

Saint Thomas of Villanova

Lesson 12: How do we respond to God's love?

- God's plan is for us to be happy. God wants us to do good and listen to our hearts. Virtues help us live in friendship with God.
- We live in peace when we show love for others.

CCC 1713, 1725, 1726, 1798, 1800, 1802, 1833, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1845, 1890, 1926, 1943, 1944, 1947, 1948

Matthew 5:12, Proverbs 3:5–6, John 17:20–21

Saint Philip Neri

Lesson 13: How does God teach us to love?

- God's laws help us love him and others. Sunday is the Lord's Day. We show our love for God by the way we love others.
- The Holy Spirit helps our Church leaders.

CCC 1980, 1982, 2042, 2043, 2047, 2134, 2135, 2161, 2162, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2248, 2320, 2394, 2453, 2508, 2530, 2553

Psalm 27:11, John 14:15

Saint Gregory of Nazianzen

Lesson 14: What turns us away from God's love?

Original Sin separates us from God.
 Sin is a choice to disobey God.
 There are different kinds of sins.
 We hurt ourselves and others when we choose to sin.

CCC 1714, 1746, 1871, 1872, 1874, 1875, 1876

Psalm 51:12, I Corinthians 12:26 | Saint Dismas

Lesson 15: What turns us toward God's love?

• God gives us gifts to make us strong. • God makes us his adopted daughters and sons. • Grace heals us from sin. • Grace helps us to choose love instead of sin.

CCC 2017, 2018, 2021, 2023

John 6:44 | Saint Philip the Apostle

Unit 4 How do we become what we believe?

Lesson 16: What is prayer?

• We talk to God and listen to him in prayer. • God calls his people in prayer. • We can always talk to God. • God the Father hears our prayers.

CCC 2590, 2591, 2680

Luke 10:39-42

Saint Monica

Lesson 17: Why do we pray?

- The Church teaches us to pray. Prayer keeps us close to God.
- We can pray anywhere. God's children pray together.

CCC 2644, 2661, 2757, 2800

Psalm 145:18, Matthew 18:20

Saint Brigid of Ireland

Lesson 18: How do we pray?

• We thank God for his many blessings. • We can pray at any time of the day. • God always listens when we pray. • God hears all kinds of prayers.

CCC 2644, 2645, 2720, 2721

leremiah 33:3

Saint Charles Borromeo

Lesson 19: What helps us to pray?

• The Church is a family of believers. • The Bible is God's Word for us. • Families pray together. • Prayer makes our hearts strong.

CCC 960, 1055, 2662, 2693, 2694, 2754

Psalm 118:28, Matthew 28:19

Saints Gregory and Nonna

Lesson 20: Why is the Lord's Prayer called the perfect prayer?

• The Lord's Prayer is special to the Church. • Jesus gave us this special prayer addressed to God the Father. • We honor God's name in the Lord's Prayer. • We ask God for what we need.

CCC 2773, 2774, 2776, 2798, 2799, 2857

Matthew 6:8, John 10:30, Luke 18:16

Saint Damien of Molokai

Unit 5 Why and how do we celebrate the Church Year?

Lesson 21: Church Year

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 22: Advent

Readers Theater: The Announcement of the Birth of Jesus

Lesson 23: Christmas

Readers Theater: The Birth of Jesus

Lesson 24: Lent

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 25: Triduum

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 26: Easter

Readers Theater: Jesus Is Risen!

Lesson 27: Pentecost

Readers Theater: The Holy Spirit Comes

Lesson 28: Ordinary Time

Unit 1 What do we believe?

Lesson 1: How do we know God?

• We learn about God's love. • The Bible teaches us about God's promises. • Jesus' life shows us God's love. • The Church teaches and shares Jesus' message of God's love.

CCC 68, 70, 96, 98, 136, 350, 561

Roman Missal, The Nicene Creed, Luke 1:30

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Lesson 2: Who is God?

• Jesus is the divine Son of God. • The Blessed Trinity is One God in Three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. • Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

• The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

CCC 70, 261, 317, 315, 320, 452, 453, 454, 561, 743, 747

Psalm 100:3 | Saint Patrick

Lesson 3: Why did God make us?

• All creation shares in the goodness of God. • Faith helps us to trust in God and his Word to us. • Jesus shows us the way to trust God. • Jesus' Resurrection makes possible eternal life with God.

CCC 179, 228, 319, 381, 419, 629, 1051

Genesis 1:27, Jeremiah 17:7–8 | Saint Leo the Great

Lesson 4: Who is Jesus Christ?

• Jesus is truly God and truly Man. • Jesus is the greatest gift. • Jesus died on the Cross for us. • The Risen Jesus returned to heaven.

CCC 479, 480, 495, 508, 509, 629, 656, 658, 665, 974

I John 4:9 | Saint Elizabeth

Lesson 5: What is the Church?

• The Church is the Body of Christ. • Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to guide the Church. • By the Holy Spirit, the Church continues Jesus' work. • Jesus built his Church on the Apostles.

CCC 751, 777, 804, 805, 806, 849, 851, 852, 866, 867, 868, 869, 935, 936, 938, 939, 941, 943

Matthew 16:18 | Saint Paul

Unit 2 How do we celebrate what we believe?

Lesson 6: How does God share his life with us?

• Jesus Christ gave us the Church. • Jesus and the Holy Spirit share in the liturgy of the Church. • Jesus gave the Church special signs of grace called sacraments. • Sacramentals are sacred signs of the Church.

CCC 797, 798, 809, 1111, 1112, 1131, 1187, 1677

Saint Faustina Kowalska

Lesson 7: How do we praise and thank God?

• The Church celebrates Jesus through the liturgy. • The Church year celebrates Jesus' Paschal Mystery. • We praise and thank God in many ways during the year. • Blessings and devotions help us praise and thank God.

CCC 1095, 1110, 1168, 1171, 1190, 1193, 1194, 1349

1 Chronicles 29:13, Ephesians 1:3 | Saint John Vianney

Lesson 8: How do we become members of the Church?

• The Sacraments of Christian Initiation make us members of the Church. • Baptism is new life in Jesus Christ. • Confirmation seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. • The Eucharist unites us to Jesus and his sacrifice.

CCC 1275, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1282, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1320, 1407, 1409, 1411, 1412, 1416

1 Peter 2:5, Luke 22:19 | Saint Catherine of Siena

Lesson 9: How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?

• God loves and forgives us. • We think about our words, thoughts, and behaviors. • We celebrate God's forgiveness and healing in the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. • God shows his mercy and love in the Sacrament of Penance.

CCC 1486, 1491, 1492

Luke 15:5-6 | Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Lesson 10: How are we strengthened for service to God and others?

- We are called to serve Christ and the Church in special ways.
- God calls and gifts certain people to guide the Church. Marriage is a special way to show God's love. We learn to pray in our family.

CCC 1591, 1592, 1593, 1595, 1596, 1660, 1661, 1666

I Corinthians 12:5, Joshua 24:15, Acts of the Apostles 20:28

Blessed Luigi and Maria Beltrame



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Lesson 11: How do we know God loves us?

• Humans are God's most special creatures. • We are all important and equal in God's eyes. • Jesus teaches us how to love God. • Jesus shows us that God's laws are built on love.

CCC 1711, 1944, 1945, 1978, 1979, 1985, 2025, 2319

Luke 10:27, Colossians 3:17, Romans 5:5

Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

Lesson 12: How do we respond to God's love?

• Jesus teaches us how to be happy. • Our conscience helps us know right from wrong. • Virtues are habits of doing good. • Jesus teaches us to treat all people fairly.

CCC 1713, 1725, 1726, 1776, 1777, 1779, 1789, 1796, 1800, 1833, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1924, 1928, 1929, 1934, 1930, 1943, 1947

Proverbs 16:20 | Saint John Chrysostom

Lesson 13: How does God teach us to love?

• God's laws build up Christ's Church. • God's commandments show us how to love him. • The commandments show us how to love our families. • The Church teaches and guides us.

CCC 1975, 1982, 1983, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2048, 2050 2134, 2135, 2161, 2162, 2190, 2191, 2193, 2194, 2248, 2320, 2394, 2453, 2508, 2530, 2551, 2552, 2553

Proverbs 3:1-2 | Saint Pius X

Lesson 14: What turns us away from God's love?

- Adam and Eve's disobedience means that all humans will sin.
- \bullet Sin keeps us from loving each other as we should. \bullet Sin hurts our friendship with God. \bullet Less serious sins can lead to serious ones.

CCC 1714, 1871, 1872, 1874, 1875, 1876

Genesis 2:16–17, James 4:17 | Saint Isidore of Seville

Lesson 15: What turns us toward God's love?

• Through Jesus, we share in God's life and love. • Grace helps us to live as God's children. • Grace helps us to grow in holiness. • Jesus shows us the mercy of God.

CCC 1989, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2027, 2082

I Timothy 1:14, Matthew 19:26, I John 3:1, John 8:12

Saint John of the Cross

Unit 4 How do we become what we believe?

Lesson 16: What is prayer?

• Prayer is talking and listening to God. • Prayer is a special way God speaks to his people. • God never stops listening to our prayers. • We pray to God the Father, as Jesus taught us.

CCC 2569, 2590, 2591, 2602, 2604, 2666, 2667, 2671, 2680

John 11:41-42 | Saint Genevieve

Lesson 17: Why do we pray?

• Jesus the Son of God showed us how to pray. • Prayer helps us love and trust in God. • We can always pray. • Our prayers show that we are God's children.

CCC 2558, 2661, 2746, 2757, 2800

Jeremiah 29:12 | Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

Lesson 18: How do we pray?

- Jesus taught us how to pray. Jesus taught his disciples to pray.
- \bullet The Church prays together at special times. \bullet Jesus prayed in many ways.

Psalm 100:1-2 | Saint Bernadette Soubirous

Lesson 19: What helps us to pray?

• The Church is the Body of Christ. • We learn prayers from the Bible and at Church. • Our parents usually teach us to pray. • Jesus shows us how to pray.

CCC 960, 1055, 2586, 2591, 2662, 2694, 2746, 2754

Luke 22:19, Luke 2:14, Luke 2:41, Luke 23:34

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Lesson 20: Why is the Lord's Prayer called the perfect prayer?

- The Lord's Prayer shows us how we should pray. Jesus taught his disciples a special prayer. We pray to God in the Lord's Prayer.
- We show our trust in God in the Lord's Prayer.

CCC 2774, 2776, 2799, 2857

Luke | | | Saint Juan Diego

Unit 5 Why and how do we celebrate the Church year?

Lesson 21: Church Year

Readers Theater: Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

Lesson 22: Advent

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 23: Christmas

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 24: Lent

Readers Theater: Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Lesson 25: Triduum

Readers Theater: The Last Supper

Lesson 26: Easter

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 27: Pentecost

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 28: Ordinary Time

Readers Theater: Blessed Are You

Unit 1 What do we believe?

Lesson 1: How do we know God?

• All of creation shows us God's goodness. • The Bible is God's Word. • Jesus shows us the way to God the Father. • The Holy Spirit guides the Church.

CCC 71, 73, 96, 97, 98, 136, 137, 139, 561

Genesis 1:31, Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Lesson 2: Who is God?

• We can know God through creation. • God revealed himself as One God in Three Divine Persons. • Jesus is the Son of God and God himself. • Together, Jesus and the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide the Church.

CCC 46, 261, 267, 315, 320, 454, 743, 747

Matthew 3:16–17; 10:20, John 1:29–34 | Saint John the Baptist

Lesson 3: Why did God make us?

- Creation shows the glory of God. Faith is a gift from God.
- We sin when we choose to disobey God. The Church helps us live in God's friendship forever.

CCC 179, 180, 181, 319, 353, 416, 417, 418, 1016, 1060

John 3:16; 15:15 | Saint Augustine

Lesson 4: Who is Jesus Christ?

• The Holy Spirit prepared Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. • In the Incarnation, the Son of God became man. • Jesus died on the Cross to save us from sin. • Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and will come again at the end of time.

CCC 460, 479, 495, 509, 510, 629, 665

Luke 1:35-38; 2:6-7, John 15:13, Acts of the Apostles 1:10-11

Saint Joseph

Lesson 5: What is the Church?

- Christ is the Head of his Body, the Church. Jesus is with us in the Church. The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.
- The pope and bishops are the successors of the Apostles.

CCC~777, 779, 804, 805, 806, 866, 867, 868, 869, 935, 936, 937, 938, 986

Matthew 16:18, John 6:51; 15:5, 1 Corinthians 12:13

Saint Nicholas

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Unit 2 How do we celebrate what we believe?

Lesson 6: How does God share his life with us?

- In the liturgy, the Church participates in Jesus' saving work.
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit prepare us to receive grace. Jesus gave the Church the sacraments. Sacramentals prepare us to receive God's grace.

CCC 1112, 1131, 1187, 1677, 1678

Matthew 9:20–22; 18:20 | Saint Dominic Savio

Lesson 7: How do we praise and thank God?

- The Mass is the most important way we celebrate the Lord's Day.
- The Church celebrates Jesus' life and saving work all year long.
- All around the world, Catholics use their local customs to praise and worship God. Devotions draw us closer to God.

CCC 1110, 1190, 1193, 1194, 1208, 1679

Genesis 2:3, Matthew 28:1 | Saint Gregory the Great

Lesson 8: How do we become members of the Church?

- The Sacraments of Initiation welcome us into the Church.
- In Baptism we are born to new life in Christ. Confirmation completes our Baptism. The Eucharist is the heart of the Church's life.

CCC 1277, 1279, 1280, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1407, 1409, 1413, 1414, 1416

Matthew 26:26–28, Luke 22:19 | Saint Katharine Drexel

Lesson 9: How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?

- We celebrate Jesus' forgiveness and healing in the Church today.
- We ask forgiveness in Jesus' name. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church forgives us in Jesus' name. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for the healing of those who are suffering.

CCC 1486, 1491, 1496, 1527, 1531, 1532

Luke 15:6; 5:18–26, 1 Corinthians 12:26 | Saint Padre Pio

Lesson 10: How are we strengthened for service to God and others?

- All members of the Church share in Christ's mission.
- Bishops, priests, and deacons teach and guide the Church.
- Matrimony is a sacrament of service to God and the Church.
- We call our family a "church of the home."

CCC 1591, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1666

Genesis 2:24, Luke 4:18 | Blessed Stanley Rother

Lesson 11: How do we know God loves us?

• God wants us to share in his life and love. • We are called to care for each other. • God gives us freedom to choose what is good and holy. • The natural law is written in our hearts.

CCC 382, 1711, 1745, 1944, 1945, 1978, 1979, 2025, 2319

John 13:12–15, James 1:17 | Blessed Anne-Marie Javouhey

Lesson 12: How do we respond to God's love?

- Good moral choices help us to live in God's Kingdom.
- A well-formed conscience helps us choose what is morally good. Virtues are good spiritual habits. The Church works for justice and peace.

CCC 1715, 1725, 1726, 1798, 1799, 1802, 1840, 1841, 1920, 1926, 1943

Matthew 5:3, 4, 8, John 15:9 | Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Lesson 13: How does God teach us to love?

• God's laws are divinely revealed. • The commandments call us to love God above all else. • The commandments call us to love and respect ourselves and others. • The Church teaches and guides us.

CCC 1417, 1980, 1983, 2042, 2043, 2047, 2048, 2051, 2135, 2175, 2190, 2191, 2193, 2195, 2255, 2319, 2320

Genesis 2:3, Romans 7:12 | Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Lesson 14: What turns us away from God's love?

- Original Sin affects all people. Sin harms our relationship with God and one another. Some sins break our friendship with God.
- Making the wrong moral choices can lead to serious sins.

CCC 1714, 1871, 1872, 1874, 1875, 1876

I John 1:9 | Blessed Anne Mary Taigi

Lesson 15: What turns us toward God's love?

- We are called to be Jesus' disciples. Grace is a gift God gives to us out of love. God's grace helps us choose what is morally good.
- · Sanctifying grace makes us holy.

CCC 324, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2027

Matthew 17:1-8, Acts of the Apostles 15:11

Saint Benedict

Unit 4 How do we become what we believe?

Lesson 16: What is prayer?

• We join with the Church in prayer. • We can pray with the Psalms. • Prayer brings us closer to God. • The Church prays to God the Father.

CCC 2590, 2591, 2644, 2680

Psalm 2:7; 62:2-3; 103:1-2; 121:1-2; 130:1-2; 145:18

Saint Gertrude the Great

Lesson 17: Why do we pray?

- The Holy Spirit helps us to pray. Prayer teaches us to trust God.
- Prayer helps us to be Jesus' disciples. The Church is called to pray always.

CCC 2661, 2662, 2644, 2757, 2800

Mark 9:22-24, John 17:20-21, James 5:16, Acts of the Apostles 1:14

Saint Edith Stein

Lesson 18: How do we pray?

- The Church helps us bless, praise, and trust in God. The Church is always at prayer. We pray together in the Liturgy of the Hours.
- We can pray aloud and in the silence of our hearts.

CCC 2644, 2720, 2721

Colossians 4:3–4, Philippians 4:6–7 | Saint Albert Hurtado

Lesson 19: What helps us to pray?

- The Communion of Saints is united in prayer. We pray with the Word of God and the liturgy. We learn to pray in our families.
- Prayer helps our faith grow.

 $\textit{CCC} \; 561, 960, 1054, 1055, 1407, 2644, 2661, 2694, 2754, 2757$

Matthew 21:9 Julian of Norwich

Lesson 20: Why is the Lord's Prayer called the perfect prayer?

- The Lord's Prayer is the perfect prayer. Jesus taught us to call God our Father. In the Lord's Prayer we praise and honor God.
- We trust God to care for us, body and soul.

CCC 2774, 2776, 2798, 2799, 2857

Luke II:I | Saint John Bosco

Unit 5 Why and how do we celebrate the Church year?

Lesson 21: Church Year

Praver Ritual

Lesson 22: Advent

Readers Theater: John the Baptist

Lesson 23: Christmas

Readers Theater: A Visit from the Magi

Lesson 24: Lent

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 25: Triduum

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 26: Easter

Readers Theater: Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Lesson 27: Pentecost

Readers Theater: The Disciples Spread the Good News of Jesus

Lesson 28: Ordinary Time

Unit 1 What do we believe?

Lesson 1: How do we know God?

• God wants us to know him. • God inspired the writers of Sacred Scripture. • Jesus is the promised Savior. • The Church teaches and guides us.

CCC 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 96, 97, 98, 136, 137, 139, 230, 561

Psalm 104:24, John 14:6; 26–27 | Saint Teresa of Ávila

Lesson 2: Who is God?

• God has a loving plan for us. • God reveals himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. • Jesus Christ is the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. • The Holy Spirit guides the Church and makes her holy.

CCC 46, 47, 261, 267, 315, 316, 382, 452, 453, 454, 747

Deuteronomy 7:9, Luke 4:16–21, Acts of the Apostles 1:4–5, 2:2–4

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity

Lesson 3: Why did God make us?

• God created us in his image and likeness. • Faith helps us respond to God's love. • Grace helps us live in friendship with the Blessed Trinity. • We are called to live as Jesus' faithful disciples.

CCC 44, 45, 353, 383, 384, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419

Genesis 1:27, Matthew 25:34-40, Luke 14:16-18, 2 Corinthians 5:7

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin

Lesson 4: Who is Jesus Christ?

• Mary was born without Original Sin. • Jesus teaches us how to live. • Because of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, we can have eternal life. • Jesus will come again at the end of time.

CCC 479, 508, 629, 658, 665, 682

Luke 22:42; 23:34, John 15:13 | Saint Timothy

Lesson 5: What is the Church?

• The Church is the Body of Christ. • We are called to share the Good News of Jesus. • The Holy Spirit helps us carry on the mission of the Church. • The pope and bishops serve the Church.

CCC 777, 779, 780, 805, 806, 810, 838, 849, 851, 852, 868, 936, 937, 938, 941, 944

Matthew 5:16; 16:18 | Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

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Unit 2 How do we celebrate what we believe?

Lesson 6: How does God share his life with us?

• Jesus is the Head of the Church. • The Holy Spirit prepares us to celebrate the liturgy. • We receive God's grace through the sacraments. • Sacramental signs and actions help us share in God's grace.

CCC 1111, 1112, 1131, 1187, 1677

John 14:6-7, Acts of the Apostles 9:3-5, 8-9, 17-18

Saint John Paul II

Lesson 7: How do we praise and thank God?

• The Church's feasts and seasons celebrate Jesus' work of salvation. • The liturgical year guides us as we worship God and honor Mary and the saints. • The Church's liturgy celebrates Christ's work of salvation. • Blessings and devotions help us praise and thank God.

CCC 1110, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1208, 1678, 1679

Psalm 146:2, John 2:1–11 | Saint Cecilia

Lesson 8: How do we become members of the Church?

• The Sacraments of Christian Initiation join us to Christ and his Church. • The Sacrament of Baptism gives us new life in Christ.

• The Sacrament of Confirmation seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. • The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the heart of the Church's life.

CCC 1275, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1316, 1317, 1320, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1413, 1415, 1416

Mark 1:16-18, Luke 22:19-20, John 20:19-22

Saint Josephine Bakhita

Lesson 9: How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?

 We receive Christ's forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.
 God forgives us when we are sorry.

• Conversion and repentance are movements back to God. • The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick continues Jesus' healing work.

CCC 1486, 1490, 1491, 1493, 1494, 1496, 1527, 1531, 1532

Luke 15:4–7; 19:1–10 | Saint Leopold Mandic

Lesson 10: How are we strengthened for service to God and others?

- All members of the Church share in the priesthood of Christ.
- The Sacrament of Holy Orders is a sacrament of service.
- Matrimony joins a man and a woman in love with each other and the Church. The family is a community of grace and prayer.

CCC 1591, 1593, 1597, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1666, 2399

Luke 2:25–32, John 14:7 | Saints Priscilla and Aquila

Lesson 11: How do we know God loves us?

- God created us in his own image. Human life is sacred.
- God gave us the gift of free will. Natural law expresses the dignity of every person.

CCC 1711, 1713, 1745, 1747, 1945, 1978, 1979, 2025, 2319

Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 10:33–35 | Saint Joseph of Cupertino

Lesson 12: How do we respond to God's love?

- God has placed the desire for happiness in our hearts. Our conscience helps us to judge whether an act is right or wrong.
- Faith, hope, and charity are gifts from God. Catholic social teaching helps us to work for the common good.

CCC 1715, 1725, 1726, 1757, 1760, 1761, 1801, 1833, 1834, 1841, 1845, 1921, 1926

Matthew 5:3-10, 12 Blessed Andrew of Phú Yên

Lesson 13: How does God teach us to love?

- We understand God's laws through Divine Revelation and human reason. • The Ten Commandments guide our relationship with God.
- The Ten Commandments guide our relationships with others.
- The Precepts of the Church strengthen our union with God and the Church.

CCC 1980, 1982, 2047, 2050, 2051, 2080, 2081, 2162, 2193, 2194, 2251, 2320, 2397, 2451, 2462, 2505, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2511, 2529, 2533, 2553, 2554

Exodus 20:22, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, John 13:34

Saint Louis of Toulouse

Lesson 14: What turns us away from God's love?

• Original Sin affects all people. • Sin is a choice to turn away from God. • Sin goes against God's law. • Sin harms our relationship with God.

CCC 1497, 1714, 1746, 1871, 1874, 1875, 1876, 2139

Matthew 4:10, I John 2:1 | Saint Moses the Black

Lesson 15: What turns us toward God's love?

• God's grace helps us turn away from sin. • God's grace helps us respond to his mercy. • The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with sanctifying grace. • Moved by grace, we turn toward God and away from sin.

CCC 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023

Mark 10:46-52 | Saint Angela of Foligno

Unit 4 How do we become what we believe?

Lesson 16: What is prayer?

- In prayer, we speak to God. In prayer, we listen to God.
- Prayer is an ongoing conversation with God. We trust that God the Father hears our prayers.

CCC 1796, 2590, 2591, 2680

Exodus 3:4-5, 10-14; 33:11, Mark 12:31 | Saint Rita

Lesson 17: Why do we pray?

- The Holy Spirit helps us to pray. Prayer helps us do God's will.
- Prayer strengthens our relationship with the Blessed Trinity.
- · Prayer strengthens us to live as Jesus' disciples.

CCC 1725, 2556, 2661, 2757, 2800, 2857

Luke 18:10-13 | Saint Vincent de Paul

Lesson 18: How do we pray?

- Our prayers praise God and trust in his goodness. We can pray at all times. • The Mass is the Church's greatest prayer.
- We can pray aloud or silently in our hearts.

CCC 2644, 2720, 2721, 2757

Luke 6:27–28 | Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Lesson 19: What helps us to pray?

- The Church is strengthened and guided by holy men and women.
- The virtues of faith, hope, and charity are sources of prayer.
- Prayer strengthens Christian family life. Prayer turns our hearts toward God.

CCC 2661, 2662, 2693, 2694, 2754, 2757

Matthew 19:21, I John 5:14 | Saint Frances of Rome

Lesson 20: Why is the Lord's Prayer called the perfect prayer?

• Jesus himself taught us the Lord's Prayer. • The Lord's Prayer helps us know God. • In the Lord's Prayer we honor and praise God. • The Lord's Prayer helps us place our trust in God.

CCC 1056, 2774, 2776, 2798, 2799, 2857

Matthew 6:8; 7:21 Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko

Unit 5 Why and how do we celebrate the Church year?

Lesson 21: Church Year

Readers Theater: The Wedding at Cana

Lesson 22: Advent

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 23: Christmas

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 24: Lent

Readers Theater: Jesus' Temptation in the Desert

Lesson 25: Triduum

Readers Theater: Agony in the Garden

Lesson 26: Easter

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 27: Pentecost

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 28: Ordinary Time

Readers Theater: The Parable of the Lost Son

Unit 1 What do we believe?

Lesson 1: How do we know God?

• God is truth and love. • We come to know God through Sacred Scripture. • We come to know God most fully through Jesus. • The Church passes on all that she holds true through Scripture, Tradition, and the sacraments.

CCC 51, 53, 55, 56, 59, 65, 68, 69, 73, 78, 96, 97, 98, 101, 104, 107, 109, 136, 139, 168, 230, 231, 231, 561

Psalm 105:3; John 3:16; 14:6; 14:9; 20:31; Mark 1:15

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Lesson 2: Who is God?

• God can be known through creation. • The Blessed Trinity is a mystery of faith, in which God is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. • In the sacraments, we share in the life of the Blessed Trinity.

• The Church shares her beliefs through Scripture, Tradition, and the sacraments.

CCC 35, 46, 47, 221, 253, 254, 255, 261, 267, 291, 292, 316, 317, 452, 702, 743, 747, 1082, 1083, 1108, 1114, 1116

Luke 4:18–19; Matthew 28:19–20 | Juan de Zumárraga

Lesson 3: Why did God make us?

• God created us with a body and a soul. • The Church supports and nourishes our faith. • God created Adam and Eve to live in friendship with him. • Everyone who dies in God's friendship will have the joy of eternal life with him.

CCC 167, 168, 181, 356, 362, 363, 364, 384, 1054, 1057

Genesis 2:7; 2:8; 15; Psalm 8:6;

2 Corinthians 5:10 | Soint Peter

Lesson 4: Who is Jesus Christ?

• The Holy Spirit prepared Mary for her work as the Mother of God. • The Incarnation is the mystery that Jesus, the only Son of God, became human. • Jesus is the Savior who came into the world to save us from sin. • At the Ascension, the Risen Christ was taken up into heaven.

 $\textit{CCC}\ 460, 464, 480, 629, 658, 665, 721, 722, 744, 974$

Matthew 28:18–20; I Corinthians 11:26;

Luke 22:19 | Saint Catherine Labouré

Lesson 5: What is the Church?

• In Baptism, we become members of the Church. • The People of God are the temple of the Holy Spirit and the sacrament of Christ.

• The Church is divinely established, motivated by love, and guided by the Holy Spirit. • Through our Baptism, we continue Jesus' work in the Church today.

 $\textit{CCC}\ 775, 804, 805, 809, 849, 939, 981, 985, 986, 1263, 1265, 1267, 1271$

Exodus 6:7; I Peter 2:9; I Corinthians 3:16, 6:19;

Acts of the Apostles 2:38 | Blessed Sára Salkaházi



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Unit 2 How do we celebrate what we believe?

Lesson 6: How does God share his life with us?

• Jesus is with us when we celebrate the liturgy. • The Holy Spirit prepares us to receive Christ in the sacraments. • The Church shares God's grace primarily through the sacraments. • Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church.

CCC 1084, 1085, 1088, 1091, 1099, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1108, 1112, 1131, 1187, 1670, 1671, 1677

2 Corinthians 13:13 | Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Lesson 7: How do we praise and thank God?

• We learn about God's love for his people in the Liturgy of the Word. • We worship God and honor holy people throughout the liturgical year. • The Church's worship and celebrations are connected by Apostolic Tradition. • Blessings and devotions honor God and our models of holiness.

CCC 1110, 1190, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1172, 1200, 1201, 1202, 1209, 1671, 1678, 1669, 1678, 1674, 1675, 1679

Ephesians 1:3; John 2:5; Acts of the Apostles 2:42–47; I Corinthians 11:23–26 | **Blessed Victoire Rasoamanarivo**

Lesson 8: How do we become members of the Church?

• The Sacraments of Christian Initiation begin, strengthen, and nourish our life in the Church. • Baptism gives us a special grace to share in the life and work of Jesus. • The Sacrament of Confirmation seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. • In the Eucharist, we are nourished by the Real Presence of Christ.

CCC 1256, 1258, 1260, 1275, 1277, 1281, 1283, 1284, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1320, 1410, 1411, 1412, 1413

Luke 22:19; John 3:5; Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4

Saint Teresa of the Andes

Lesson 9: How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?

- We celebrate and receive God's healing in a special way.
- Jesus forgives our sins and heals us through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. When we are sick or suffering, we can call on God to heal and strengthen us. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick continues Jesus' mission of healing.

CCC 1503, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1514, 1515, 1532

Matthew 8:5–7 | Sister Rose Hawthorne

Lesson 10: How are we strengthened for service to God and others?

- The Sacrament of Baptism calls us to service. The Sacrament of Holy Orders gives special authority to teach and lead the faithful.
- The Sacrament of Matrimony gives a man and woman grace to love each other as Christ loves the Church. The Christian family is a community of faith, grace, and prayer.

CCC 1533, 1534, 1535, 1581, 1591, 1592, 1597, 1598, 1600, 1613, 1639, 1640, 1660, 1661, 1663, 1666, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205

Genesis 1:28; Matthew 20:26-28;

John 20:20–23 | Saint Thomas More

Lesson 11: How do we know God loves us?

• We are created in God's image, with free will and a soul. • God's grace helps us respect and care for others and ourselves. • Free will is our God-given gift and ability to choose between right and wrong. • Natural law is the moral law we are born with.

CCC 1708, 1700, 1711, 1730, 1731, 1735, 1738, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1750–1761, 1931, 1944, 1949, 1966, 1970, 1978, 1983, 2021, 2025, 2319

Matthew 7:12 | Saint Thomas Aquinas

Lesson 12: How do we respond to God's love?

- God has placed the desire for happiness in every human heart.
- An informed conscience is formed and guided by God, human reason, and Church teachings. The divine grace of the sacraments strengthens us to live a virtuous life. The virtues lead us to know and love God and to work for the common good.

CCC 1702, 1703, 1704, 1708, 1709, 1713, 1715, 1718, 1724, 1776, 1784, 1796, 1798, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1811, 1830, 1877, 1878, 1895, 1938, 1939, 1948

I Peter 4:8; Matthew 5:3-12; 28:20

Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

Lesson 13: How does God teach us to live?

• God's grace helps us to keep his laws. • The Ten Commandments strengthen our relationship with God. • The Ten Commandments guide us to live in truth and love. • The Precepts of the Church strengthen our bond with God and his Church.

CCC 1949, 1950, 1965, 1966, 1983, 2030, 2031, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2047, 2048, 2051, 2082, 2085, 2096, 2141, 2166, 2171, 2180, 2192, 2255, 2320, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2394, 2395, 2397, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2456, 2505, 2508, 2552

 $Exodus\ 20:2-3,7,8-11,13-17; Psalm\ 86:11; Matthew\ 22:36-39,5-7;$

Hebrews 8:8, 10; 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 | Saint Rose of Lima

Lesson 14: What turns us away from God's love?

• Because of Original Sin, we have an inclination to sin. • Sin goes against our human reason and God's love. • Sin damages our relationship with God. • Committing sins repeatedly leads to vices, or capital sins.

CCC 1707, 1714, 1865, 1871, 1872, 1874, 1875, 1876

Saint Magdalene of Canossa

Lesson 15: What turns us toward God's love?

• God helps us turn away from sin and toward his love. • Grace makes us part of the life of the Trinity. • The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with sanctifying grace. • Through Baptism and faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the gift of justification.

CCC~1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2017, 2021, 2023, 2019, 2020

Luke 15:17–24; Romans 3:21–26; 5:1 | Saint Anselm

Unit 4 How do we become what we believe?

Lesson 16: What is prayer?

• Prayer is raising our hearts and minds to God. • Prayer brings God's people closer to him. • Prayer is a mystery in which we speak and listen to God. • Prompted by the Holy Spirit, we address our prayers to God the Father, in Christ's name.

CCC 2566, 2567, 2590, 2591, 2664, 2680

Luke 6:12; 9:28–36; 22:39–41; 24:35; Acts of the Apostles 2:42; 46–47; 17:26–27

Thomas à Kempis

Lesson 17: Why do we pray?

• Prayer is essential in our Sacred Tradition. • Prayer builds our trust in God. • The Church prays together in the liturgy and the sacraments. • Prayer is at the heart of Christian life.

CCC 2650, 2651, 2652, 2655, 2661, 2757, 2800, 2828, 2829, 2830, 2831

Proverbs 3:5-6; John 6:48, 51; I Thessalonians 5:17-18

Saint Louise de Marillac

Lesson 18: How do we pray?

• Christians around the world gather for communal prayer. • Our regular prayers bring us closer to God. • The Church prays together in her liturgy. • Certain prayers are spoken in the silence of our hearts.

CCC 2644, 2700, 2705, 2708, 2720, 2721

Saint Andrew Kim Taegŏn

Lesson 19: What helps us to pray?

- The Communion of Saints is united at prayer in the Eucharist.
- The Church's liturgy offers prayer and praise. The family is our first school of prayer. Our faith supports our prayers.

CCC 1410, 1419, 2655, 2662, 2694, 2747, 2748

John 4:7-15, 42

Saints Felicity and Perpetua

Lesson 20: Why is the Lord's Prayer called the perfect prayer?

• The Lord's Prayer expresses the Church's hope in God. • The Lord's Prayer unites us with God the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. • We glorify God in the Lord's Prayer. • We show our trust that God hears us in the Lord's Prayer.

CCC 2767, 2771, 2772, 2776, 2782, 2799, 2816, 2857

Matthew 11:27; 12:48–50; 6:9–13; John 15:1; 9–10;16:15; 13:34 Ephesians 1:4–6; Luke 11:2–4

Saint John Neumann

Unit 5 Why and how do we celebrate the Church year?

Lesson 21: The Church Year

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 22: Advent

Readers Theater: Joseph's Dream

Lesson 23: Christmas

Readers Theater: Shepherds at the Birth of lesus

Lesson 24: Lent

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 25: Triduum

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 26: Easter

Readers Theater: On the Road to Emmaus

Lesson 27: Pentecost

Readers Theater: Life in Community

Lesson 28: Ordinary Time

Unit 1 What do we believe?

Lesson 1: How do we know God?

- Throughout all history God has made himself known to us.
- Sacred Scripture is the Word of God. Jesus is the fullness of Divine Revelation. Sacred Tradition began with the preaching of the Apostles.

CCC 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 96, 97, 98, 136, 137, 138, 139, 561

Genesis 9:9-17, 17:1-2, Exodus 6:7, 19:4-6, Isaiah 55:3, Luke 22:20,

Hebrews 8:8, 10 | Saint Dominic

Lesson 2: Who is God?

• Jesus Christ is the fullness of Divine Revelation. • The Blessed Trinity continues the work of creation. • Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. • The Church is called to bring the Good News of salvation to all people.

CCC 46, 47, 261, 267, 315, 319, 452, 453, 454, 455, 743, 747

Genesis 1:1-2, 27, Exodus 3:1-22, Isaiah 61:1, Mark 1:2, 24, Luke 2:11, John 20:20–22, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ruth 1:16

Ruth and Naomi

Lesson 3: Why did God make us?

• We are created in God's image and likeness. • Faith is necessary for salvation. • Adam and Eve's choice to disobey God affects all humanity. • At the Last Judgment, Jesus Christ will judge all people.

CCC 176, 179, 229, 315, 353, 383, 415, 417, 418, 1054, 1057, 1059

Genesis 12, 15, 22, 1:31, 3:15, Luke 10:25-37,

Hebrews II:I | Saint Columba

Lesson 4: Who is Jesus Christ?

- Mary cooperated fully in God's plan of salvation. In the Incarnation, Jesus, the Second Divine Person of the Trinity, became man. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's plan to save us from sin.
- \bullet Jesus' Resurrection promises our own resurrection and eternal life with the Trinity.

CCC 460, 479, 495, 508, 637, 658, 665, 973, 974

Luke 1:28, 30-33, 35, 38, John 1:14-15, 29, Acts 1:10-11, 1:8, 7:56,

59 Romans 5:19 | Saint Stephen

Lesson 5: What is the Church?

• The Church is one and many, human and divine. • All salvation comes from Christ through the Church. • The Church has a missionary mandate to unite the whole world to Christ. • The pope and bishops succeed the Apostles.

 $\textit{CCC}\ 597, 806, 807, 808, 810, 839, 846, 847, 866, 868, 935, 936, 938$

Matthew 28:19, 16:15-19, 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27, 1

Timothy 2:4 | Saint Angela Merici



Unit 2 How do we celebrate what we believe?

Lesson 6: How does God share his life with us?

• Jesus leads his Body, the Church, in the liturgy. • The Holy Spirit prepares us to encounter Christ in the liturgy. • The sacraments are signs of grace entrusted to the Church by Christ. • Sacramentals prepare us to cooperate with the grace we receive in the sacraments.

CCC 777, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1131, 1187, 1195, 1677, 1678 Isaiah 55:3, John 6:32 | Saint Joan of Arc

Lesson 7: How do we praise and thank God?

- We celebrate and participate in God's work through the liturgy.
- The feasts and seasons of the liturgical year connect us to the life of Christ. Apostolic tradition unifies the worldwide Church.
- Devotions enrich our faith and prepare us to celebrate the sacraments.

CCC 1110, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1208, 1209, 1679

Matthew 28:19, John 17:4 | Saint Leonard of Port Maurice

Lesson 8: How do we become members of the Church?

• The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are the foundation of the Christian life. • The grace we receive in Baptism calls us to share in Christ's work as priest, prophet, and king. • Confirmation perfects baptismal grace. • The Eucharist unites us to the Paschal Mystery.

CCC 453, 620, 621, 1279, 1280, 1316, 1319, 1407, 1409, 1410

Luke 22:19–20, John 1:29 | Saint Charles Lwanga

Lesson 9: How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?

- The Sacraments of Healing celebrate God's forgiveness and mercy.
- The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation invites us to respond to Jesus' call to conversion. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation reconciles us with God and the Church. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick continues Jesus' healing ministry.

CCC 1486, 1490, 1496, 1532

Matthew 9:2, 6-8, Mark 16:14, 18

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

Lesson 10: How are we strengthened for service to God and others?

• We are all called to serve the Church through the common priesthood of the faithful. • Men who are ordained in the Sacrament of Holy Orders serve the Church by teaching, leading divine worship, and governing the Church. • The Sacrament of Matrimony joins a man and a woman in a lifelong covenant of love with each other and God. • Our families are called to be the Light of Christ in the world.

CCC 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1598, 1660, 1661, 1664, 1665, 1666, 2399

Saint John XXIII

Lesson 11: How do we know God loves us?

- God created us in his image to share in his life and love forever.
- Human dignity means that every life is sacred. Free will is the basis of moral responsibility. The natural law leads us to seek what is good.

CCC 1711, 1745, 1747, 1801, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1983, 2319, 2455

Genesis 1:27, 2:7, 3:13, 4:1-16, Job 12:9-10, Psalm 139:13-14,

John 15:12, Jeremiah 1:4-5 | Saint Joan of France

Lesson 12: How do we respond to God's love?

- God's law leads us to eternal happiness with him. The Word of God helps to inform our conscience and guide our moral choices.
- The virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide us to relationship with the Trinity. We are called to work for the common good.

CCC 592, 1715, 1725, 1796, 1800, 1802, 1834, 1841, 1890, 1892, 1923, 1924, 1927, 1943, 1947, 1948

Psalm 119:100-105. Wisdom 8:7. Isaiah 42:6. 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Hebrews 9:15, Matthew 5:3-12 | Saint Jerome

Lesson 13: How does God teach us to love?

• God's laws help us stay faithful to him and his covenant. • The Ten Commandments establish that God is our first priority. • The Ten Commandments guide our actions toward others. • God's laws and the Church guide our moral choices.

CCC 592, 1980, 1982, 1983, 2135, 2141, 2161, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2322, 2324, 2393, 2394, 2396, 2453, 2454, 2458, 2459, 2533

Exodus 16, 17, 24:8, Matthew 22:37-40, Luke 22:20,

Acts of the Apostles 5:27–32 | Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Lesson 14: What turns us away from God's love?

- Original Sin is passed down to all people. Sin harms our human solidarity. Some sins can destroy our relationship with God.
- Committing sins repeatedly leads to vices, or capital sins.

CCC 1714, 1871, 1872, 1874, 1876, 2512

Genesis 2:25, Psalm 32:1-2, I Corinthians 12:27, I John 5:16-17

Saint Basil the Great

Lesson 15: What turns us toward God's love?

• God invites us to share in his life and work. • God gives us the grace to live out our vocation. • God freely offers us sanctifying grace. • God restores our broken relationships with him and others after we have sinned.

CCC 2020, 2021, 2023, 2082, 2460, 2461

Genesis 12:1, 2; 17:2, Psalm 25:6-7, Matthew 19:25-26, Luke 1:28, 35, 37

Blessed Antoine-Frédéric Ozanam

Unit 4 How do we become what we believe?

Lesson 16: What is prayer?

- Our hearts and minds are directed toward God in prayer.
- God has always drawn his people to him in prayer. Prayer is communication between God and his people. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, we address our prayers to God the Father, in Christ's name.

CCC 2590, 2591, 2680

Exodus 3:2–6, II, I5:2, Numbers 6:24–26, I Samuel 3:9, 21, Job 1:21, Psalm 25:1–2, 4, Luke 3:21-22, 23:34-46, John II:41-42, I2:27-28

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Lesson 17: Why do we pray?

• Sacred Tradition explains the importance of prayer. • Prayer strengthens our relationship with God. • Constant prayer guides us on our journey of faith. • The People of God are a people of prayer.

CCC 2661, 2754, 2757, 2800

Psalm 44:24-25, Matthew 18:20; 21:22, Ephesians 6:18, I

Thessalonians 5:17 | Saint Francis de Sales

Lesson 18: How do we pray?

• The Holy Spirit teaches the Church to pray. • Our daily, personal prayer guides our journey of faith. • In the liturgy, we join with the Church to worship God. • When we pray we lift our minds and hearts to God.

CCC 1498, 2644, 2720, 2721, 2757

Luke 11:9-10, Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47, Psalm 23

Saint Catherine of Bologna

Lesson 19: What helps us to pray?

• The Church is strengthened by the witness of saints and holy people. • There are three sources of prayer. • We first learn to pray with our families, as the domestic church. • Faith directs our prayers toward God.

CCC 2661, 2662, 2693, 2694, 2754

Psalm 40:2, Matthew 25:21, Acts of the Apostles 2:14-42, 46, 1

Corinthians 13:13 | Saint Maximillian Kolbe

Lesson 20: Why is the Lord's Prayer called the perfect prayer?

- The Lord's Prayer is a summary of the whole Gospel. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus invites us into a relationship with his Father.
- The Lord's Prayer helps us know and honor God. The Lord's Prayer helps us place our trust in God.

CCC 2774, 2799, 2857

Exodus 3:14, 20:7, Psalm 8:10, Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 6:9, John 13:34 | Saint Margaret of Scotland

Unit 5 Why and how do we celebrate the Church year?

Lesson 21: Church Year **Readers Theater:** Church Year

Lesson 22: Advent

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 23: Christmas

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 24: Lent

Readers Theater: The Transfiguration

Lesson 25: Triduum

Readers Theater: The Crucifixion

Lesson 26: Easter

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 27: Pentecost

Prayer Ritual

Lesson 28: Ordinary Time

Readers Theater: The Parable of the

Good Samaritan

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