Correlated to Sadlier’s We Believe program

Guidelines for Catechesis

Pre-Kindergarten through Grade Six

Archdiocese of New York
Revised - 2016
## BASIC TEACHINGS FOR GRADE 1: WE BELIEVE

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<td>Through prayer and worship we respond with love and gratitude to God. 347, 2567, 2096, 1083, 2569</td>
<td>Creation Genesis 1:1-27</td>
<td>Have the children learn the first section of the Apostles' Creed: &quot;I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.&quot; 166-67, 170, 198</td>
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<td>God is all loving. 218-21, 301, 733, 278</td>
<td>Created in God's image, each person has dignity and value. It is our responsibility to respect life and to care for ourselves, others and all that God has created (stewardship). We are to be respectful of the life, good name, property and possessions of others. 355-57, 1701, 2319, 358, 2415, 2258, 2158, 2477, 2401</td>
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<td>God has always been and always will be. 34, 213</td>
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<td>We are children of God. God is our Father who made us, loves us, cares for us, and who wants us to be happy with him, on this earth and in heaven. 1, 305, 1024, 1721, 2782, 1718</td>
<td>We are to be truthful. We do not lie, destroy property, or steal. 2468, 2470, 2464, 2453-54</td>
<td>Trust in Providence Matthew 6:25-34</td>
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<td>Through Baptism we become members of the Church, God's family, and receive grace, a sharing in God's life. 1267, 1271, 1279, 1266, 1997, 751</td>
<td>We are called to be members of God's family, to be saints. Saints are people who live God's way. 2013, 946, 961, 1709, 1717, 823, 828, 1695</td>
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<td>We look to Mary as a very special woman and our Mother. 963, 967-69, 2679</td>
<td>The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:7-14</td>
<td>Explain that Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas day. 1163, 1168, 1171, 524, 1095, 525</td>
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<td>Mary is the Mother of Jesus. 495</td>
<td>We are to show love and obedience to our parents and those who take care for us, as Jesus did to his parents. 531-33, 2214 We are to be like Jesus and to care for others who are in need. We are especially invited by Jesus to be sensitive to the suffering of the poor, to pray for them and to help them. 544, 2443-46, 2448</td>
<td>The Obedience of Jesus Luke 2:41-52</td>
<td>Have the children learn the Hail Mary. 435, 2676-77 Encourage devotion to Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother. 971, 2682, 1172 May and October are special months to honor Mary.</td>
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<td>Jesus shows us how to live. 20-21, 459</td>
<td>We talk each day with God our Father: - to express our love (adoration), - to ask for forgiveness, and help in our needs (petition) - to pray for the needs of others (intercession), - to thank God (thanksgiving) - to praise God. 2628, 2631, 2629, 2635-2638, 2639</td>
<td>Prayer of Jesus: the Our Father Matthew 6:9-13</td>
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<td>Jesus listened to and talked with his Father. 2599 Jesus teaches us how to listen to and talk with God our Father. 2601, 2607 Prayer is listening to and talking with God. 2653, 2659-60</td>
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**At Mass, we listen to God's Word and pray together as God's family. 104**

**Because the celebration of the Mass is the best way to worship God, the Catholic community must come together on Sundays and Holy Days to worship God at Mass. 2643, 1167, 1193, 2042-43, 2177, 1389**

**The parish is the center of our worship and of our life in the Christian community. We are to know the name of our parish. 2179**

**Jesus suffered and died for us and rose from the dead. 571, 1067, 609, 638**

**He brings us God's forgiveness. 615, 623**

**To live in peace it is necessary at times to say we are sorry, to forgive and to make up with others. We are all called to be peacemakers in our world. 1434-35, 2839, 2843-45, 1825-26, 1716, 2046, 2304**

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**Sacred Scripture is the Word of God.**

**In Sacred Scripture we learn about God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 131, 133, 104**

**Sacred Scripture: the Word of God Psalm 119:105**

**Give Sacred Scripture a special place in the classroom. Encourage the children to do the same at home. 103-4, 107, 2691, 2205, 133**
PROFESSION OF FAITH

The First Statement of the Apostles' Creed: My Prayer Book
“I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.”

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Give Sacred Scripture a special place in the classroom. 103, 133
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Encourage a reverent and prayerful attitude in the place of worship. 1186, 1199
Have the children genuflect or make a profound bow before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. 1378
Foster the children's participation in the prayer and worship of the parish community. 2179, 2226

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*DOXOLOGY
Glory to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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<td>Continue to teach the Apostles' Creed: &quot;I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son ... He will come again to judge the living and the dead.&quot; 194</td>
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<td>Jesus, the Son of God, who existed from all eternity, &quot;was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary&quot; (Incarnation). 456, 461-63, 479, 483, 359, 470-76, 441-42, 454</td>
<td>We are to care for and respect the life of the unborn, persons with disabilities, the elderly and all people. 2270, 2273, 2276, 1932, 1700, 27, 1930</td>
<td>Jesus as Divine and Human (Incarnation) Mark 1:11</td>
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<td>Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother. 724, 485, 509, 723, 726, 501, 963, 968-70</td>
<td>Mary is the model for all Christians because she was always close to God and said &quot;yes&quot; to God with faith and trust. 2030, 273, 507, 967, 144, 494, 511, 506</td>
<td>Annunciation Luke 1:26-38</td>
<td>Review the Hail Mary. 435, 2676-77</td>
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<td>Jesus came to save all. 543, 457, 606-07, 517, 589, 430</td>
<td>During the Christmas season we celebrate God’s gift of Jesus to us. We remember the stories of Jesus' birth. We pray. We give gifts to those we love. We also help the needy, such as the poor, the homeless, the lonely. 525-26, 544, 563</td>
<td>Birth of Jesus (Nativity) Luke 2:1-20</td>
<td>Explain Christmas, December 25, as the celebration of Jesus' birth. 525-26, 1171, 2177</td>
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<td>Jesus was always obedient to God his Father, and he expects the same of us. When we are disobedient to God's law, we sin. 2600, 2603, 532, 612, 2606, 1693, 1850</td>
<td>To promote peace in society, in the Church, and in our families we are to respect and obey those who have the right to tell us what to do. 2199-2200, 2304, 2238</td>
<td>Hidden life with Mary and Joseph Luke 2:39-40</td>
<td>Explain the meaning of the Christmas creche.</td>
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<td>Jesus is our model of love and goodness. 520-21, 459, 1694, 1698, 1953, 1709</td>
<td>One way to imitate Jesus' love and goodness is to treat others fairly and justly. 520, 459, 1803, 1807, 2401</td>
<td>Examples of his love and goodness Mark 6:53-56 Luke 7:11-15 John 21:4-12</td>
<td>Review the Our Father. 2759, 2765-66</td>
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<td>Jesus died for us on the cross: Crucifixion. He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday: Resurrection. 616-17, 638, 656</td>
<td>Jesus died and rose to save us from being separated from God forever: hell, and to enable us to live with God forever: heaven. 613-14, 622-23, 1861, 1034-36, 618, 655, 658, 326, 1023, 2795</td>
<td>Death and Resurrection Choose appropriate passages from the four Gospels.</td>
<td>Explain the feast of the Sacred Heart which celebrates Jesus' great love for each of us. 478</td>
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<td>Jesus returned to His Father in heaven (Ascension) and sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always (Pentecost). 659, 731</td>
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<td>Encourage family prayer. 2685, 2204-05, 2225-26</td>
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<td>Jesus is present:</td>
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<td>The Presence of Jesus</td>
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<td>-when we gather in his name to pray together,</td>
<td>John 14:23 Romans 12:4-5 Matthew 18:20 1 Peter 1:23-25 John 6:35</td>
<td>Explain the Rite of Baptism. 1234-45, 1255</td>
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<td>-in his Word (Sacred Scripture),</td>
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<td>Show the children the Easter candle. 1243, 1216, 1254</td>
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<td>-in all the sacraments and in a special and unique way in the sacrament of the Eucharist.</td>
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<td>Have the children learn the Act of Contrition (see page 20). 1451</td>
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<td>There are seven sacraments. The sacraments are signs -- words and actions -- we perceive through our senses. They show us Jesus' love for us. They give us his grace. 1084, 1152, 1148</td>
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<td>Encourage prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Review the practice of genuflecting or making a profound bow before the Blessed Sacrament as an expression of reverence for the Real Presence. 1330, 1374, 1378-80</td>
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<td>Three of the sacraments are:</td>
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<td>Explain that on Holy Thursday the Church celebrates Jesus' gift of himself at the Last Supper. 1339, 1340, 1096, 610</td>
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<td>-Baptism by which we are freed from sin, share in God's life, grace, and become members of God's family, the Church. 1213, 1262, 1265-67, 1997, 1999</td>
<td>Baptism Matthew 28:19-20</td>
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<td>-Penance and Reconciliation by which we receive and celebrate God's forgiveness. In this sacrament we express sorrow for our sins, and are reconciled with the Church. 1446, 1451, 1468, 1466, 1490, 1422, 1469, 1462, 1442</td>
<td>Penance John 20:22-23 Luke 15:4-7</td>
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<td>-Eucharist by which we receive the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood which he shares with us at Mass as he shared them with the apostles at the Last Supper. 1322-23, 1333, 1382, 1337, 1340</td>
<td>Eucharist Mark 14:22-24 John 6:51</td>
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<td>We need help to live the Christian life. One of the greatest helps is the sacraments. 1966, 1133, 2030, 1123</td>
<td>We gather with other members of God's family at Mass and receive Communion, we are strengthened to live the Christian life. 2182, 1392, 1388, 1394</td>
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The Sacrament of Penance is a celebration which makes clear:
- that God has given us free will to choose between what is good and what is evil, 1732, 1734, 1776-77, 1802, 1784
- that God gives us the Spirit to empower us to make loving choices of what is good, 1811, 1433, 1830
- that God continues to love us even when we sin,
- that God calls us always to be sorry for our sins and to accept his forgiveness. 1425, 1847-48

**CHRISTIAN LIVING**

Since God has given us free will, we are responsible for the choices we make. Our choices affect our lives, our relationship with God and our relationship with others. 1730, 1734, 1738, 1696, 1868

We are expected to treat ourselves and other persons with gentleness and caring, and not with violence. 1823, 1832, 2305-06, 1869, 1970

True freedom means we choose to live God’s way. Sin is a deliberate choice to act against the will of God, that is, against how God wants us to live. 1731, 1733, 1696, 1849-50

The reception of Communion nourishes and strengthens our relationship with Christ begun in Baptism and continued throughout our lives. 1244, 1391-92

At the Mass we gather together as God’s family for:
- the Liturgy of the Word, when we listen to God’s message to us so as to put it into practice in our lives. 1349
- the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when we offer with the priest the gifts of bread and wine.

The bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus (transubstantiation). In the Eucharist Jesus gives himself as the bread of life and the cup of salvation. 1350-55, 1346-47, 1376

**SAVED SCRIPTURE**

The Gift of Free Will  
Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)  
15:14-15

The Gift of the Spirit  
John 14:15-17a

The Gift of God’s Forgiveness  
Luke 15:11-24

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

Teach the Rite of Penance. 1447-49, 1451, 1455, 1459, 1480, 1482

Prepare the children for their first celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.* Have the children celebrate the sacrament in a parish setting and with family participation whenever possible. 1482, 1140, 1438, 2225-26, 2204-05

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* The planning of this celebration should be in accord with the norms of the Church, take into account parish policies, and involve both priests and catechists.
PROFESSION OF FAITH

Continue to teach the Apostles' Creed up to "...and the dead." My Prayer Book

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Give Sacred Scripture a special place in the classroom: 103, 132
Encourage a reverent and prayerful attitude in the place of worship: 1186, 1199
Foster the children's participation in the prayer and worship of the parish community: 2179, 2226

PRAYERS TO BE TAUGHT

- Act of Contrition recommended for use throughout the Archdiocese: CH. 11
- Simple responses at Mass: My Mass Book (end of book)

PRAYERS TO BE ENCOURAGED

- Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 1380

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My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good<
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In His name, my God, have mercy.

(taken from the Rite of Penance)
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| CHRISTIAN LIVING                        |
| The love the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have one for the other in the Trinity is the model of the love we are to have for one another. 1878, 850, 257 |

| SACRED SCRIPTURE                        |
| Jesus revealing the Father and the Holy Spirit John 14:9-10; 26 |

| PRAYER AND WORSHIP                      |
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### Core Content

We too are called to follow Jesus, and to be part of his Body, the Church. 787-89, 521, 562, 805-07

Jesus taught that his true followers are those who love everyone. 1824-26, 2055, 2069, 850-51, 826, 2196-97

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### Christian Living

Some of the ways we follow Jesus are by showing respect for life and the earth, and by loving other people. 2415-16, 1823

Respect for life extends from the unborn to the elderly. 2258, 2270, 2273, 2276

It includes love of ourselves by:
- respecting our bodies, and 362, 364
- developing our gifts and talents. 306-07

We are to care for others by:
- respecting their person, 1881, 1889, 1929
- reputation, 2475, 2477, 2479, 2507
- property and possessions. 2401, 2408-9

In justice, the resources of the earth are to be cared for and shared. This is called stewardship. 2402, 2404, 339, 299, 340, 346, 341, 354, 373, 2415, 2459

We have special responsibilities to show love and reverence to our parents or guardians and to be kind to all other family members. 2197-2200, 2204-06, 2208, 2212, 2215-17, 2219

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### Sacred Scripture

The Two Great Commandments

The Parable of the Good Samaritan
Luke 10:29-37

Love of Enemies
Matthew 5:43-46

Love as the Sign of the Christian Community
John 15:12

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### Prayer and Worship

Teach the significance of the Sign of Peace at Mass. 1824, 2854, 1345.6, 1398

Help the children to see the sacredness of human life where it is most vulnerable. 2270, 2276

Encourage personal prayer for those who hurt us as well as those who are good to us. 2635-36, 2844, 2862, 2740, 2745

Teach the children to thank God for the gifts of the earth. Where possible, have a blessing of animals. 339, 341, 340, 2626, 1671, 1674-75

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| Refusing to love God, ourselves and our neighbors is sinful. 1849, 1856, 1869, 2094 | We sin when we deliberately choose not to obey the Commandments of God. We must say we are sorry, ask to be forgiven and make up for the wrong we have done. 2075, 1857-60, 1847-48, 1450, 1455, 1459 | **Sin** 1 John 4:20-21 | **Review the Act of Contrition (page 20). 1451-53** | **Chapters:**
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| Jesus is our Savior. He died on the cross for us and rose from the dead. 430, 601, 654 | Review with the children the meaning of Lent and Easter. 1095, 1169 | **Chapters:**
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<td>As Jesus' disciples, we follow him in this life to happiness forever with the Father in heaven. 541-42, 764, 1716-19, 1710, 1721, 1726</td>
<td>Ascension Mark 16:19-20</td>
<td>Prepare the children for the celebration of the feast of the Ascension, forty days after Easter. 659, 665-67, 670</td>
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<td>On Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon his people to continue his work. 1287, 1076, 731-32, 767</td>
<td>It is the grace of the Holy Spirit that enables us to follow Jesus. 731-32, 736, 735</td>
<td>Pentecost Acts of the Apostles 2:1-13</td>
<td>Review with the children that part of the Apostles' Creed that pertains to Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Prepare the children for the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church. 731-32</td>
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<td>The Church, the people of God, continues Jesus' mission on earth. The Catholic Church is a community of people who share the same faith and sacraments and are united in the Holy Spirit under the leadership of the Pope and the bishops. 767, 849, 830-31, 816, 838, 814</td>
<td>As members of the Church, we are to do all we can to continue Jesus' mission of bringing the Good News of salvation to all the world. 767, 738, 905, 900, 913, 2044, 849, 852</td>
<td>The &quot;Great Commission&quot; Matthew 28:18-20</td>
<td>Teach the General Intercessions at Mass as a community prayer for the needs of the Church and the world. 1345, 1349</td>
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<td>Through the Sacraments of Christian Initiation we receive the fullness of the Spirit and become members of the Church. 1212, 1275, 1213, 1316, 1322</td>
<td>- In the Sacrament of Baptism, God gives us his life. Baptism takes away our sinfulness (original sin, personal sin). 1213, 1215, 1263, 1987, 977</td>
<td>Baptism Acts of the Apostles 2:38</td>
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<td>In the Eucharistic Celebration, the Sacrifice of the Mass, Jesus gathers us in worship and thanksgiving, and offers himself to the Father for us. 1382, 1348, 1365, 1410</td>
<td>In the Mass we are given spiritual nourishment to continue Jesus' ministry of service: - through the Word of God which we hear, - through the gift of Jesus whom we receive in Holy Communion. 1212, 1346, 103, 1392, 1394, 1397, 2449, 864</td>
<td>_review the following parts of the Mass: - Liturgy of the Word, - Liturgy of the Eucharist. 1346</td>
<td>Review the Rite of Reconciliation. 1449, 1491</td>
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<td>Through the Sacraments of Healing we are forgiven, strengthened and comforted as members of the Church: - In the Sacrament of Penance, through the absolution of the priest, Jesus forgives our sinful choices (personal sin) and renews or restores our relationship with God and with the Church. 1422, 980, 1424, 1442, 1449, 1468-69</td>
<td>We often fail to love God and others as we should. The Sacrament of Penance strengthens us to renew our efforts to be more loving. 1468-69</td>
<td>The Parable of the Forgiving Father Luke 15:11-32</td>
<td>Jesus healing the sick Matthew 15:29-30</td>
<td>Encourage regular reception of the Sacrament of Penance. 1457-58, 1468</td>
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Mary has a special place in the Church as Mother of God and Mother of the Church. 509, 495, 963, 967

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We turn to Mary, our Mother in heaven, who prays to Jesus for us. She is an example of how her Son wants us to live. 2674, 2679, 2682, 967, 969

### SACRED SCRIPTURE

Mary as our Mother  
John 19:26-27a

### PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Explain the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, which celebrates that Mary was raised body and soul into heaven. 966, 974

This feast strengthens our Catholic belief in the resurrection of the body. It also reminds us of the dignity of the body. 966, 974, 1004

Complete the teaching of the Apostles’ Creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting."

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**Jesus chose the Apostles to serve his people in a special way. He named Peter as their leader.** 2, 858-59, 981, 881, 551-53

The Pope is the successor of Saint Peter and the bishops are the successors of the apostles. 861-62, 881, 936, 938

In Jesus’ name, the Pope and bishops continue:  
- to teach,  
- to sanctify,  
- to govern. 873

We experience the Church most immediately in our local parish. 2179, 752, 2226

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**We pray for and are guided by our Church leaders.** 1354, 2634-36, 87

The Call of the Twelve Apostles  
Luke 6:12-16

Encourage prayer for all members of the Church and in a special way for Church leaders. 2634-36

**The Church’s leadership helps us to follow Jesus. We listen and are guided by their teaching.**

The Pope, the Rock  
Matthew 16:18-20

Explain that at every Mass we pray for our Pope and the bishop of our diocese.

**Mission to the World**  
Matthew 28:16-20

Have the children learn the names of the Pope and the bishop of our diocese.

**Prepare the children to celebrate the feast day of their parish.**

Have the children learn the names of the pastor and parish personnel.

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<td>God is all good. 385</td>
<td>Holiness is sharing in God's goodness and responding to God's love by the way we live, especially by the love we show our neighbor, the poor, the needy and even our enemies. 1709, 2013, 1825</td>
<td>God's goodness Psalm 118:1</td>
<td>Teach the children the Sanctus (see page 42), which we sing or say at Mass to praise God. 2809, 1352, 269, 559</td>
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<td>In the work of creation human beings first saw traces of the Mystery of God. Creation reflects the infinite beauty, wisdom and goodness of the Creator. 198, 237, 341</td>
<td>We must respect the life and goodness of every living creature. We must avoid any misuse of things, which would show contempt for the Creator and do harm to the earth's environment. 339</td>
<td>God's glory in creation Psalm 8</td>
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<td>Created in God's image, we have the ability to think, to make choices (free will) and to love. 1700, 1730</td>
<td>The steps for making a good moral choice are: - pray for the help of the Holy Spirit, - recall God's law and the Church's teachings, - consider the consequences of the choice, - seek advice when necessary, - remember Jesus is with us and speak with him about the choice, - recall that our decision will affect our relationship with God and others. 1786-89, 1811, 1785</td>
<td>Created in God's image Genesis 1:27, 31 Genesis 2:4b-25</td>
<td>Present Lent as a season of renewal in preparation for Easter. Explain the purpose of prayer, penance and fasting, especially during Lent. 1095, 1438, 1434</td>
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<td>Throughout our lives God continually calls us and graces us to know the good, and to love unselfishly. 30, 1704</td>
<td>Learning to know and to choose the good that God desires for us is the lifelong process of conscience formation. 1777, 1784</td>
<td>God's call to choose the good Deuteronomy 30:16</td>
<td>Teach the children to pray the Stations of the Cross. 1674-75</td>
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<td>Learning to know and to choose the good that God desires for us is the lifelong process of conscience formation. 1777, 1784</td>
<td>It is through conscience that we judge whether an act is right or wrong. In forming our consciences we are guided by the Scriptures as interpreted by the Catholic Church, the teachings of the Catholic Church and the example of those who are good. 1749, 1778, 1785</td>
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<td>We often feel drawn to make selfish choices. This is called &quot;temptation.&quot; Temptations in themselves, however, are not sinful. 2847-48</td>
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<td>Encourage the children to reflect each evening on how they have lived as a Christian that day (examination of conscience). 1779, 1784-85</td>
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<td>Feelings are not always accurate signs of whether a choice is right or wrong. - Sometimes we feel sad even though we have made a good moral choice. - Sometimes we feel glad even though we have made a wrong moral choice. 1768</td>
<td>Choice of Evil Genesis 3:1-24 Genesis 4:1-16</td>
<td>Teach them to thank God when they succeed with his help in doing good and to ask forgiveness when they fail. 2007-09, 1847</td>
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<td>By the development of conscience, a person is able to take responsibility for his or her decisions. 1781</td>
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<td>We sin when we disobey God and his Law, whether by thought, word, action or omission. Serious sin, that is, completely turning away from God, is called &quot;mortal.&quot; Less serious sin is called &quot;venial.&quot; 1849, 1853, 1855, 1857-59, 1862-63</td>
<td>Choice of Evil Genesis 3:1-24 Genesis 4:1-16</td>
<td>Call of Abraham Genesis 12:1-3 Covenant Promise Exodus 19:3-6</td>
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<td>Just as God was with the Chosen People making them his own, so God is with us today making us his own. 2084, 422, 1692</td>
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<td>Encourage the children to pray an Act of Faith frequently. 1816, 2662</td>
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<td>God’s self-revelation was extended in history to a Chosen People with whom God made a covenant. 59-60, 62, 121, 2059</td>
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Through this covenant, God taught the Chosen People how to live. This way of life is expressed particularly in the Two Great Commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself” Luke 10:27. 2055, 2061

In order that they might live this covenant, God gave the chosen people the Ten 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.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

God’s self-revelation was brought to fullness in Jesus who made a new covenant with his people. 1965, 66, 73

Jesus not only reaffirmed the commandments of the Old Covenant, but also gave a new commandment: “Love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other.” (John 13:34). 1968, 1823, 1970, 1972, 459

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The commandments help us to find happiness, in judging right from wrong and in knowing how to love God, our neighbor and ourselves. 2064, 2057, 1962, 1548-49

(It is important that what is commanded or forbidden be explained according to the age level of the children.)

The Ten Commandments express our fundamental duties toward God and neighbor. We are obliged to live by them always and everywhere. 2083, 2062, 2072

The first three concern love of God, and the other seven, love of neighbor. They form an organic whole. To disobey one is to infringe on all the others. 2067, 2069

SACRED SCRIPTURE

The Two Great Commandments Luke 10:27

Jesus, the Revelation of God John 1:17-18

The New Commandment John 15:12

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Have the children memorize the Two Great Commandments.

Have the children memorize the Ten Commandments.

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<td>The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are ways of showing our love for Jesus, who identifies with the poor and needy. 2447-48, 2444 Corporal Works of Mercy: - feed the hungry, - shelter the homeless, - clothe the naked, - care for the sick, - help the imprisoned, - bury the dead. 2447 Spiritual Works of Mercy: - teach the ignorant, - give advice to those who need it, - comfort and console those who suffer, - bear wrongs patiently, - forgive those who hurt us. 2447 Give the children examples of how they can put these works of mercy into practice in their daily lives. 2448</td>
<td>The Final Judgment Matthew 25:31-46</td>
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<td>Jesus gave us God's plan for our true happiness in the Sermon on the Mount, which expresses the ideals of Christian behavior. 1966, 2763, 764, 1983 In this Sermon, Jesus also gave us the Beatitudes which should be the characteristics of his followers. 1716-18</td>
<td>The more we follow Jesus, the more our lives can be described in terms of the Beatitudes. 1717</td>
<td>Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5-7 Beatitude Matthew 5:1-12</td>
<td>Some ways that the Christian community helps those in need are through the collection at Sunday Mass, and Lenten almsgiving. 1351, 2462-63, 1438</td>
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<td>We need to listen to the Holy Spirit who is always present guiding us throughout our day. 687, 2659-60, 1788, 1724</td>
<td>Gift of the Spirit Romans 5:5b Galatians 5:25</td>
<td>Encourage the children to pray to the Holy Spirit. 687, 2670-72, 2744</td>
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Today, the Catholic Christian community, guided by the Holy Spirit, supports us in our response to God's covenant of love:
- by teaching us God's commandments,
- by helping us form right consciences,
- by pointing to the example of Jesus, Mary, the saints and all who live the covenant. 2030-33, 1785, 459

By participation in our family and parish communities, we both give and receive support for living the Christian life. 1656-57, 2226-27, 2179

We find among the saints examples of people who lived Jesus' message in the midst of misunderstandings, discrimination, injustice and ever persecution. 2015, 1808, 1717, 2473-74

Christian Community Ephesians 5:1
Renewal of the Covenant 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Present the Eucharist as an ever-present renewal of God's covenant with us. 1337, 1365-66, 613

Help the children to examine their consciences, with prayer and reflection. 1779, 1784-85, 1454

Arrange opportunities for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance, within a communal celebration if possible. 1482, 1140, 1438

Teach the children how to pray the Rosary. 971, 2678, 2708

Explain:
- The Feast of All Saints, November 1,
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- Apostles' Creed: "the communion of saints." 688, 2683, 1717, 2030, 2156, 946-59

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Hosanna in the highest.

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God is the source of all life. We participate in God’s own life particularly through the sacraments. 338, 301, 1082, 1072

The signs and symbols of the sacraments are drawn from creation and human culture, given special meaning by the events of the Old Covenant, and reach their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. 1145, 1151, 1189

A sacrament is a sign by which Jesus shares God’s life, grace, with us. 1131, 1129

### Christian Living

By preparing for and receiving the sacraments prayerfully, our relationship with the Risen Lord is deepened, and we are strengthened to live the Christian life more fully. 1073, 2655, 1128, 1133-34

### Sacred Scripture

- **Jesus as the fullness of life**
  - John 10:10b
- **The Vine and the Branches**
  - John 15:1-7

### Prayer and Worship

Teach the children the Gloria, which we sing or say at Sunday Mass. Explain that in this hymn we praise God simply for being God. 333, 525, 2639

Help the children recognize that God speaks to us through the visible creation. Light and darkness, wind and fire, water and earth, the tree and its fruit speak of God and symbolize both his greatness and his nearness. 1147, 2569

Foster an awareness of sacraments as both communal and personal celebrations that touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life. 1140-41, 1210

During the presentation of each sacrament, explain its signs and symbols. 1145-52 (See each sacrament’s chapter.)

### Prayers & Practices

The Church celebrates seven sacraments:

- Sacraments of Christian Initiation:
  - Baptism,
  - Confirmation,
  - Eucharist;
- Sacraments of Healing:
  - Penance,
  - Anointing of the Sick;
- Sacraments at the Service:
  - Holy Orders,
  - Matrimony. 1113, 1210-11

Through the sacraments of Christian Initiation we receive the fullness of the Spirit and become members of the Church. 1212

The sacraments of Christian Initiation give to all Christ's disciples a common vocation: the vocation to holiness and to evangelization, which is the mission of bringing the Good News to the world. 1533

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**Baptism** is the sacrament by which we begin our life in the Church. We are reborn of water and the Spirit and share in the life of the risen Lord. Baptism frees us from original sin and takes away all personal sins. 1213, 1267, 1263, 1265, 1272, 1279

### CHRISTIAN LIVING

Each day we are called to live our Baptismal promises by expressing our love for God and each other through word and action. 1254, 1266, 1691, 2044

By Baptism we become members of a Church community committed to:
- sharing the good news of Jesus with those who do not yet believe in him, 831, 848-52, 863
- helping all to holiness in Christ, Galatians 3:27
- fostering respect for the dignity of each and every person, Matthew 28:19
- building a peaceful society, 1879, 1906-09, 2304
- providing a just share of the earth's resources for all. We have an obligation to do what we can, at our age level, to further this commitment. 2219, 2227, 2207-08

### SACRED SCRIPTURE

**Baptism**
- John 3:5
- Matthew 28:19
- Galatians 3:27

### PRAYER AND WORSHIP

A bishop, priest or deacon is the ordinary minister of Baptism. In an emergency, anyone can and should baptize. 1256

The essential rite of Baptism is:
- the immersing in water or pouring water on the candidate's head, while pronouncing the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." 1239-40, 1278

Significant symbols in the sacrament of Baptism are:
- anointing before baptism (oil of catechumens), Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4
- immersing in or pouring of water, Acts of the Apostles 19:5-6
- clothing with a white garment, Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4
- giving a lighted candle, Acts of the Apostles 19:5-6
- anointing after baptism (sacred chrism), 1238, 1237, 1243

### Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament by which we receive in a special way the Holy Spirit who empowers us to grow in faith, obliging us to be Jesus' witnesses. 1285

Confirmation enables us courageously to witness to Jesus by what we say and what we do. 1303-05, 1293-96

We are to learn and to do all we can to foster unity, justice, charity and peace, bringing about God's Kingdom. 1709, 2045-46

We in the Church must do what we can to help all men and women of good will in their efforts to change evil social structures. 1869, 1928, 1926

The bishop is the original and usual minister of Confirmation. Under certain circumstances a priest may confirm. 1312-14

The essential rite of Confirmation is:
- the anointing with chrism, oil blessed by the bishop on Holy Thursday,
- the laying on of hands,
- the words the bishop says: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." 1300

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The Eucharist is the sacrament in which the Lord Jesus himself, by the power of his word and Spirit, is present under the appearances of bread and wine, offered and received. By this sacrament, the Church lives and grows. 1323, 1357-58, 1392

At the Eucharistic celebration we gather in community to praise and thank the Father, to receive God's Word, and to celebrate Jesus' Paschal Mystery, that is, the mystery of his suffering, death and resurrection. Jesus feeds us with his Body and Blood making us one with him and with each other. 1348-49, 1104, 1382, 1391, 1396

The change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus is called "transubstantiation." 1376, 1374-75

Through the Sacraments of Healing, we are strengthened as members of the Church. 1421

Penance is the sacrament by which we receive God's merciful forgiveness for our personal sins and are reconciled with God, the Christian community, and ourselves. 1422, 1440, 1469

A priest forgives sin in God's name. 1441, 1449, 1481

### CHRISTIAN LIVING

As Catholics we have the privilege and serious obligation to come together to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and holy days of obligation. 2180, 2042-43, 2181-82

In addition we are encouraged to participate in the Eucharistic celebration on other occasions. 1389 One way we bring the meaning of the Mass in to our daily lives is by striving to live in peace with one another. 2305, 1394, 1397-98

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**Penance**

- John 20:22-23
- Luke 5:17-26
- The prodigal son
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**The Eucharist**

- Luke 22:14-20
- John 6:51

### PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- Explain the parts of the Eucharistic Celebration. 1348-55
- Introduce the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). 2177
- Have the children memorize the Holy Days of Obligation and explain the meaning of each one:
  - Mary, Mother of God: January 1,
  - Ascension Thursday: 40 days after Easter,
  - Assumption of Mary: August 15,
  - All Saints: November 1,
  - Immaculate Conception: December 8,
  - Christmas: December 25.
  2043, 2177 with footnote 111, 2185, 2187-88, 2192, 2193

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<td>When one refuses to share in a loving relationship with God and others, such a choice is selfish and sinful. 1849, 1871</td>
<td>Sin has both personal and communal aspects. Some results of sin in our society are: - war, - prejudice, - poverty, - homelessness, - crime and violence, - exploitation of others economically or sexually, - substance abuse. 1868-69</td>
<td>During Advent and Lent especially, arrange opportunities for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance. 1438</td>
<td>Review the preparation for the Sacrament of Penance. 1450, 1454</td>
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<td>The Anointing of the Sick is the Sacrament in which the priest anoints with oil the seriously ill or aged so that through the power of Jesus they may be forgiven their sins, comforted in their suffering, and restored to health in spirit and sometimes in body as well. 1499-1501, 1514</td>
<td>Anointing of the Sick 1516 James 5:14-15 Jesus' compassion Matthew 14:14 Luke 7:11-15</td>
<td>A priest is the minister of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. 1516</td>
<td>The principal elements of the Anointing of the Sick are: - the imposition of hands, - the anointing of the forehead and the hands with oil. 1519, 1531</td>
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<td>We are responsible to take care of our own health and to be concerned for the health of others. However, we should recognize that sickness and suffering are a part of life here on earth. 2288, 1500-01, 1508</td>
<td>It is our duty to care for the sick and suffering through prayer, visits and service. 2276, 2447-48</td>
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<td>We are called to love and serve God. 1721, 1728</td>
<td>Individual Christians respond to this call or &quot;vocation&quot;: - in the single life, - in the married life, - in the religious life, - in the ordained ministry. 1658, 1533-34, 916, 1546-47</td>
<td>Encourage the children to pray for openness to God's calling in their lives. 1578, 1602, 1620, 2013, 2070, 1822-29</td>
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| The Sacraments at the Service of Communion (that is, the community of the Church) are Matrimony and Holy Orders. They confer a particular mission, directed toward others. They are sacraments of service. 1534-35 | We must try to make our lives in our homes lives of peace, caring and love. 1657, 2205-06, 2217, 2224 | Matrimony  
Matthew 19:5-6  
Ephesians 5:25-32 | The man and the woman are themselves the ministers of the Sacrament of Matrimony.1626-27, 1623 | Chapter: 3 24 |
| Matrimony is the sacrament by which a baptized man and a baptized woman are united as husband and wife and freely enter into a permanent, loving and life-giving covenant of fidelity to each other. 1638-39 | As individuals and as members of the Christian community, we support married couples by rejoicing in their happiness, assisting them in their needs, and praying for them always. 2204, 2207-09, 1648 | Ordination  
2 Timothy 1:6  
Acts of the Apostles 6:1-6 | The bishop is the minister of Holy Orders. 1576 | Chapter: 24 |
| Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time. It is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: deacon, priest, bishop (diaconate, presbyterate, and episcopate). 1536, 1548-49, 1551-52, 1554, 1593 | By Holy Orders, bishops and priests share what is called the ministerial priesthood. Deacons are ordained to help the bishops and priests. 1554, 1547, 1594-95, 1554, 1596 | The essential rite of the Sacrament of Holy Orders is:  
- the laying on of hands,  
- the prayer of consecration. 1573 | The essential element of Matrimony is the public exchange of consent between the man and the woman to be faithful to each other as husband and wife for life. 1626 | Chapters: 3 4 11 17 18 25 |
|                                                                              | By Baptism, we all share in the priesthood of the faithful in which Jesus calls us to worship God, to spread the Good News and to lead lives of service. 784, 1268, 1546-47 |                                                                              |                                                                                  |                                  |
|                                                                              | The ministerial priesthood serves the common priesthood of all the faithful. 1547, 1120, 1591-92 |                                                                              |                                                                                  |                                  |
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* GLORIA
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
# BASIC TEACHINGS FOR GRADE 6: WE BELIEVE

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<td>Sacred Scripture, also called the Bible, is the written Revelation of God. It is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament. 81, 105-08, 120</td>
<td>Sacred Scripture is an important guide for living as Christians. It should be a regular source for study and prayer in order to grow in the understanding of ourselves and of God's loving will for us. 94-95, 111-14, 131-33</td>
<td>The Word of God for today 2 Timothy 3:15-17</td>
<td>Provide opportunities for prayer based on Sacred Scripture. 2653-54, 1101 Prayer Services are provided at the beginning of each chapter.</td>
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| The Church encourages our prayerful study of Sacred Scripture so that we can:  
- learn about God,  
- develop a loving relationship with God,  
- hear God's message of love and forgiveness,  
- live the way God desires us to live. 131-33 | | Prepare the children to be lectors at children's liturgies and class prayer services. 1143-44, 1100 As prayer services are provided at the beginning of each chapter, students are ministering to their classmates as lectors. | Chapters: 25 28 |
| The Word of God in Sacred Scripture is proclaimed at Mass for our spiritual nourishment. This is called the Liturgy of the Word. 1349, 1100-02 | Sacred Scripture is the inspired Word of God. Inspiration means that the authors were guided by God in their writing. 105-06 | One way that the Catholic Christian community gains deeper understanding of revelation is through documents of the Councils, encyclicals of the Popes and pastoral letters of the bishops. 85-86, 66 | | Chapters: 1 |
| These authors used many different literary forms to convey God's message. Some of these are historical accounts, parables, poetry, letters, allegories and proverbs. 109-10 | | | | Chapters: |

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### The Old Testament begins with the Book of Genesis. Some important stories in this book are:

- **the story of creation**, which emphasizes that from nothing God made all things good, to reveal God's goodness and to form a single web of life. The story of creation also shows that man and woman were formed in God's image and likeness. 54, 296, 340, 344, 299, 289, 355
- **the story of the fall of Adam and Eve**, which conveys the truth of our sinfulness and recounts God's promise of redemption. 55, 70, 408, 410
- **the story of Noah and the flood**, which illustrates the destructiveness of sin and God's determination to save us. 56, 71

### We appreciate and respect all of God's visible creation. We recognize the goodness of every living creature, and we respect the integrity of the whole of creation. We treat each human life as sacred because human beings are created to share by knowledge and love in God's own life. 2415, 299, 339, 294, 2258, 356

### We are to use our gift of free will to make choices which are good. Jesus offers us his Spirit who assists us in making these choices. 1733-34, 2008, 1741, 1730-32

### We experience the destructiveness of sin in our own lives and in the world through the many manifestations of violence, injustice and evil which deprive people of their rights and dignity, and bring about ecological disasters. 184951, 1865, 1868-69

### The Old Testament is the account of God's saving actions in the history of the Jewish people whom God chose as his own. 218

### The Christian people regard the Jewish people of the Old Testament as our ancestors in faith. We also have a unique relationship with the Jewish people of today because of our common spiritual heritage. 145-46, 60-61, 839, 123

### Pray with the children the Canticle of Zechariah which the Church prays every day at Morning Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours. Explain that this prayer shows how the Christian Church reverently recalls each morning the promises that were made by God to the Chosen People and fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. 1174, 523

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<td>Some major figures in the development of God's relationship with the Chosen People are:</td>
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<td>God made a Covenant with the Chosen People. The covenant relationship meant that God would be with them, making them his own. The Chosen People were to respond by following the way of life to which God called them. 59-60, 1961, 2060-62</td>
<td>The Covenant Ezekiel 37:26-28 Moses and the Exodus Exodus 3:1-6</td>
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<td>The central saving event of the Old Testament is the Exodus. It was by the Exodus that God revealed to the Israelites that they were his Chosen People and he was their God. 62, 2084, 203, 207, 2057</td>
<td>God's presence continues to save us from the sinfulness in our lives. 1846, 430, 734-35</td>
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<td>God spoke to the people through judges and kings, priests and prophets, sages and poets. 62-64</td>
<td>Our society needs good leaders to do the works of justice and charity. We therefore have an obligation to develop our leadership qualities. 1917, 1884</td>
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Prophets are people who hear God's call in their historical situation, proclaim God's Word with power from God, often in the face of opposition, and call people to conversion. 64, 218, 61.

Some of the prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah. 711-13

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**CHRISTIAN LIVING**

In the situations of our societal and personal lives, we need to listen to God's Word spoken by the prophets. This Word calls us to act with justice and charity even when it is difficult to do so. 37-38, 65, 1808, 1810-11, 1102

The New Testament provides an account of the saving actions of Jesus Christ, his life, death and resurrection. 124-25

Jesus fulfills the Old Covenant by making a New Covenant with us. 1093-94

He fulfills the Old Testament roles of priest, prophet and king. 1093-94, 783

The Church is a sign of God's presence in the world today through the saving actions of Jesus. These are expressed both in the sacraments and in the faith and good works of the community, the Body of Christ. 763-64, 776

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**SACRED SCRIPTURE**

We should live with others as Jesus lived, in justice and with compassion. We reach out particularly to those in need, such as the aged, persons with disabilities, the poor, the homeless, the lonely. 1823, 544, 1932

The hope fulfilled Luke 4:16-21


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**PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

Highlight the Sunday scriptural readings that challenge us to proclaim God's message. 1100-02

Dramatize a story which shows Jesus' compassion.

Explain that in infant baptism, the children are anointed on the crown of the head as a sign that they are in Christ's identity as priest, prophet and king. 1241

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The Church is identified by four marks:
- one - because the Church has one source: the Trinity, one founder: Christ, and one 'soul': the Holy Spirit, 813
- holy - because in union with Christ, the Church offers its members sanctification, 823-27
- catholic - because Christ is present in the Church, and the Church is for all peoples of the world,
- apostolic - because the Church is founded on the apostles in three ways:
  1. by remaining in communion with the apostles and sharing the mission given to them by Christ,
  2. by keeping and handing on the apostles' teaching with the help of the Holy Spirit, and
  3. by being taught, sanctified and guided by the successors to the apostles: the bishops, assisted by the priests, and in union with the Pope.

Besides the Laws of God, we obey the precepts of the Church which require us to:
- assist at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation,
- confess at least once a year if we have committed serious sin,
- receive Holy Communion during Easter time,
- keep holy the holy days of obligation, as we keep holy Sunday,
- fast and abstain on the days appointed.

Catholics also have a duty to contribute toward the material needs of the Church, according to their abilities. 2041-43, 1457

We understand ourselves to be Catholic Christians. 837

As Catholics we respect other religions and pray for the reunion of Christian Churches throughout the world (ecumenism). 839-43, 838

At the end of time, the Kingdom of God will come in all its fullness. 1042-44, 671, 677, 680, 2816, 1060

In a world threatened by nuclear destruction and the weakening of the moral fabric of society, faith in God's promise of the Kingdom offers us hope and peace. 2314, 2317, 1950, 2817-19, 1041, 1048-50

The new heavens and the new earth Revelation 21:1-5

Introduce the children to the celebration of the Church Unity Week. 820, 822

Explain the season of Advent as a time to focus on our waiting for the Kingdom of God to come in its fullness.

Encourage the children to pray an Act of Hope frequently. 1817-19, 2090, 2657
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