



The first-grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series, *God Is Good*, is designed to provide a simple overview of the mysteries of our faith. Through learning of the goodness of God, and the love of Jesus, the children respond to God in friendship and prayer.

Unit	Chapter	Theme	Scripture	CCC References
1 God Is Our Good Father The children will more deeply realize the great love God has for them. They will desire to pray to God.	1. Jesus Is Our Friend	Jesus, our Savior, invites us to be his friends.	Mark 10:13–16; John 15:14; Matthew 28:20; Luke 18:16	425, 617–618, 2157
	2. God Is Good	God made the world good.	Genesis 1:1–2:4; Genesis 2:4–25	282, 289–293, 299, 307, 2415
	3. God Is Our Father	God loves, cares for, and forgives us like a good father.	Genesis 1:26–27; Matthew 6:25–34	302–303, 355–357, 2793
	4. God Our Father Is Holy	We worship God in church by words and actions.	Exodus 3:1–3; Exodus 33:7–23, 34:6–9	1180–1186, 2691, 2809, 2811
	5. God Shares His Life with Us	Through Baptism, we become children of God and Christians.	Psalm 63:2; John 8:12	1213, 1217–1222, 1234–1243
	6. God Speaks to Us	God speaks to us in silence, in the Bible, and through helpers.	1 Kings 19:9–13; Mark 9:37	105–107, 1880, 2717
	7. We Pray to God Our Father	We listen and talk to God in many ways every day.	1 Samuel 3; Jeremiah 29:12	2559, 2628–2629, 2637, 2639, 2698
	8. Jesus Teaches Us to Pray to Our Father	God's family prays the Our Father that Jesus taught us.	Matthew 6:9–13; Luke 11:1–4	2759, 2761, 2765–2766
2 God Sent His Son as Our Savior The children will know the story of the Fall and the story of God's fulfillment of the promise of a Savior.	9. God Promised a Savior	After Adam and Eve sinned, God promised a Savior so that we could be happy with God forever in heaven.	Genesis 1,2; Genesis 3	218, 396–400, 839, 1731
	10. God Chose Mary and Joseph	Mary consented to be the Mother of the Savior.	Luke 1:26–38; Luke 1:39–56; Matthew 1:18–25	488, 494–495, 532, 534, 2220
	11. Jesus Our Savior Was Born in Bethlehem	On Christmas, we celebrate that Jesus came to save all people.	Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 2:1–7; Matthew 2:1–12; Luke 2:8–20; John 3:16	461, 525–526, 528, 826, 1889
	12. Families Share Life and Love	The Holy Family shows us how to live in our own family and in our parish.	Luke 2:22–38; Luke 2:39–40; Luke 2:51–52	531–533, 1140–1141, 1154
3 Jesus Shows Us He Is Good The children will understand how to live the two great laws of love. They will be inspired to go to Jesus the Good Shepherd for forgiveness when they have done wrong.	13. Jesus Calls Apostles	Jesus invites everyone to help him.	Matthew 8:23–27; Mark 1:16–20, 2:13–14; John 1:35–51; Luke 4:16–22	541, 547–548, 849–856, 934
	14. Jesus Shows God's Love	Jesus, who healed and forgave people, asks us to show his love today.	Mark 1:40–43; Mark 2:1–12; Mark 5:21–24, 35–43	1503–1509
	15. Jesus Teaches Us to Love God	The greatest commandment is to love God.	Mark 12:28–30; John 15:9	1695, 1803, 2055
	16. Jesus Teaches Us to Love Others	We love others by helping those in need.	Mark 12:28–31; Mark 12:41–44; Luke 10:29–37; John 13:34–35	1931, 1932, 1937
	17. Jesus Calls Himself the Good Shepherd	Jesus forgives us when we are sorry.	Psalm 23; Luke 15:1–7; John 10:1–21	1443, 1451–1453, 1490
	18. We Come to Our Good Shepherd	The Church comes together to ask forgiveness.	Matthew 18:10–14; 1 Peter 2:24–25	1425–1428, 1454, 1468–1469
4 Jesus Shows His Great Love The children will be familiar with the Paschal Mystery. They will be determined to live as loving, active members of the Church.	19. Jesus Gives the Gift of Himself	Jesus offered himself for us at the Last Supper and on the cross.	Mark 11:1–11; Matthew 26:26–29; Luke 22:14–20; Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19	559–560, 610–611, 613–614, 616–617
	20. Jesus Is Risen	Jesus rose from the dead, and so we will also rise.	John 20; Luke 24:13–35	638, 641, 644, 1443–1444, 1468
	21. Jesus Sends Us the Spirit	The Holy Spirit came to the Church on Pentecost to guide and strengthen us.	Matthew 28:16–20; Acts of the Apostles 1:6–12; Acts of the Apostles 1:13–2:47	659, 731–732, 1266, 1813, 2623
	22. Jesus Is with Us in His Church	The Holy Spirit guides and cares for the Church through its leaders.	John 21:1–19	818, 836–838, 880–882, 1267–1270
	23. Mary Is the Mother of the Church	We honor and imitate Mary, God's Mother and ours.	Luke 1:26–38; John 19:25–27	966–967, 971–972
	24. The Holy Spirit Helps the Church	We share the Good News in the Gospels by our lives.	Matthew 5:14–16; Mark 16:14–20; Acts of the Apostles 2	84, 125–127, 849–856
	25. We Give Glory to God	The Holy Spirit helps us give glory to God in words and deeds.	Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12–17	293–294, 422–424, 460, 736, 2641

The children should

- become aware of God’s presence and goodness in their lives, in others, in the world, and in his Church.
- respond to God’s goodness by loving him and others.

Prayer in this grade

- Sign of the Cross
- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Morning Offering
- Glory Be to the Father
- Stations of the Cross
- To the Guardian Angel

Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People*
Family and Community	Christ, Jesus	
God’s Creation	Creation, Creator	
Life and Dignity, Solidarity, The Poor and Vulnerable		
Moses		
God’s Creation, Family and Community	Baptism, Christian, Church	Saint Julie Billiart
	Bible	Elijah
The Poor and Vulnerable	prayer	Samuel
Solidarity		
Family and Community, God’s Creation	grace, heaven, Savior	Adam and Eve
Work and Workers	angel, Joseph, Mary	Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph
The Poor and Vulnerable	Christmas	
Family and Community	Holy Family, Mass, parish	
Solidarity, Work and Workers	apostle	Saint Frances Cabrini
The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity		
Solidarity		
Solidarity	Easter, Eucharist, Resurrection	Saint Francis of Assisi
	Holy Spirit	
Family and Community, Solidarity	Catholic, pope	Saint Peter
The Poor and Vulnerable		Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
	Gospel	Saint Martin of Tours; Mary Elizabeth Lange, OSP
Family and Community		* information on more than 15 additional saints can be found in Saints and Feasts Days, pages T375–T380.



The second-grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series, *God Cares for Us*, is designed to prepare the children for their first celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Unit	Chapter	Theme	Scripture	CCC References
1 God Gives Us Life and Love The children will come to appreciate everything and everyone as a gift from God.	1. God Is the Giver of Gifts	We were made like God and given many gifts.	Psalm 139:14	299, 301, 355–358, 422
	2. Jesus Is God's Best Gift	God sent Jesus to die and rise in order to give us new life.	John 12:23–24; John 15:5–7	457, 615–618, 2157
	3. Jesus Lives in His Church	Through Baptism, we become members of the Church and share in God's life.	Ephesians 2:19–22; 1 John 3:1	551–552, 882, 1213, 1234–1243
	4. God Speaks to Us	Baptism is the beginning of a new way of life of service to others.	Mark 7:31–37	102–105, 1503–1504
2 Jesus Calls Us to Give Ourselves in Love The children will desire to follow Jesus' laws of love.	5. Jesus Shows Us How to Love God Our Father	When we obey God's commandments and love God with all our hearts, we are happy.	Psalm 139:1–5; Mark 12:30; John 15:10–11	1166, 2143–2144, 2173, 2599, 2765
	6. Jesus Shows Us How to Love Others	When we love others as Jesus did, we show our love for God.	Matthew 25:34–40; Mark 12:30–31; Luke 2:42–52	531, 534, 678, 1823–1827
	7. We Give Love to Others	We show love when we are kind, respectful, honest, and truthful.	Matthew 25:44–45; 1 John 4:16	2318–2319, 2401, 2415, 2464
	8. Jesus Calls Us to Live in Love	When we love God, we follow Jesus and share his love with others.	Matthew 9:9; John 15:9–11	1430, 2052–2055
3 Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Peace The children will be grateful for God's loving mercy in giving us the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). They will know how to celebrate this sacrament and express a desire to do so.	9. Our Friend Jesus Forgives Us	Jesus is a good friend who forgives us as he forgave Zacchaeus.	Luke 15:1–7; Luke 18:10–14; Luke 19:1–10; John 15:14, 16	1422, 1432, 1441–1442, 1446
	10. Jesus Leads Us to His Peace	After we have sinned, Jesus gives us peace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.	Luke 7:36–50; John 20:19–23	1423–1424, 1443, 1468, 1486
	11. The Holy Spirit Helps Us	The Holy Spirit helps us examine our consciences and become better people.	John 14:16, 26; 1 John 4:12–13	1431–1433, 1454, 1695
	12. We Meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Jesus forgives us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we confess our sins.	Mark 2:1–12; John 20:19–23	1450–1451, 1454–1460
	13. We Become Better Persons	Through sorrow for sin and penance, we become better friends of Jesus.	Psalm 51:1–14; Luke 19:1–10	1459–1460, 1465, 1491
	14. Jesus Calls Us His Friends	God's love brings us healing and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.	Luke 10:38–42	1485, 1489–1490, 1496
4 Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Himself The children will be familiar with the parts of the Mass and be able to join in. They will be prepared to receive their First Communion.	15. Jesus Promised the Gift of Himself	Jesus gives himself to us under the forms of bread and wine.	John 6:1–15; John 6:35–38	1335–1336, 1359–1361
	16. We Celebrate God's Love	At the Eucharist, we offer Jesus and ourselves to the Father.	Exodus 1–14; Luke 22:14–20; John 13:1–15	901, 1164, 1337–1341, 1368
	17. Jesus Invites Us	At Mass, God's family gathers to worship and give thanks.	Luke 22:14–20	1348
	18. We Listen and Pray	God speaks to us in the Mass readings, and we respond with a prayer of faith and prayers of petition.	Matthew 25:35–40; Luke 11:28	185–187, 195, 1100–1103, 1154–1155, 1349
	19. We Prepare Our Gifts	At the Eucharist, we offer ourselves to God and give praise and thanks.	1 Corinthians 12:7–11; James 3:14–17	1333–1334, 1350–1352, 1357
	20. Jesus Offers Himself	At the words of the priest, bread and wine become Jesus, who offers himself to the Father.	John 19:1–23	1106, 1353–1354, 1361, 1375
	21. We Receive the Bread of Life	Jesus comes to us in Communion and unites us with himself and with one another.	Matthew 8:5–13; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17	1355, 1384–1388
	22. We Share God's Love with Others	We live the Mass by loving and serving the Lord and one another.	Mark 16:15	1391, 1394–1397, 1416
5 The Church Celebrates God's Care The children will appreciate the roles of different members united in the Body of Christ, the Church.	23. We Are One in the Church	We who are united in the Body of Christ, the Church, try to bring others to Jesus.	John 10:14–16	771, 782, 789, 795, 813
	24. Mary, Mother of the Church, Cares for Us	We love and imitate Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother.	John 2:1–11; John 19:25–27	721–726, 963, 2617–2619
	25. The Church Celebrates God's Love	The Church's mission in the world is to show Christ's love to all.	Ephesians 4:5, 11–16	772–776

The children should

- come to realize God’s loving care for them, especially through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.
- respond to God’s call to give themselves in loving service to him and to others.

Prayer in this grade

- Act of Faith, Hope, Love (short form)
- Act of Contrition
- Come, Holy Spirit (short form)
- Morning Offering
- Meal Prayers
- Consecration to Mary

Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People*
Life and Dignity, God’s Creation	Trinity	
Solidarity	disciple	
Family and Community, Solidarity	bishop, Confirmation, faith, original sin, priest, sacrament	Saint Pope Pius X
Solidarity	New Testament, Old Testament, saint	Saint John Bosco
	commandments, Lord’s Day, Ten Commandments	Moses
The Poor and Vulnerable	Great Commandment	Tabitha (Dorcas)
The Poor and Vulnerable		Saint Catherine of Sienna
Solidarity		Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
Family and Community		Zacchaeus
	reconciliation, Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, sin, temptation	
Solidarity		Saint Francis of Assisi
	confession, penance	
	absolution, contrition	King David, Zacchaeus
		Mary and Martha
The Poor and Vulnerable	Holy Communion, miracle	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton
Family and Community	Last Supper, Passover, sacrifice	Saint Tarsicius
	altar	
	ambo	
	Body and Blood of Christ	
	holy	the Roman soldier
The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity	Blessed Sacrament, tabernacle	Saint Martin de Porres
Solidarity	deacon	Saint: John Bosco, Pope Pius X
		Mary, Saint John Bosco
		* Information on more than 15 additional saints can be found in Saints and Feast Days, beginning on pages T325–T330.



The third-grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series, *We Believe*, presents the main truths Catholics believe and express in the Apostles' Creed.

Unit	Chapter	Theme	Scripture	CCC References
1 God Calls Us to Faith The children will realize they are called to be one of God's holy people. They will desire to live like Jesus.	1. God Calls Us	We are called to believe in God and to do what God asks.	Genesis 12—21; The Book of Ruth	144–146, 2156–2159, 2653
	2. God Gives Us Gifts	We each have unique gifts to praise God and serve others.	1 Samuel 16:1–13; 1 Samuel 17:4–52; Matthew 25:14–29	1936–1937
	3. We Are God's Holy People	God calls us to be holy—to know, love, and serve him.	John 14:7–11; Acts 2:42–47; 1 Peter 1:15–16	823–825, 2013
	4. God Called Mary	Mary said yes to God.	Luke 1:26–38; John 19:26–27	484, 494, 971
	5. Jesus Calls Us to Follow	Jesus called the apostles, the disciples, and us to carry on his work.	Mark 1:16–20; Luke 10:1–2; Acts of the Apostles 9:1–19	858–859, 873, 1506
2 God Is Great and Good The children will understand some of the characteristics of God. The children will respond to God with love and respect and desire to be with God.	6. We Believe in God	God our Creator saved the Israelites from slavery to bring them to the Promised Land. Through his Son, Jesus, God saved the world from sin to bring us to himself.	Genesis 12:7, 15:13–16; Exodus 3—15; Exodus 12:11–13	62, 193–195, 253–255, 1023–1029
	7. God Is Powerful and Loving	God showed power and love by sending manna and giving the Law.	Exodus 10—15:21; Exodus 16:1–35; Exodus 19—24; Psalm 136, John 6:51	218–221, 1334, 2060–2061
	8. God Is Holy and Great	Our holy God is everywhere, especially with us, and knows all things.	Exodus 3:1–6; Psalm 139:1–12; 1 Kings 18:16–39	27, 205–209, 300, 2143–2144
	9. God Is Just and Merciful	Our just and merciful God forgives us and asks us to show justice and mercy.	Psalm 103; Luke 15:8–10; Luke 16:19–31; John 10:1–18	210–211, 218–219, 1465
3 God's Plan Is a Plan of Love The children will appreciate God's plan that enables us to belong to the kingdom. They will be familiar with some of Jesus' parables and miracles and their meanings.	10. God Created People to Share His Life	After the first people disobeyed, God continued to offer his life and love to us through Jesus.	Genesis 3; Psalm 8	356, 374–375, 404–407, 410, 1996–1999
	11. God Sent His Son Jesus to Live Among Us	Jesus, the Light of the World, leads us to God.	Luke 2:1–14; Luke 2:15–20; Luke 2:22–38; John 8:12	48, 422–423, 529, 854, 2199
	12. Jesus Revealed the Kingdom of God	Through miracles and parables, Jesus taught us about the Kingdom of God, which we are called to belong to and spread.	Matthew 3:13–17; Matthew 4:1–11; Matthew 13:45–46; Mark 4:30–32	535–536, 538–540, 546
	13. Jesus Came to Give Life	Jesus cured people and brought them back to life as a sign of the new life he brings us.	Mark 1:40–45; Luke 7:11–16; Luke 8:40–56; Luke 18:35–43	547–549, 2609, 2616
	14. God's Kingdom Is a Kingdom of Love	Jesus taught us to love one another.	Matthew 5—7	1723–1724, 1889, 2608
4 Jesus Brings Us to the Kingdom of God The children will deepen their understanding of Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection. They will appreciate being members of the Church and will try to be good members.	15. Jesus Suffered and Died for Us	Jesus makes a New Covenant and offers himself to save us.	Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19; Mark 11:1–11; Mark 14:22–26; Mark 14:32–42; Mark 14:43–46; Luke 19:41–44	559–560, 610–612, 616, 2742
	16. Jesus Is Risen	We believe that Jesus rose from the dead and will bring us to life everlasting.	John 20:19–23; Romans 6:9; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Revelation 21:3–4	638, 651–655, 1010–1013, 2304
	17. Jesus Christ Is Lord and King	Jesus ascended to heaven and will come again in glory to judge the world by its love.	Psalm 47; Matthew 25:31–46; Matthew 28:16–20; Luke 24:50; Acts of the Apostles 1:4–8; Acts of the Apostles 3:1–10	659, 671, 678, 1038, 2447–2449
	18. Jesus Gives His Spirit to the Church	The Holy Spirit helps us live and work as members of the kingdom.	John 15:26–27; 16:7–14; Acts of the Apostles 2:1–4	683, 721–726, 731, 1266
	19. We Belong to the Kingdom	The members of the Communion of Saints are one in Christ. They honor Mary, his Mother, as queen of heaven and earth.	Acts of the Apostles 1:12–14; 1 Corinthians 13:4–8	954–959, 966, 969
5 Jesus Is with Us on Our Way The children will learn how Jesus helps us be holy through the sacraments. They will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the Eucharist with greater understanding.	20. God Shares the Wondrous Life of Grace	Even after sin, God shares divine life with us through the sacraments.	Genesis 3:1–19; John 3:1–21; 1 Corinthians 2:9	27, 404–405, 1024, 1257, 1266, 2566
	21. The Holy Spirit Lives Within Us	The Holy Spirit within us helps us to follow Jesus by doing good and avoiding evil.	Mark 10:17–21; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:16–26	562, 2003, 2846–2849
	22. God Blesses Contrite Hearts	God forgives us when we are sorry for our sins.	Luke 7:36–50; Luke 15:4–7; Luke 18:10–14; Luke 19:1–10; Luke 22:31–62	588–589, 1429, 1439, 1484
	23. God Forgives Us	We are reconciled to God and the Church in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.	Luke 15:11–24	1448–1449, 1468–1469
	24. God's Family Celebrates the Eucharist	Jesus is present in our celebration of the Eucharist and speaks to us in the Liturgy of the Word.	Matthew 7:12; Matthew 7:21; Matthew 7:24–27; Matthew 13:33; Luke 6:43–45	610, 1323, 1337–1340, 1349
	25. The Eucharist Is a Gift	At Mass, we celebrate Jesus' offering of himself to the Father and receive him in the Eucharist.	John 17:18–23; 1 Corinthians 10:17	1350, 1362–1368, 1396

The children should

- grow in the power to make decisions in the light of God’s Revelation and the redemptive acts of Jesus.
- come to a knowledge and an appreciation of the mysteries of their faith expressed in the Apostles’ Creed.

Prayer in this grade

- Act of Faith, Hope, Love (short form)
- Come, Holy Spirit (short form)
- Apostles’ Creed
- Act of Contrition
- Morning Offering
- Prayer to St. Michael
- Rosary

Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People*
Family and Community, Solidarity		Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Naomi
Work and Workers	psalm	David
God’s Creation, The Poor and Vulnerable		Saint: Francis of Assisi, Clare of Assisi
	Annunciation, Rosary, sacramental	Our Lady of Fatima
Family and Community	synagogue	Paul, Peter, Andrew, James, John
God’s Creation, Solidarity	Apostles’ Creed, creed, Hebrews, Israelites, mystery	Moses
Rights and Responsibilities, Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable, God’s Creation	Covenant, worship	
Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities	Yahweh	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
The Poor and Vulnerable	justice	Saint: Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac
Life and Dignity	charity, Redeemer, devil, Scriptures, hope	Adam and Eve
Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable	Incarnation	Simeon and Anna
The Poor and Vulnerable, Work and Workers	Kingdom of God, Revelation, Messiah, Satan, mission, Son of God, parable	John the Baptist
Life and Dignity		
Solidarity		
	Sacrifice of the Mass	
Solidarity		
The Poor and Vulnerable	Ascension, Paschal Mystery, witness	
	Abba, Lord, Pentecost	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Solidarity	Assumption, Communion of Saints, purgatory	Mary, Queen of Heaven; Our Lady of Guadalupe
Life and Dignity		Nicodemus
	personal sin	Saint Dominic Savio
	conscience, examination of conscience	
	benediction, blessing, epistle, homily, Lectionary, Liturgy of the Word	
Family and Community	Liturgy of the Eucharist	* Information on more than 20 additional saints can be found in Saints and Feast Days, pages T362–T368.



The fourth-grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series, *God Guides Us*, focuses on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as guides for living.

Unit	Chapter	Theme	Scripture	CCC References
1 We Come to Know God The children will learn that God is revealed in creation, Sacred Scripture, the Church, and his Son.	1. God Reveals Himself to Us Through His Son	God reveals himself in many ways but especially through his Son, Jesus.	Psalms 104; John 20:24–29	65, 150–152, 293–294, 457–458
	2. God Speaks to Us in Scripture	God reveals his love in the Old and New Testaments.	Psalms 50:15; Wisdom 15:1; Philippians 4:5; 1 John 4:16	102–104, 131–133
	3. God Speaks to Us Through the Church	The pope and bishops guide the Church in following Christ.	Matthew 16:13–19; John 21:1–17	552, 880–885
	4. God Offers Us Eternal Life	Knowing and loving God leads to eternal life.	Matthew 13:44; John 14:2–3	160–163, 871–873, 2611
2 God Strengthens Us to Be Holy The children will learn about their obligation as Christians to live like Jesus, loving God and others.	5. We Are Called to Follow Jesus	Jesus shows us how to love God and others.	Matthew 9:18–25; Mark 2:1–12	1882–1885, 1889, 2447
	6. Jesus Invites Us to Receive God's Mercy	God forgives us in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.	Matthew 18:23–35; John 8:3–11	1448–1449, 1451, 1456, 1459, 1468–1469
	7. We Worship God	We worship God by praying and through service, but especially through the Eucharist.	Exodus 20:24; Hosea 6:6	1366–1368, 2099–2100, 2659–2660
	8. God Gave Us Laws for Living	God gave us laws to be happy in this world and in the next.	Exodus 14, 19; Psalm 119:9–16	2055–2063, 2072
	9. We Honor Mary	Mary shows us how to follow Jesus.	Luke 1:26–28	148, 484–485, 488, 494
3 We Love God The children will know how to show love for God, as outlined in the first three commandments.	10. We Show Our Love for God	The First Commandment tells us to adore God alone and to pray.	Exodus 20:2–3; Exodus 20, 23, 34; Matthew 6:6	2096, 2629–2643, 946–948, 971
	11. We Love All That Is Holy	The Second Commandment tells us to respect God's name and all that is related to God.	Matthew 21:12–13; Philippians 2:9–10	1667–1670, 2142–2155
	12. We Keep the Lord's Day Holy	The Third Commandment tells us to celebrate the Eucharist, to rest, and to enjoy others' company in honor of God's day, Sunday.	Genesis 2:1–3; Exodus 20:8–10	2168–2188
	13. We Grow in Holiness	We must not only hear God's Word, but we must also live it.	Mark 4:3–9; Mark 4:14–20	102–103, 108, 131–133, 546
4 We Love God's People The children will know how the last seven commandments guide us to love our neighbors and ourselves. They will develop reverence for life and for the gifts of the earth.	14. We Honor and Obey	The Fourth Commandment tells us to respect our parents and other people in authority.	Exodus 20:12; Mark 12:13–17	2197–2200, 2215–2217, 2238–2240
	15. We Respect the Gift of Life	The Fifth Commandment tells us to care for ourselves and others because life is precious.	Exodus 20:13; Luke 10:25–37	2258, 2262, 2288, 2447
	16. We Are Faithful to Ourselves and Others	The Sixth and Ninth Commandments tell us to be true to ourselves and to others.	Exodus 20:14, 17; 1 Corinthians 6:18–20	1265, 2201–2203, 2334, 2335, 2347, 2518, 2519
	17. We Respect What God Has Given Us	The Seventh and Tenth Commandments tell us to respect others' things and to be generous and satisfied with what we have.	Exodus 20:15, 17; Luke 6:31	2401–2409, 2536–2540
	18. We Respect the Gifts of the Earth	We are to use the gifts of the earth carefully and share them.	Genesis 1:27–30; Luke 16:19–31	2402–2405, 2407, 2415, 2443–2444
	19. We Speak the Truth with Love	The Eighth Commandment tells us to speak the truth and to keep promises and secrets.	Exodus 20:16; 1 Corinthians 13:1–6	2464–2468, 2475–2492
	20. We Live God's Laws	We show our commitment to God and to others by following God's laws.	Psalm 119; Hebrews 10:16	2070–2074
5 Jesus Leads Us to Happiness The children will learn that Jesus gave us the Beatitudes as a guide to happiness both in this life and in the life to come.	21. Happy Are the Poor in Spirit	Jesus teaches us to share and to be satisfied with having what we need.	Psalm 119:2; Matthew 5:3–12	1716, 1724, 2544–2547
	22. God's Sorrowing and Meek People Receive a Special Promise	Jesus teaches us that the sorrowing will be comforted and the meek will inherit the earth.	Matthew 26:39; Luke 19:41–44	164, 1521, 1820, 2262
	23. God's People Long to Be Clean of Heart and Holy	Jesus teaches us to be clean of heart and to hunger and thirst for holiness.	Matthew 5:6; Matthew 5:8; John 4:31–34	1821, 2013, 2518–2519, 2543
	24. God's People Bring Mercy and Peace to Others	Jesus tells us to show mercy and to work for peace.	Matthew 5:7; Matthew 5:9; Luke 6:27–28	2304–2306, 2317, 2447
	25. God's People Are Happy	Followers of Jesus suffer for what is right.	Matthew 5:10; Luke 21:16, 17	1716–1719, 1808–1809

The children should

- grow in understanding and appreciation of God’s call to eternal life and his ever-present and loving guidance.
- choose to live the Commandments in the spirit of the Beatitudes.

Prayer in this grade

- Acts of Faith, Hope, Love, and Contrition
- Come, Holy Spirit (short form)
- Way of the Cross
- Angelus
- Queen of Heaven
- Morning Offering

Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People*
The Poor and Vulnerable		
	Hebrews, inspired, prophet	
Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity		Saint Peter
The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity		
	examination of conscience, mortal sin, venial sin	
Family and Community	adore	
The Poor and Vulnerable	moral law	
Family and Community		Mary
Family and Community, Solidarity	prayer of petition	
	Temple	
	Precepts of the Church, Sabbath	
Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities	obedience	
Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity		Saint Peter Claver
The Poor and Vulnerable	free will, moral choice	Dorothy Day
God’s Creation, The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity		
		Saint Thomas More
The Poor and Vulnerable	Beatitudes, Sermon on the Mount	Saint Francis of Assisi
Solidarity	salvation	Saint Francis de Sales
		Saint: Aloysius Gonzaga, Thérèse of Lisieux
Life and Dignity, The Poor and Vulnerable	Corporal Works of Mercy, Spiritual Works of Mercy	Saint: Francis Cabrini, Isaac Jogues
	martyrs	Saint Joan of Arc

* Information on more than 35 additional saints can be found in Saints and Feast Days, pages T337–T350.



The fifth-grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series, *We Worship*, focuses on the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the center of Christian life.

Unit	Chapter	Theme	Scripture	CCC References
1 We Worship God as Catholic Christians The children will come to a basic understanding and appreciation of Christian worship. They will become more familiar with the Sacraments of Initiation.	1. We Are a Worshipping People	We worship God through prayer, service, and sacrifices as Jesus did.	Deuteronomy 6:4–9; Psalm 95:1–6; Revelation 15:3–4	2095–2100, 2104
	2. Jesus Calls Us to Worship	We worship with Jesus by imitating his life of prayer, loving service, and sacrifice.	Mark 1:35–39; Mark 8:22–26	1174–1175, 1189, 1996–1997, 2009–2011
	3. Baptism Unites Us with the Christian Community	Baptism gives us a share in God's life and makes us members of the Church.	John 1:35–42; John 3:5	1212–1246, 1253–1258, 1265–1274
	4. Confirmation Is the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit	In Confirmation, we celebrate the Holy Spirit within us and renew our baptismal commitment to witness to Jesus.	Acts of the Apostles 1:6–8; Acts of the Apostles 2:1–41	1285–1289, 1293–1321
	5. The Eucharist Is the Center of Christian Life	In the Eucharist, Jesus offers himself to the Father and gives himself to us in the form of bread and wine.	Psalm 145; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26	1322–1323, 1333, 1337, 1346–1355, 1366–1368
	6. Unit 1 Review	We are called to worship through prayer and loving service.	Psalm 139:1–5; John 6:33,35,54–56	2105–2106
2 We Celebrate the Eucharist The children will be prepared for active participation in the Eucharist. They will become more familiar with the Mass.	7. We Come Together to Celebrate	The Eucharist, a thanksgiving celebration, begins with praise and a penitential rite.	Matthew 3:3; Matthew 5:23–24	1168–1173, 1345–1355, 1391, 1396
	8. We Listen to God's Word	In the Liturgy of the Word, God speaks to us and we respond.	Mark 1:32–34; Luke 11:28	1100–1102, 1346, 1349
	9. We Praise and Thank God	In the Eucharist, bread and wine become Jesus, and we offer ourselves with Jesus to the Father.	Psalm 116:12–13, 17; Luke 22:14–20	1356–1361
	10. We Receive Holy Communion	Jesus comes to us in Communion and unites us to himself and to one another.	Psalm 75:2	1328–1332, 1384–1389
	11. We Are Sent to Love and Serve	We go from Mass empowered and sent to bring the love of Jesus to the world.	Matthew 28:19–20; Luke 24:44–53; John 13:1–15	1391–1398
	12. Unit 2 Review	The Eucharist animates us in the Christian spirit to become witnesses to the world.	John 6:1–15; John 6:34–35	1341–1344
3 We Celebrate God's Healing Love The children will better understand God's reconciling love, incarnated in Jesus and continuing through his Church in the Sacraments of Healing.	13. God's Healing Love	Conscience helps us exercise our freedom to choose what is good.	Luke 5:17–26; 1 Peter 1:17–19	1778–1781, 1783–1785, 1849, 1854–1863
	14. Jesus Heals Us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Jesus forgives us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we are sorry for our sins.	Luke 19:1–10; John 20:22–23	1440–1442, 1446, 1448, 1450–1451, 1455, 1461
	15. A Gift of Strength	Through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Jesus can heal us in body and soul.	Isaiah 12:2; Mark 10:46–52; James 5:14–15	1499, 1505, 1511–1519, 1524
	16. Unit 3 Review	We celebrate God's love in the Sacraments of Healing.	Mark 5:21–43	1520–1523, 1532
4 We Follow Special Ways to Holiness The children will become aware that God calls all Christians to holiness through special ways of life.	17. God Calls Us to Be Holy	God calls us to holiness through different states of life.	1 Samuel 3:1–10; Matthew 19:29; Acts of the Apostles 9:1–12, 17–20; Philippians 3:12–14	914, 916, 940–943, 1658, 2013, 2015
	18. Christian Marriage Leads to Family Holiness	Through the Sacrament of Matrimony, couples help each other be holy and found a family.	Genesis 1:27–28	1604–1605, 1614, 1621–1632, 1641–1648, 1652, 1654
	19. Holy Orders Is a Sacrament of Service	Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, bishops, priests, and deacons are called to minister in the name of Christ and of the Church.	Mark 16:15	1536, 1547, 1551–1571, 1573–1579, 1581, 1582
	20. Unit 4 Review	God calls us to holiness through living out our vocations.	Psalm 25; Luke 1:26–38	825
5 We Worship God by Living in Love The children will better understand the Fifth through Tenth Commandments. They will grow in respect for self and others.	21. Life Is Precious	Life is a precious gift from God that must be cherished and protected.	Psalm 23; Luke 23:33–34; John 6:1–15	2258–2262, 2268–2291, 2306
	22. Christians Are Faithful in Love	God wants us to respect the gift of sex and wants married people to be faithful.	Matthew 5:8; 1 Corinthians 3:16	2337–2345, 2349, 2354, 2364–2365, 2380
	23. Christians Respect What Belongs to Others	Christians are obliged to promote justice by respecting the property of others and by sharing their own possessions.	Luke 12:16–21; Luke 16:19–31	2401–2412, 2415–2418, 2432–2434, 2443–2448
	24. Christians Speak the Truth with Love	Truth and kind words build up the Christian community.	1 Corinthians 3:9; 1 Corinthians 13:4–6; Ephesians 4:32	2464, 2467–2470, 2475–2487, 2538–2540
	25. Unit 5 Review	Christians are called to show love and respect to all.	Matthew 25:31–46; John 13:35	1039, 2447

The children should • grow in their appreciation of the Church as a worshipping community, and of Christ’s action among us in the eucharistic liturgy and in the sacraments. • give worship to God by prayer, loving service, and celebrating the liturgical seasons.

Prayer in this grade • Come, Holy Spirit
• Prayers of the Mass
• Psalms

Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People*
	alleluia	Saint Justin and his companions
	Eastern Catholic Church, liturgy, Liturgy of the Hours, rite, Sacraments at the Service of Communion, Sacraments of Healing, Sacraments of Initiation	
Family and Community	catechumen, chrism, original sin, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	
Life and Dignity, Solidarity	Advocate, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, missionary	Blessed Damien
The Poor and Vulnerable	Passover, Real Presence	
	Eucharistic Liturgy, liturgical year, penitential rite, Sacramentary	Saint Tarcisus
	Nicene Creed	
	consecration, transubstantiation	Saint Maximilian Kolbe
Rights and Responsibilities		Saint John Neumann
Solidarity, Life and Dignity		Saint Francis Xavier
	Anointing of the Sick, sanctifying grace	Saint Ignatius of Loyola
	absolution, contrition, penance	Zacchaeus
Solidarity	viaticum	Rose Hawthorne Lathrop
Rights and Responsibilities	holiness, religious life, vocation, vow	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton; Samuel
	Matrimony	
	clergy, diocese, Holy Orders, laity, ordination	
Life and Dignity, God’s Creation, Solidarity, The Poor and Vulnerable	abortion, suicide	Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
	chastity, covet	
Solidarity		Saint Lawrence
		* Information on more than 45 additional saints can be found in Saints and Feast Days, pages T307–T320.



The sixth-grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series is devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed in Sacred Scripture, particularly the Old Testament. *God Calls a People* is designed to help the students increase their knowledge of salvation history so that they may respond to God with ever-deepening love and gratitude.

Unit	Chapter	Theme	Scripture	CCC References
1 God Reveals a Plan of Love The students will grow in love for God through a deeper understanding of God's plan of salvation. They will come to appreciate the Old Testament.	1. The Bible Reveals God's Saving Love	We come to know God and Jesus through Scripture.	Isaiah 43:1; Luke 24:13–35; Ephesians 5:8	102, 151
	2. Scripture Is God's Saving Word	God, the author of the Bible, speaks to us through it.	Psalms 119:105, 107; Psalm 136:1–7	104, 122, 129
	3. Everything God Created Is Good	God created the world and all creatures and made us the stewards of the world.	Genesis 1:1–2:25; Psalm 139:14	280, 283, 288–289, 294, 2415–2418
	4. God Offers Love and Mercy	From the time of the first human beings, sin entered the world and spread, destroying relationships.	Genesis 2:4–3:24; Genesis 4:1–16; Genesis 6–9; Genesis 11:1–9	376, 388–390, 404, 410–412
	5. Unit 1 Review	God enters into history and carries out the divine plan to save all people.		53, 287, 421, 759
2 God Forms a Family of Faith The students will understand how God's plan of salvation unfolded in the lives of the patriarchs.	6. Abraham Is Our Father in Faith	Abraham made a covenant of faith with the one true God.	Genesis 12, 15, 17, 22; Psalm 89:1–2, 15–16, 19, 28; James 2:14–24	59–60, 144–146, 166, 762, 1080, 2100
	7. Jacob Is Chosen by God	The covenant promises were passed on through Jacob.	Genesis 25:19–34, 27–32; 1 Peter 2:9	3, 824–825, 2156, 2573
	8. The Israelites Journey to Egypt	God saved the ancient world from famine through Joseph, an upright, forgiving man.	Genesis 37–50; Luke 12:22–32	128, 302–303, 305
	9. Unit 2 Review	God formed the people, gradually revealing himself to them.		218, 269
3 God Guides the Chosen People The students will view the Exodus as God's greatest act of saving love in the Old Testament. They will come to appreciate the commandments as a gift to deepen their covenant relationship with God.	10. God Rescues the Chosen People from Slavery	God led the Hebrews out of slavery in Egypt.	Exodus 1–15	62, 204–208, 1164, 1328–1330
	11. God Gives Us the Law	God protected the Israelites in the desert, made a covenant with them, and gave them laws.	Exodus 10–17; Exodus 19–26; Exodus 27–34	708, 2056–2063, 2083–2084
	12. We Live the Commandments Today	The Ten Commandments tell us to love God and one another.	Exodus 20:1–17; Mark 12:30–31; Matthew 7:12; John 13:34–35	2052–2055, 2069, 2072
	13. Learning God's Way	Like the Israelites, we are called to grow in our ability to make decisions based on faith.	Numbers 13–14; Numbers 20:2–13; Matthew 5:3–12	1778–1794, 2070, 2634–2636
	14. God Forgives Us	God forgives us as he did the Israelites in the desert.	Numbers 21:4–9; John 3:14–15	1093–1094, 1423–1424, 1440, 1468–1469
	15. God's Chosen People Enter the Promised Land	Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land.	Deuteronomy 31–34; Book of Joshua; Matthew 25:32–46	1898–1899, 1930, 2234–2236
16. Unit 3 Review	The Jewish people remember what God has done for them, and they honor God's Word.		132, 201	
4 God Leads the Chosen People The students will appreciate the roles and contributions of the judges and the first three Israelite kings.	17. The Period of Judges	When the Israelites turned from God and were attacked by enemies, God saved them through the judges.	Judges 4, 5; Judges 6–8; Judges 13–16; The Book of Ruth	210, 1432, 2496
	18. The Kings of Israel	Samuel anointed Saul, and later David, as kings of Israel.	1 Samuel 1–4:7; 1 Samuel 8; 1 Samuel 10–16; 2 Samuel 5	695, 1293–1296, 2013, 2528
	19. David and Solomon	David, the greatest king, sinned and repented. Solomon, despite his gift of wisdom, turned to idols and caused the division of the kingdom.	1 Samuel 16:1–12; 2 Samuel 5–8, 11–12; 1 Kings 1–3; Psalm 51	583, 709, 1093, 2579–2580, 2586–2589
	20. Unit 4 Review	Through good leaders and bad, God is faithful to the people.		128, 205
5 Prophets Prepare the Lord's Way The students will appreciate the messages of God delivered through the prophets. They will desire to work for justice.	21. Elijah and Amos Speak for the Lord	Prophets such as Elijah and Amos spoke for God, calling people to worship God alone and to practice justice.	1 Kings 18, 21; 2 Kings 2; Book of Amos	61, 64, 218, 2420–2423, 2581–2584
	22. Isaiah Proclaims the Promised Messiah	Isaiah called the people to be faithful and spoke of a suffering servant to come.	Book of Isaiah; Matthew 7:21–23	208, 711–714
	23. Prophets Proclaim God's Everlasting Love	Jeremiah suffered for calling people to justice, while Ezekiel prophesied during the Exile in Babylon.	2 Kings 22–25; Jeremiah 1, 7; Jeremiah 18, 29–33, 38; Jeremiah 31:31–34; Ezekiel 1, 18; Ezekiel 34, 36, 37	64, 218–221, 709–710, 1431
	24. The Savior Is Jesus, the Son of God	John the Baptist prepared for the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who fulfilled the Scriptures.	Matthew 3:1–7, 1:2–15, 14:3–12; Matthew 14:1–12; Luke 1:5–25, 57–80; Luke 1:26–38, 39–56; Luke 2:1–7, 21	488, 523, 717–720
	25. Unit 5 Review	The prophets renewed the people in their faithfulness to God.		64, 218, 522

The children should

- come to a deeper appreciation of the person of Christ and of his presence in his Church through the study of salvation history.
- grow in their relationship with God and in giving witness of their faith.

Prayer in this grade • Psalms

- Memorare to the Blessed Virgin

Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People*
The Poor and Vulnerable	Old Testament	
God's Creation, Solidarity, Rights and Responsibilities	interpretation, Law, Pentateuch, revelation, Torah, tradition	
God's Creation, Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities, Work and Workers, The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity, Family and Community		
Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable, Rights and Responsibilities		Adam and Eve, Noah
Family and Community, Rights and Responsibilities, Life and Dignity	Abraham, covenant, sacrifice	Abraham, Isaac
Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity	Israelites	Jacob
Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity, Family and Community, God's Creation, Life and Dignity, The Poor and Vulnerable	Divine Providence	Joseph
Solidarity, Rights and Responsibilities, The Poor and Vulnerable	Exodus	Moses, Aaron
Rights and Responsibilities, God's Creation, Life and Dignity, Work and Workers	Ark of the Covenant, idolatry	Moses, Aaron
Rights and Responsibilities, Life and Dignity, Solidarity, Work and Workers, Family and Community	blasphemy, blessing, Holy Days of Obligation, natural law, Ordinary Time, perjury, social justice	
Rights and Responsibilities, Life and Dignity, The Poor and Vulnerable	intercession	Moses
Family and Community, Solidarity	grace, mortal sin, venial sin, virtue	Moses
Rights and Responsibilities, The Poor and Vulnerable, Family and Community	Confirmation, hell, heaven, purgatory	Moses, Joshua
Solidarity, Rights and Responsibilities, Life and Dignity, The Poor and Vulnerable, Family and Community	abstain	Deborah, Gideon, Samson, Ruth
Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable, Life and Dignity	anoint, Christ, Messiah	Samuel, Saul
The Poor and Vulnerable, Life and Dignity	Judaism, Temple	David, Nathan, Solomon
Rights and Responsibilities, The Poor and Vulnerable, Family and Community, God's Creation, Solidarity	prophet, Spiritual Works of Mercy	Elijah, Amos, Archbishop Oscar Romero
The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity, Rights and Responsibilities, Work and Workers, Life and Dignity	Amen, Holy	Isaiah
The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity, Rights and Responsibilities, Family and Community, Work and Workers	Exile, Jews, synagogue	Jeremiah, Ezekiel
Family and Community, Life and Dignity, The Poor and Vulnerable	Magnificat	Mary, the Mother of Jesus; Saint John the Baptist; Elizabeth; Zechariah
		* Information on more than 50 additional saints can be found in Saints and Feast Days, pages T363–T378.



The seventh-grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series is devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed through his Son, Jesus. *Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life* is designed to help young adolescents grow in their knowledge of Jesus, that they may love him more ardently and serve him more generously.

Unit	Chapter	Theme	Scripture	CCC References
1 Jesus Christ the Way The students will have a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and will desire to follow Jesus.	1. The Impact of Jesus	Jesus, our Savior, is the Son of God and a human being.	John 10:30; Colossians 1:15	464–469
	2. Friendship with Jesus	Jesus is truly human. He invites us to friendship with him.	John 15:12–17; Revelation 3:20	470–478
	3. Scripture: A Portrait of Jesus	Scripture, God's inspired Word—especially the Gospels—helps us to know Jesus.	John 20:30–31; John 21:25	81–82, 124–127
	4. The World Jesus Lived In	Jesus was a Jewish man who lived in first-century Palestine during the Roman occupation.	Deuteronomy 6:4–5; John 1:14	122, 423
	5. The Early Life of Jesus	The Infancy Narratives reveal that Jesus is the Lord, the Son of God who saved us.	Matthew 1:18–2:23; Luke 1:5–2:25	488, 490–499, 525–534
	6. The Mission of Jesus	Jesus accepted his mission as Messiah at his baptism and was faithful to it during his temptation.	Matthew 3:1–17; Matthew 4:1–11	535–540
	7. The Apostles, Mary, and Others	Jesus called disciples, in particular Mary and the apostles, to share in his mission.	Luke 8:21; John 1:35–39	494, 551–552, 857–860
	8. Baptism and Confirmation	In the sacraments, we receive and celebrate the life Jesus won for us.	Romans 6:3–4; 1 Peter 2:9	1127–1129, 1212, 1239–1243, 1300–1305
	9. Unit 1 Review	Through Jesus, we find the way to the Father.	Matthew 7:21,24–27; John 1:1–2,10–12	460, 618, 654
2 Jesus Christ the Truth The students will know what it means to follow Jesus in daily life.	10. Parables: Stories Jesus Told	Some truths taught by Jesus and his Church are contained in parables.	Matthew 13:3–9,18–23; Luke 12:16–21	543–546
	11. Miracles: Signs Jesus Worked	The power of Jesus over nature, sin and evil, sickness, and death was displayed in his miracles.	Mark 2:1–12; Mark 4:35–41; John 2:1–12	547–550, 1503–1504
	12. Penance and Anointing of the Sick	Jesus continues to heal body and spirit in the sacraments.	Luke 15:3–7; Luke 15:8–10; Luke 15:11–32	1420–1421, 1440, 1448, 1499, 1502, 1511–1513, 1524
	13. The Message of Jesus: Choose Life	Keeping Jesus' Great Commandment of love means to respect life.	Matthew 5:21–48; Matthew 22:36–40; Luke 10:29–37	2268–2287, 2302–2317, 2447–2448
	14. The Challenge of the Beatitudes	In the Beatitudes, Jesus gives us guidelines for a happy life in this world and the next.	Matthew 5:3–10; Mark 10:21	1716–1719
	15. Jesus' Kingdom of Justice and Truth	Jesus expects us to live in honesty and faith, respecting others and the things of this world.	Mark 1:15; Luke 19:1–10	2393, 2401–2402, 2407–2408, 2467–2470, 2477–2487
	16. Jesus' Kingdom of Love	A follower of Jesus regards sex as a sacred gift used to express deep, life-giving love within marriage.	Genesis 1:27; Ephesians 5:25–33	478, 2332–2337, 2341–2342, 2347, 2360, 2380–2381, 2522
	17. Unit 2 Review	Jesus teaches us the truth that we can live by.	Psalms 25; Matthew 13:44–46	459, 638
3 Jesus Christ the Life The students will have a greater appreciation of the life Jesus won for us by his death and Resurrection.	18. Living Faith in Jesus	Through faith and virtue, our life of grace grows, and we become more like Jesus.	John 3:1–21; John 4:4–30	1805–1809, 1813–1815, 1817–1818, 1822–1824
	19. Opposition to Jesus	Jesus' suffering led to eternal life and glory for him and for us.	Matthew 17:1–8; John 11:1–53	554–556, 585–586, 591, 618, 1680–1682
	20. The Eucharist	The Eucharist nourishes us with the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting us with him and one another.	Mark 6:30–44; John 15:4–7	610–611, 1324–1326, 1341–1344, 1402–1405
	21. Jesus' Final Hours	Jesus' suffering and death won eternal life for us.	Matthew 26:39; Luke 23:39–43	612, 616–618, 632, 678–682, 1023, 1030, 1033, 1040
	22. The Victory of Jesus	Jesus rose from the dead, ascended to the Father, and is still with us.	Luke 24:1–11; 1 Corinthians 15:54–55	648–655, 662–664, 904–905
	23. Alive with the Spirit	The Holy Spirit came to the Church, making the members courageous witnesses and forming a community of love.	Matthew 28:19–20; Acts of the Apostles 2:1–41	685–686, 731–733, 737, 747
	24. Matrimony and Holy Orders	Jesus calls each of us to be holy in a special vocation.	Leviticus 19:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3	914–916, 1536, 1548, 1570, 1603, 1618, 1644, 1656–1658
	25. Unit 3 Review	Jesus frees us from sin and leads us to life in God.	John 3:1–5,16; John 4:47–53	505, 520, 521

The students should • grow in knowledge and love of Jesus through prayer and studying the Gospels. • appreciate that the sacraments enable them to respond to the call to follow Jesus, live by his teachings, and proclaim God’s kingdom in word, worship, witness, and service.

Prayer in this grade • Prayer to Saint Michael • Morning Offering • Act of Contrition (Rite of Reconciliation) • Act of Faith • Prayer for Christlikeness (John Henry Newman) • Nicene Creed

Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People*
	eternal life, Incarnation	
	evangelist, synoptic	
	Gentiles, Pharisees	
The Poor and Vulnerable	doctrine, Infancy Narratives, inerrancy, Mother of God	Mary, Saint Bernadette Soubirous
Rights and Responsibilities		John the Baptist
Family and Community	disciple	The twelve apostles
	mystagogy, Mystical Body of Christ	
Solidarity	evangelization, Magisterium	Saint Thérèse of Lisieux; Blessed Teresa of Calcutta; Dorothy Day
Solidarity	miracle	
Life and Dignity		
Solidarity, Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities	abortion, racism, suicide, ageism, scandal, euthanasia, sexism	
Life and Dignity, Solidarity		
God’s Creation, Rights and Responsibilities, The Poor and Vulnerable, Life and Dignity, Work and Workers	Catholic Social Teaching, greed, social sin	Saint: Martin de Porres, Rose Philippine Duchesne, Julie Billiart, Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac, Maximilian Kolbe, Margaret of Scotland; Blessed: Teresa of Calcutta, Kateri Tekakwitha
Family and Community	adultery	
	cardinal virtues, prudence, fortitude, temperance, justice, Theological Virtues	
Solidarity	transubstantiation	
	Last Judgment, particular judgment	
Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity	apostle, Ascension	
Solidarity, The Poor and Vulnerable	Fruits of the Holy Spirit	
Family and Community		
		* Information on more than 50 additional saints can be found in Saints and Feast Days, pages T305–T348.



The eighth-grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series is devoted to the study of God's faithful love as it is revealed in the Church founded by Jesus Christ. *The Church Then and Now* is designed to help young teens grow in their knowledge and love of the Church.

Unit	Chapter	Theme	Scripture	CCC References
1 The Mystery of the Church The students will deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Church.	1. A Community of Disciples	The Church is the community of disciples, the Body of Christ, loved and redeemed by Christ.	Luke 13:20–21; John 10:1–16; John 15:1–8; 1 Corinthians 12:12–31	781–798, 829, 963–975
	2. Tracing Our Roots	The Church, which began with God's Chosen People, includes all the living and dead who have responded to God's love.	Acts of the Apostles 2:1–13; Luke 18:16	120–133, 836–848, 2041, 2043, 2180
	3. A Closer Look	The Church—the community of disciples—is a herald of the Good News, a sacrament, an institution, a servant, and a mystical communion.	Acts of the Apostles 1:24–26, 2:38, 2:46–47, 4:32, 5:42, 6:2–3, 11:28–29	774–776, 787–791
	4. A People of Prayer	The Church deepens its relationship with God through prayer, especially the eucharistic liturgy and the Liturgy of the Hours.	Matthew 5:44; Matthew 6:9; Mark 1:35; Luke 11:9	1070–1073, 1174–1178, 1343–1344, 1396, 2607–2616
	5. A People of Service	The love of Christ is shown in the service that Church members give as they live the Beatitudes and perform works of mercy.	Matthew 5:3–10; Matthew 10:8; Matthew 25:31–46; 1 Corinthians 12:4–6; Ephesians 2:19–22	799–801, 876, 951, 1716–1719, 2003
2 The Marks of the Church The students will grow in their understanding of the four marks of the Church—one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.	6. One in the Spirit	The Church is one in faith, worship, governance, and charity.	Acts of the Apostles 4:32; Ephesians 4:1–3; 1 Corinthians 12:12–20; John 17:21	791, 811–822, 834, 864
	7. Made Holy in the Spirit	The Church is holy in Jesus its founder, in its mission, and in its members who are all called to holiness.	Isaiah 11:1–3	737–739, 768, 823–829
	8. A Church That Is Catholic	The Church is catholic, or universal: for all people of all nations and all times.	Luke 14:15–24; Matthew 28:18–20; 1 Corinthians 9:22–23	830–856
	9. An Apostolic Church	The Church is apostolic, carrying on the faith and the mission of the apostles under the apostles' successors.	Acts of the Apostles 1:15–26	857–865, 880–892
3 The History of the Church: Part I The students will be able to identify key people and events in the Church's history.	10. The First Years	After the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the faith spread from Jerusalem to Rome, from Jews to Gentiles, despite persecution.	Acts of the Apostles 5—10, 15	848–850, 861–862
	11. The Church Grows	Led by the efforts of Peter and Paul, the early Church grows and gives witness to Jesus Christ.	Acts of the Apostles 9:1–22, 22:2–16, 26:9–18; Acts of the Apostles 10; Acts of the Apostles 15; Galatians 1:15–17	179, 183, 747, 1486, 1490, 2505–2506
	12. A House Built on Rock	After the persecutions, the Church, faced with heresy, clarified its beliefs through the councils and through the teachings of the Church Fathers.	Psalms 62:3; John 15:20	461–478, 770–771, 817, 914–924, 2089
	13. A Light in the Darkness: Part I	Strong popes, monks, and holy men and women helped preserve civilization and the faith during invasions from northern tribes.	Matthew 5:14–16	817, 873, 920–921, 925–927, 2089
	14. A Light in the Darkness: Part II	The Church often served as a beacon of light during the Middle Ages.	John 17:21; Matthew 5:14–16; Matthew 22:37	866–867, 937, 2133–2134
4 The History of the Church: Part II The students will be able to identify key people and events in the Church's history.	15. The Church Faces Challenges	A worldly Church gave rise to the Protestant Reformation.	Matthew 28:20; Matthew 16:18; John 14:16	843–847, 1471–1479
	16. Reforming the Church	The Church undertook its own reform in the Council of Trent.	Luke 21:15	817–821
	17. In a Changing World	The Church responded to a changing world.	Psalms 139:13–17; Matthew 25:35–37	884, 891, 1901–1904, 1938–1942
	18. Signs of the Times	The Church responded to the Industrial Revolution with concern for those who were poor and oppressed.	Luke 10:29–37	1895, 1921, 1925, 1943–44, 1947, 2250, 2451–52, 2254, 2458, 2461
	19. The Church in North America	After difficult beginnings, the Church in North America flourished when freedom of religion was granted.	Luke 9:1–6; Luke 1:26–38	2104–2109
5 The Witness of the Church The students will realize what it means to live a Christian life. They will desire to live by Christ's moral standards.	20. The Way of Holiness	In answering our call to holiness, we are helped by virtue and hindered by vice.	1 John 4:8; John 14:6; John 13:34	1768, 1805–1813, 2013–2014
	21. The Way of Faith	God is to be loved above everyone and everything, and God's name honored. (First and Second Commandments)	Exodus 20:2–7; Matthew 22:37	2083, 2132, 2142–2155
	22. The Way of Worship	Sunday is to be a day for worship and rest.	Exodus 20:8; Psalm 95	2168–2188
	23. The Way of the Family	God commands us to obey lawful authority and to respect human life. (Fourth and Fifth Commandments)	Exodus 20:12–13; Luke 10:29–37; Acts of the Apostles 5:29	2196–2246, 2258–2317
	24. The Way of Human Dignity	Sex is to be respected and used only when it is a sign of the permanent commitment of marriage. (Sixth and Ninth Commandments)	Exodus 20:14, 17; Matthew 5:27–28; John 15:12; John 15:13–14	2331–2391, 2514–2527
	25. The Way of Justice and Truth	The human rights to own property and to know the truth are to be respected. (Seventh, Eighth, and Tenth Commandments)	Exodus 20:15–17; Matthew 25:31–40; John 14:1–7	2401–2449, 2464–2503, 2534–2550

The students should • come to a deeper understanding of the Church by studying its images, history, and members. • grow in love for Catholic beliefs and ritual and strive to respond to God's love through Christian morality, service, prayer, and witness.

Prayer in this grade • Reflective prayer
• The Liturgy of the Hours

Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People*
Family and Community, Rights and Responsibilities, Life and Dignity	Church, Communion of Saints, mystery, Second Vatican Council, sanctify	Mary, Mother of the Church
Solidarity	Buddhism, Islam (Muslims), Justification, New Testament, Old Testament, Paschal Mystery, purgatory, salvation history, Scripture	Saint: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John; Abraham, King David
Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity	canon law, Pentecost	Avery Dulles
God's Creation, Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable, Work and Workers	Liturgy, Liturgy of the Hours, prayer	Mary, Mother of the Church; Saint Thérèse of Lisieux; John Paul II
The Poor and Vulnerable, Rights and Responsibilities, Family and Community, God's Creation	Beatitudes, Corporal Works of Mercy, vocation, witness	John Henry Newman
Solidarity, Life and Dignity, Family and Community	apostolic, catholic, ecumenism, holy, Marks of the Church, one	
Family and Community, Life and Dignity, Solidarity, Rights and Responsibilities, God's Creation, The Poor and Vulnerable	Counsel, Doctor of the Church, fear of the Lord, fortitude, knowledge, piety, Sacraments at the Service of Communion, Sacraments of Healing, Sacraments of Initiation, understanding, wisdom	Saint: Thomas More, Catherine of Siena, Angela Merici, John Chrysostom, Clare of Assisi; Blessed Miguel Pro; Venerable Barney Casey
Life and Dignity, Solidarity	culture, interreligious dialogue	Saint Katharine Drexel; Blessed: Damien, Charles de Foucauld, Mother Teresa
Family and Community, Life and Dignity, The Poor and Vulnerable, Work and Workers, Solidarity, Rights and Responsibilities, God's Creation	bishop, collegiality, diocese, infallibility, pope	Saint Peter; Blessed John XXIII; Leo XIII, Benedict XV, Pius XI, Pius XII, Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI
Solidarity, Life and Dignity, Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable	epistle, deacon, martyr	Saint: Peter, Paul, Stephen
Family and Community, Solidarity, Rights and Responsibilities, The Poor and Vulnerable, Life and Dignity	Council of Jerusalem, ecumenical council	Saint: Peter, Paul
Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity, Life and Dignity, Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable	heresy, poverty	Saint: Anthony of Egypt, Pachomius, Ignatius of Antioch, Cyprian, Athanasius, Ambrose, Basil, John Chrysostom, Jerome, Monica, Augustine; Sister Dorothy Kazel
The Poor and Vulnerable, Family and Community, Work and Workers, Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity, Life and Dignity	virtue	Saint: Pope Gregory the Great, Pope Gregory VII, Benedict, Augustine of Canterbury, Boniface, Margaret of Scotland, Cyril, Methodius
Life and Dignity, Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable, God's Creation	excommunication, Mendicant Order, schism, spirituality, <i>Summa Theologiae</i>	Saint: Dominick, Francis of Assisi
Life and Dignity, The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity, Rights and Responsibilities	annulment, indulgences, Protestant Reformation	Saint Catherine of Siena
Solidarity, Life and Dignity, The Poor and Vulnerable	meditation	Saint: Charles Borromeo, Teresa of Ávila, Thomas More, John Fisher, Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier
The Poor and Vulnerable, Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity	rationalism	Saint: Vincent de Paul, Julie Billiart
Work and Workers, The Poor and Vulnerable, Rights and Responsibilities, Life and Dignity, Solidarity, Family and Community, God's Creation	encyclical	Saint: Thérèse of Lisieux, Francis de Sales, Jane de Chantal Margaret Mary Alacoque, John Bosco; Blessed John XXIII; Leo XIII, John Paul II, Benedict XVI
Solidarity, Work and Workers, The Poor and Vulnerable, Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities, God's Creation	Immaculate Conception	Saint: Juan Diego, Elizabeth Ann Seaton, John Neumann, Frances Xavier Cabrini; John Carroll, James Gibbons, Dorothy Day
God's Creation, The Poor and Vulnerable, Life and Dignity, Solidarity, Rights and Responsibilities, Family and Community	capital sins	Saint: Isidore, Maria de la Cabeza
God's Creation, Life and Dignity, Solidarity	sacrifice, sacrilege, vow	
Work and Workers, Solidarity, Family and Community	holy day of obligation, liturgical year, Lord's Day, Sabbath	
Rights and Responsibilities, Family and Community, Solidarity, Life and Dignity, Work and Workers	obedience	
Life and Dignity, Family and Community, Rights and Responsibilities	chastity, Matrimony	Saint Maria Goretti
Work and Workers, Family and Community, God's Creation, The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity, Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities	calumny, detraction	*Information on more than 25 additional saints and holy people can be found in Saints and Feast Days, pages T387–T434.