

The *God Made The World Age 4* program helps four-year-olds learn that God made living things, including people, holy things, the earth, and other wonderful surprises. A unique aspect of God's creation is the main focus of each chapter.

Unit	Chapter	Themes	Scripture	CCC References	Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People
1 God Made People The children will realize that they are unique and loved. They will come to know God's love as they experience the love of family and friends.	1 God Made Me	Being a child of God. Our specialness. Praising God.	Genesis 1:26–31; Psalm 8; Psalm 139:13–14	355, 362	Life and Dignity	God, creator	Saint Irenaeus
	2 God Made My Family	The love of family members.	Genesis 1:27–28; Ephesians 6:1–3	360–361, 437	Family and Community	Trinity, family	Mary and Joseph
	3 God Made My Friends	The gift of friends. Jesus as friend.	John 11:1–5; John 15:10–16; 1 Corinthians 13:1–7	396	Solidarity	friendship, sacraments	Lazarus, Peter, James, John
	4 God Made My Helpers	Who helpers are. Listening to helpers.	1 Corinthians 12:4–7, 27–30	2217	Rights and Responsibilities	spiritual	Simon, Joseph of Arimathea
	5 God Made My Church Family	God's family, the Church. Loving like Jesus. Special members. The importance of each member.	John 11:1–5; John 19:25–27; Ephesians 3:14–21	781, 828, 963, 1563	Solidarity	crucifixion, church, saints	Mary
2 God Made Holy Things The children will become familiar with the parish church and the Bible. They will have an increased understanding of music, water, and food, which are the foundations for participation in the liturgy.	6 God Made Churches	God's house for God's family. Objects in the church. Being quiet and praying.	Exodus 3:4–5; Matthew 21:12–13	1180–1186, 2650	Family and Community	temple, church	Moses
	7 God Made the Bible	God's Word to us. Stories in the Bible. Honoring the Bible.	Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:19–21	104	Rights and Responsibilities	Bible, Sacred Scripture, peace	
	8 God Made Music	Song as prayer. David's psalms.	1 Samuel 16:14–23; Psalm 150	1156, 1162, 2579, 2585–2589	Life and Dignity	lamb, music, sing, praise	Saint Augustine
	9 God Made Water	The usefulness of water. Holy water. Baptism.	Exodus 17:1–6; John 4:4–14; John 7:37–39	337, 694, 2415	God's Creation	water, clean, Baptism	Moses, Saint Francis
	10 God Made Food	God's necessary gift. How bread is made. Special meals.	John 6:32–40; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26	1333, 1392	Rights and Responsibilities	Eucharist	
3 God Made the Earth The children will have a heightened awareness of some essential elements of the earth. They will respond with awe and love to God, creator of the earth.	11 God Made Land	Land features. Caring for the earth.	Job 38:4–7; Psalm 95:1–5	32, 290–294	God's Creation	earth, Savior	
	12 God Made Air	Air's similarity to God. Air and life.	John 20:19–23	41, 362, 691	God's Creation	air, God	Elijah
	13 God Made Light	Light and sight. Jesus as light.	Genesis 1:3–5; John 9:1–7	257, 298	Poor and Vulnerable	rainbow	Saint Augustine
	14 God Made Color	Feelings evoked by color. Meanings given to colors. Colors in church.	Psalm 104:24; Ezekiel 1:26–28	1146		God, light	Ezekiel, John
	15 God Made Weather	Kinds of weather. Praising God for weather.	Sirach 43	344		season, weather	Zechariah, Simeon
4 God Made Living Things The children will marvel at the abundance and variety of living things. They will respond with gratitude and love to our wise and loving God. They will feel secure in the knowledge that God loves and cares for them.	16 God Made Flowers	The variety and beauty of flowers. Flowers as gifts.	Song of Songs 2:11–13	270, 303–306	God's Creation	flowers	Mary, Solomon
	17 God Made Trees	The uses of trees. Jesus and wood.	Luke 6:43–45	339	God's Creation	trees, Scripture	Zacchaeus
	18 God Made Animals	How animals help us. Caring for animals.	Genesis 1:24–25; 2:18–20	340–343, 2415–2418	God's Creation	animals, creation	
	19 God Made Birds	God's care for birds. God's care for us.	Matthew 23:37	303–305, 2415–2418	Rights and Responsibilities	flight, birds	Isaiah
	20 God Made Fish	The variety of sea creatures. Being caught by Jesus.	Genesis 1:20–22; Sirach 43:25–29	293–294	Solidarity	sea	Sirach
5 God Made Surprises The children will experience the world as a surprising place of joy. They will be prepared to look forward to eternal life.	21 God Made Butterflies	The transformation of a caterpillar. Other surprises in the world.	John 10:10; Romans 6:4; 1 Corinthians 15:36–49	279–281	Life and Dignity	Resurrection	Mary Magdalene
	22 God Made Big Things	God's power shown in large creations. Thanking God.	Job 40:15–41:26; Psalm 104:24–32; Sirach 43:29–31, 35	268, 278, 299	God's Creation		Saint Ignatius
	23 God Made Little Things	The importance of little things. Appreciating and caring for little things.	Luke 13:18–21	2416	Life and Dignity		
	24 God Made Countries	People from other countries. Love for other people.	Galatians 3:26–29	1934–1938, 2304, 2319	Solidarity	global, culture	
	25 God Made Laughter	God's desire for our happiness. Making others happy.	Philippians 4:4	1718–1719	Family and Community	joyful	Saint Augustine
Special Seasons and Days In these lessons, the children will learn about the seasons and feast days of the Church year, as well as other special days. They will be encouraged to participate more fully in the celebrations that are part of Church and family life.	1 Halloween/Feast of All Saints	The saints. Letting God's love shine.	Revelation 7:9–10; Revelation 21:22–22:5	2683	Solidarity	Halloween, All Saints	
	2 Advent	Preparing for Jesus' birthday. Kind acts.	Isaiah 7:14; Mark 1:2–8; Luke 1:26–38	524, 1171	Family and Community	Advent, prepare	Mary
	3 Christmas	The Christmas story. Decorating a tree.	Matthew 2:1–12; Luke 2:1–21	437, 525	The Poor and Vulnerable	Christmas, Jesus, Messiah, manger, table	Jesus
	4 Lent	Showing love in words and deeds. Following Jesus.	John 15:12–14; Romans 6:3–11	1168, 1438, 2014–2015	Rights and Responsibilities	Lent, Paschal Mystery, Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension	
	5 Easter	The new life of Jesus. Easter symbols—the sun and eggs.	John 20; Acts of the Apostles 2:22–36; 1 Corinthians 15:1–28	638, 654–655, 1168–1171	Life and Dignity	Easter, Resurrection,	
	6 Pentecost	Helping others. The gift of the Holy Spirit.	John 15:26–27; Galatians 5:22–23	731–732, 733–736, 739, 1287, 2623	Solidarity	Holy Spirit	
	7 Thanksgiving	Saying thank you. Celebrating Thanksgiving Day.	Psalm 111; Psalm 145; Luke 17:11–19; Ephesians 5:18–20	224, 2637, 2638	God's Creation	thanks, Eucharist	
	8 Valentine's Day	Love and forgiveness. God's love for us.	1 John 4:7–11	214, 368, 478, 2055, 2563, 2842–2844	Life and Dignity	love, Sacred Heart	Saint Margaret Mary, Saint Augustine
	9 Mother's Day	A mother's role. Mary, our mother in heaven.	Isaiah 49:15; Ephesians 6:1–2	507, 2215, 2618, 2679	Family and Community	Mother	Mary, Saint Bernard
	10 Father's Day	A father's role. Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus.	Matthew 6:9–13; Ephesians 6:1–3	239, 427, 2781	Family and Community	Father	Saint Joseph, Mary
	11 Birthdays	Celebrating life. Benefits of life.	Psalm 139; Isaiah 43:1; John 10:10	256–257, 2288	God's Creation	celebration	
	12 Last Class/Summer	Summer activities. Review of the preschool classes.	Genesis 2:1–3	2172, 2184–2185	Work and Workers	rest, Bible	Erasmus