

Fourth Grade Syllabus

Adventure Catechism – 2025-2026

Format for all chapters in Adventure Catechism

- **Begin each class with prayer**
 - Introduce the **Big Ideas** (found in “in Brief”)
 - **Vocabulary** – Introduce the word/words for the chapter – **write them on the board**
 - Ask students the **Question to Consider** – **write it on the board**
 - **Read text**, from online/TV
 - Whenever there is a question in the text, pause and ask students to answer it – both right and wrong ones. Then read text that explains the answer to the question.
 - May want to revisit some questions at the end as a review.
 - **Note:** Will almost always have two papers for students to “do” while listening to you or video
 - **Journaling/Doodling** – Journal is to help reinforce concepts which are being taught. Do this part when you see fit during the class.
 - **Video** – Play video that accompanies the chapter. You decide when you want to play the video – at beginning as an intro; in the middle as reinforcement; at the end, as a review.
 - Complete **chapter review** with class (answers in back of book).
 - **Saint and/or Scripture focus** for the chapter
 - **Activity/Craft/Worksheet** – if available
 - **End class with a prayer**
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September

9/22 or 9/23 – Meet & Greet with pizza and parent meeting
Write cards for priests & Decorate Name plate

9/29 or 9/30

- **Chapter 2** – The Most Holy Trinity
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: Who Is the Holy Spirit? – 7:56
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Blessed Trinity Stained-Glass Window; Trinity Word Search
- **Activity:** Make the Holy Trinity with popsicle sticks

October

3rd & 4th Grade Mass - October 26th, 9:00 Mass

10/6 or 10/7

- **Chapter 26** & 27**** – Prayer & The Our Father
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What Is the Lord’s Prayer? – 7:00
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What is Prayer?/What is the Lord’s Prayer?
- **Activity:** Read the quote from the saint at the beginning of chapter 27 and the Scripture passage in the text: Matthew 6:7-15. Discuss how they relate to the topic of discussion. FYI..next class we will learn how to pray the rosary, so no need to do that in this class.

10/13 or 10/14 – Supper Club

10/20 or 10/21

- **Diocesan Inventory & Learn how to pray the Rosary, led by Mrs. Canfield**

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10/27 or 10/28

- **Chapter 4 & 5** – The Broken Covenant & Old Testament Covenants
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Original Sin? – 7:00
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What is the Bible?/What is Original Sin?/Trick or Treat Crossword
- **Activity:** Hand out newspapers and have students look for suffering and evil. Ask the ques. in Activity section.

November

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – November 23rd, 9:00 Mass

11/3 or 11/4

- **Learn how to use the Bible – led by Mrs. Canfield**

11/10 or 11/11 – Supper Club

11/17 or 11/18

- **Chapter 7** & 8** – The Life of Christ & The Paschal Mystery
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Redemption? – 6:20
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Names of Jesus/Jesus Maze
- **Activity:** Write cards for homebound – I will explain this to everyone

11/24 or 11/25

- **Chapter 28** & 30**** – Creeds & The Liturgical Year
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Liturgical Year? – 6:45
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What is the Liturgical Calendar?/John's Desert Message
- **Activity:** Read the Scripture passage in chapter 30: Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4, 6, 11. Discuss how they relate to the topic of the lesson.

December

12/1 or 12/2

- **Advent bible activity – whole grade led by Mrs. Canfield**

12/8 or 12/9

- **Chapter 10** & 12**** – The Catholic Church & Mary, our Mother
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Catholic Church? – 8:00
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Four Marks of the Church color by number/Wedding at Cana-Mary & Jesus
- **Activity:** See Ch. 10: Divide the class into 4 groups. Assign each of the groups one of the four Marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic. Working together, each group will create a poster demonstrating how their Mark describes and identifies Jesus's Church. Each group will then present their poster.

12/15 or 12/16

- **Chapter 13** – The Sacraments
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Sacrament? – 8:45
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** A Sleigh Full of Christmas Words/What are the Sacraments?
- **Activity:** Write cards for Homebound

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January

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – January 4th, 9:00 Mass

1/5 or 1/6

- **Chapter 14 & 15** – Baptism and Confirmation & The Holy Eucharist
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? (6:50)
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Word Search/Holy Spirit color by number
- **Activity:** Prayer Activity....Lectio Divina – will give instructions on how to do this. See Lectio Divina tab in Catechist’s Manual

1/12 or 1/13

- **Chapter 16 & 17** – The Holy Mass & Reconciliation
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Mass? 10:00
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What is the Mass? Color by number/What is Confession?
- **Activity:** Students will practice making an Examination of Conscience. Teach them that this process is used for reflection before the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to help them know what to confess. Use the attached Examination of Conscience for children- see tab in manual - based on the Ten Commandments, to guide them through some reflection. Close by praying the Act of Contrition.

1/19 or 1/20 – Supper Club

1/26 or 1/27

- **Chapter 18 & 19** – Sacraments of Service & Making Good Choices
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders? 7:30
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Holy Orders color by number/Holy Orders maze
- **Activity:** Fr. Mike to come to class to talk about his vocation. Students will write down some questions ahead of time to ask Fr. Mike.

February**3rd & 4th Grade Mass – February 8th, 9:00 Mass****2/2 or 2/3**

- **Ten Commandment Movie – Whole Class** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4bSfKcWfAQ>

2/9 or 2/10

- **Finish Ten Commandment Movie & write cards to Elderly**

2/23 or 2/24

- **Chapter 20** – Knowing Right From Wrong & Lent
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Lent? 6:15
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Hidden Picture Search/What is Lent?/What are Virtues Word decoding
- **Activity:** Play the Ten Commandment Game. Will give you a little beach ball for game.

March**3rd & 4th Grade Mass – March 22nd, 9:00 Mass****3/2 or 3/3**

- **Chapter 21** - Loving God
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Two Great Commandments? 7:00
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Greatest Commandment coloring pg/Which is the Greatest? decoding
- **Activity:** pg. 32, 38. Prayer Activity....follow the instructions

3/9 or 3/10

- **Chapter 22** – Loving Your Neighbor
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: The Good Samaritan – 9:45
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Two Great Commandments/The Church is made of people/Follow the Great Commandment
- **Activity:** Prayer Activity – Lectio Divina

3/16 or 3/17

- **Chapter 23** – The Corporal Works of Mercy
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: Lukas StoryTeller/ St. Paul the II and the Joy of Living 11:50
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Match the Corporal Works of Mercy/Match the Spiritual Works of Mercy
- **Activity:** Read the quote from the saint at the beginning of the chapter and the Scripture passage in the text: Matthew 25:31-46. Discuss how they relate to the topic of the lesson

3/23 or 3/24 – Supper Club**3/30 or 3/31**

- **Chapter 24** – The Spiritual Works of Mercy & Easter
- **Reconciliation in church?**
- **Video:** -----
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Easter worksheets/Works of Mercy worksheet
- **Activity:** Write cards for homebound

April**4/6 or 4/7**

- **Chapter 25 & Diocesan Inventory** – The Beatitudes
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Beatitudes? – 8:15
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What are the Beatitudes?

4/13 or 4/14

- **Game Day/Last Class**