

4th GRADE – Alive in Christ

- Begin 4th grade with the opening lesson – an ‘Introduction to the year’
- The church year feasts and seasons can be found in the beginning of the text. These can be done throughout the year when that season occurs
- There are two chapters without standards: Chapters 3 & 20

THE CHURCH YEAR – Feasts and Seasons Also covered in Chapter 16

The Holy Spirit is covered throughout the text

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How is the life of Christ celebrated throughout the year?	S 4.3 We celebrate the events in the life of Christ during the various liturgical seasons <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Know the liturgical seasons celebrate the mysteries of the Lord’s birth, life, death and resurrection throughout the year Know the order of the liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time 	CCC 1163-1172		See Resource Section: Liturgical Season wheel
Who is the Holy Spirit	PF 4.4 We believe in the Holy Spirit and His mission <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Know whenever God sends his Son, he always sends his Spirit: their mission is inseparable Know that through the Holy Spirit, Mary conceived Jesus (the Incarnation) Know that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and Mary on Pentecost Know the mission of the Holy Spirit is to guide and protect the Church from error 	CCC 683-686 CCC 689-690 CCC 722 CCC 726 CCC 737-741		See Resource Section: Pocket notebooks

**Prayer is not directly covered
but examples are throughout text**

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How does the Church teach us to pray?	<p>P 4.1 The two main ways God speaks to us are through the Word of God and the Liturgy of the Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand through the liturgy God speaks to us through the prayers of the Mass b. Begin to understand how to pray with the scriptures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin to understand how to prayerfully reflect (meditate) on God through scriptural images 2. Begin to understand stillness in the presence of God (contemplation) c. Begin to understand Lectio Divina is an ancient method to pray with the scriptures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin with Introductory prayer recognizing the loving presence of the Trinity 2. Reading: Slowly read through the passage 3. Mediation: What does God's Word say to me 4. Praying: What do I say to God in response to his Word? 5. Contemplation: What is God asking of me 6. Concluding prayer: Praise and thank God 	<p>CCC 2653</p> <p>CCC 2655</p> <p>CCC 2705-2719</p> <p>CCC 2708</p>		

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What are the different ways we pray?	P 4.2 There are different forms (types) of prayer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to know blessing is our response to God's gift. He blessed us, we bless him Begin to know to praise God is to recognize how awesome God is and to sing about his greatness Begin to know that to intercede in prayer is to ask God to help others Begin to know that to petition in prayer is to first ask for forgiveness and then ask for his help Recognize everything is a gift from God and to learn to tell God 'thank you' 	CCC 2625 CCC 2626 CCC 2639 CCC2634 CCC 2629, 2631 CCC 2637	Have a 'prayer bowl' in the sacred space. Invite students to add their own petitions and also add some for the church and community. Make sure to pray for all of them. Not necessarily in class.	Have students lead prayer Make a paper chain and put prayers on it. Hang around classroom
Why is it important to memorize certain prayers?	P 4.3 Memorized prayers sow in our hearts the seeds of relationships (God, Church, neighbor) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Know Jesus taught us to relate to his Father as our Father through the Lord's Prayer Know the following prayers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sign of Cross Our Father Hail Mary Angel of God Grace before Meals Glory Be St. Michael the Archangel Act of Contrition Apostles' Creed Be familiar with how to pray the following devotions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Rosary Divine Mercy Chaplet Stations of the Cross 	CCC 2688 CCC 2759-2772 CCC 2688	Take a tour and show students the stations of the cross. Also pray with the devotion.	Create a prayer contest Make paper rosaries/chaplets

INTRODUCTION

A New Year

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How does sacred scripture teach us?	PF 4.7 Sacred scripture is the inspired Word of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand God inspired human authors to communicate his Word b. Begin to understand the basic structure and contents of the bible and how to use it c. Begin to identify basic elements in the Salvation Story starting with creation to the resurrection of Jesus <u>Covered in chapters 2, 3 and back of book in “We Believe” section</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Begin to identify God’s covenants in scripture, examples: Noah (Gen 9:1-3), Abraham (Gen 17:1-9); Moses (Ex 19:1-8) 	CCC 101-105 CCC 120 CCC 51-67		See Resource Section Storybooks: The scripture series See Resource Section: The Bible Race

CHAPTERS 1 & 2

God’s Providence & God is Faithful

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who is God?	PF 4.1 God is love and creator of all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know God is all loving, all powerful, all knowing, and all present b. Know God is faithful c. Know God, from the beginning, loved us and desired us to be with him in heaven (God’s plan) d. Begin to understand God has revealed himself to us throughout history and fully in the person of Jesus Christ (Divine Revelation) 	CCC 221, 279 John 3:16 CCC 214-221 CCC 207 CCC 51-55, 385		

CHAPTER 3

God's Commandments

CHAPTER 4

In God's Image

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How are we made in the image and likeness of God?	ML 4.1 We are created in the image and likeness of God <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Know that God created us in his own image with a body, soul, intellect and free will Know we are created male and female Know that we are created out of love and for love Know that we were made for friendship with God and others 	CCC 362-369 CCC 1730 CCC 369, 372 CCC 355, 361	Discuss how we can share this in our communities	

CHAPTER 5

Living in Community

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who is the Holy Trinity?	PF 4.2 God is the Holy Trinity <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Know God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; three persons in one God Know that perfect love exist between the persons of the Holy Trinity 	CCC 232-237 CCC 253-255		Make a Trinity Craft

CHAPTER 6

Making Good Choices

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is free will?	<p>ML 4.3 Our gift of free will allows us to choose the good and avoid evil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand free will is a gift from God which allows us to first choose him (know, love, and serve him) b. Understand the more we choose to do good the more free we become c. Understand when we choose to sin we deprive ourselves of what is truly good <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. <i>Recognize one may not do evil (sin) so that good may result from it</i> e. <i>Know a mortal sin breaks our relationship with God</i> f. <i>Know the difference between a mortal and venial sin</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>There are three conditions for a sin to be mortal:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>the act is sinful, is grave matter and</i> b) <i>you know it is wrong and</i> c) <i>you freely choose to do it</i> 2. <i>Venial sin weakens our relationship with God</i> 	<p>CCC 1730-1732 YOUCAT 286-295</p> <p>CCC 1733</p> <p>CCC 1739</p> <p>CCC 1755 CCC 1854-1859</p> <p>CCC 1863</p>	<p>Discuss examples of when other people's sins have hurt others, directly or indirectly</p>	<p>Make up some scenarios and have students figure out the moral thing to do</p> <p>Make a sin bag of pretend sins and temptations. Play a game to see if students can tell the difference.</p>
What is our conscience?	<p>ML 4.4 Our conscience is a natural gift given by God to help us to distinguish right from wrong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand a well formed conscience is guided by the teaching of the Church which helps us to think and act as Jesus b. Begin to understand the formation of conscience is a life-long responsibility c. Begin to understand how our well-formed conscience helps us to make a good (moral) decision 	<p>CCC 1776</p> <p>CCC 1784-1785</p> <p>YOUCAT 316 CCC 1778, 1786</p>		<p>Point out the different aids that are helpful for examination of conscience. They are in the Sacramental parent books for Reconciliation and in the back of the textbook</p>

CHAPTER 7

The Beatitudes

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What does it mean to live a moral life	ML 4.2 A moral life is living in right relationship with God and others <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand that God has placed a desire for happiness in our hearts b. Understand God shows mercy on us even in our faults c. Know that the Beatitudes respond to the desire for happiness d. Identify the Beatitudes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven 2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted 3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth 4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied 5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy 6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God 7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God 8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs 9. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven 	CCC 1691-1695 CCC 1718 CCC 1716 Mt 5:3-11		See Resource Section: Beatitude Craft

CHAPTERS 8 & 9

Love God and Neighbor & Honoring God

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the Ten Commandments help us live a moral life?	<p>ML 4.5 The Ten Commandments are God’s law revealed to his people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that the first three commandments help us to love God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know the first commandment: <i>I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.</i> We are to worship only God. Idolatry means substituting someone or something in the place of God 2. Know the second commandment: <i>You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.</i> This means that God’s name is sacred and holy and must not be misused or taken lightly 3. Know that the third commandment: <i>Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.</i> This teaches us to love and honor God by participating in Mass on Sunday and refrain from unnecessary work because this is the day of the Lord’s resurrection b. Know that the last seven commandments help us to love others (neighbors) as ourselves 	<p>CCC 62, 2056</p> <p>Table before CCC 2052</p> <p>Mt 22:36-39 CCC 2084</p> <p>CCC 2142</p> <p>CCC 2168</p>	<p>Discuss why we might see images or monuments of the 10 Commandments in public buildings, like the courthouse</p>	<p>See Resource Section: Lapbook of 10 Commandments</p> <p>You could start this craft and work your way through it as you cover the commandments in the following chapters</p> <p>Make trading cards of the 10 commandments</p>

CHAPTER 10

Called to Serve

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teacher Notes
How can we serve God?	S 4.4 God calls each one of us to serve him in a special way <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Understand each of us has a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, married life or single life Begin to understand what it means to discern a vocation Know we serve God through our vocation 	CCC 358, 873, 931		Have pictures on the wall of people represented in different vocations

CHAPTER 11

Models of Virtue

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teacher Notes
How can the saints teach us to live a moral life?	ML 4.6 The saints are our role models for our journey to heaven <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Know that saints are holy but it does not mean that their entire life was holy Begin to understand through God's grace hardened sinners can become saints Understand the lives of the saints inspire us to grow and live a holy life 	CCC 2683, 828, 957		See Resource section storybooks: books on the saints
Who is Mary	PF 4.5 Mary is the Mother of God <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to understand the Immaculate Conception Know the story of the Annunciation Understand Mary as our mother Understand Mary prays for us (intercessor) 	CCC 495 CCC 490-493 CCC 487 CCC 2675		Read from scripture the story of the Annunciation and have students act out parts of it

CHAPTER 12

The Church Teaches

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who are the apostles?	PF 4.6 The apostles were chosen by Jesus to continue his ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know the apostles are those who Jesus chose and sent to spread the Gospel message b. Begin to understand it is also our mission to spread the Gospel message (evangelize) c. Know that St. Peter was the first pope d. Understand the bishops are the successors of the apostles 	CCC 858-860 CCC 551 CCC 905 CCC 552 CCC 861-862		See Resource section storybooks: Our Holy Father: “The papacy from St. Peter to the Present”
What is our understanding of the Church?	PF 4.8 The Church was instituted by Jesus and has many different features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand the teaching office of the Church is the Magisterium <u>Not covered in text:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. <i>Know that we receive sacraments through the Church</i> 	CCC 763-766 CCC 811 CCC 890, 2033		

CHAPTER 13

Family Love

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the Ten Commandments help us live a moral life?	<p>ML 4.5 The Ten Commandments are God’s law revealed to his people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that the last seven commandments help us to love our neighbors (others) as ourselves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know the fourth commandment: <i>Honor your father and your mother</i>. This means to respect and take care of your mother and father 2. Know the sixth commandment: <i>You shall not commit adultery</i>. Husbands and wives should be faithful to each other 3. Know the ninth commandment: <i>You shall not covet your neighbor’s spouse</i>. It is a sin against a pure heart when one desires another person’s spouse or someone who is not your spouse 	<p>CCC 2197</p> <p>CCC 2336</p> <p>CCC 2514</p>		Continue working on commandments lap book

CHAPTER 14

Respect Life

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the Ten Commandments help us live a moral life?	ML 4.5 The Ten Commandments are God’s law revealed to his people <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that the last seven commandments help us to love our neighbors (others) as ourselves <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know from the fifth commandment: <i>You shall not kill</i>. This means that human life is sacred and we have a respect for all human life 	CCC 2258		

CHAPTER 15

Live in the Truth

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the Ten Commandments help us live a moral life?	ML 4.5 The Ten Commandments are God’s law revealed to his people <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that the last seven commandments help us to love our neighbors (others) as ourselves <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know the eighth commandment: <i>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor</i>. This means to always tell the truth and avoid lying 	CCC 2514		

CHAPTER 16

The Liturgical Year

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who is Jesus? How does Jesus teach us?	PF 4.3 Jesus came to save us from our sins and show us the path to holiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand the Paschal Mystery as the suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus <u>The following are found throughout the chapters in text:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Identify miracles that Jesus performed c. Identify parables that Jesus taught d. Understand Jesus is our model to live a holy life e. Know Jesus is still present among us, specifically in God's Word, in the Church, in the person of the priest, and in the sacraments f. Understand Jesus is both fully human and fully Divine 	CCC 457-460 CCC 464, 470 CCC 1067 CCC 548-49 CCC 662		Make wallet size cards with different scripture saying from the parables of Jesus
How is the life of Christ celebrated throughout the year?	S 4.3 We celebrate the events in the life of Christ during the various liturgical seasons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand the significance of Sunday as the Lord's Day <u>Not covered in text:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. <i>Know Holy Days are special days on which the Church celebrates the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ, or Mary, his mother or the saints.</i> c. <i>Know Holy Days of Obligation:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>January 1—Mary the Mother of God</i> 2. <i>August 15 – The Assumption of Mary</i> 3. <i>November 1 – All Saints Day</i> 4. <i>December 8 – The Immaculate Conception</i> 5. <i>December 25 – Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord</i> 6. <i>40 days after Easter Sunday – Ascension (currently transferred to the following Sunday)</i> 	CCC 1163-1172	Discuss ways we can celebrate the different liturgical seasons in our homes.	Make a paper chain with different sacrifices the students can do written on the chain links Make a liturgical calendar making the seasons and Holy Days of Obligation

CHAPTER 17

The Seven Sacraments

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understanding	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the sacraments affect our life with Christ?	<p>S 4.1 Jesus instituted the seven sacraments so that we could receive sanctifying grace, a share in God’s divine life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand all sacraments are an encounter with Christ b. Recognize the sacraments are divided into three groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sacraments of Initiation: baptism, confirmation, and Holy Eucharist 2. Sacraments of Healing: reconciliation and anointing of the sick 3. Sacraments of Service: matrimony and holy orders <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. <i>Know the minister of each sacrament</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Baptism: priest or deacon</i> 2. <i>Confirmation: bishop</i> 3. <i>Holy Eucharist: priest</i> 4. <i>Reconciliation: priest</i> 5. <i>Anointing of the Sick: priest</i> 6. <i>Marriage: bride and groom</i> 7. <i>Holy Orders: Bishop</i> 	<p>CCC 1113-1119</p> <p>CCC 1210-1211</p> <p>CCC 1212</p> <p>CCC 1420-1421</p> <p>CCC 1533-1535</p> <p>CCC 1256</p> <p>CCC 1312</p> <p>CCC 1348</p> <p>CCC 1461-1462</p> <p>CCC 1516</p> <p>CCC 1623</p> <p>CCC 1575-1576</p>	<p>Discuss when you have witnessed these sacraments and the celebration of them in the life of the Church and her people</p>	<p>Make a lap book for the sacraments</p> <p>See Resource section storybooks: “Eucharistic Miracles for Kids”</p>

CHAPTER 18

Healing and Reconciliation

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How are we healed in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick?	<p>S 4.2 God, through His mercy and forgiveness, heals us in the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand sacramental graces are received through the sacraments of healing (e.g., forgiveness, strength, acceptance, peace) b. Know the four essential elements of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contrition 2. Confession 3. Absolution 4. Satisfaction (Penance) c. Understand how the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes guide us in our examination of conscience d. Begin to connect Christ's miracles of healing with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick e. Begin to understand the grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (e.g. strength, peace, courage, to sometimes physically heal, and to unite us with Jesus' suffering) <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. <i>Understand that sin offends God and affects a person's relationship with God, others, and self</i> g. <i>Understand the benefit of frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 	<p>CCC 1421</p> <p>CCC 1420-1421</p> <p>CCC 1451-1460</p> <p>CCC 1454</p> <p>CCC 1849</p> <p>CCC 1458</p> <p>CCC 1503-1510</p> <p>CCC 1520-1523</p> <p>CCC 1520</p>		

CHAPTER 19

A Generous Spirit

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the Ten Commandments help us live a moral life?	ML 4.5 The Ten Commandments are God's law revealed to his people <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that the last seven commandments help us to love our neighbors (others) as ourselves <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know the seventh commandment: <i>You shall not steal</i>. This is theft but also can be envy and greed 2. Know the tenth commandment: <i>You shall not covet your neighbor's goods</i>. This is envy for another person's goods 	CCC 2401 CCC 2534		

CHAPTER 20

The Church in the World

CHAPTER 21

Eternal Life with God

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What happens when we die?	PF 4.9 God desires eternal life in heaven for each of us <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand death was not part of God's plan but is a consequence of Original Sin b. Begin to understand hell is eternal separation from God by our own free choice c. Begin to understand the souls in purgatory will get to heaven 	CCC 1 CCC 1008 CCC 1030-31 CCC 1033	Pray for those who have died in the parish especially in the month of November	

Live Your Faith Section (back of book)

The Dignity of Work

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How can our work be purposeful?	ML 4.7 Social teaching of the Church: We participate in God’s plan by using our gifts and talents to work <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Understand all work, when done under God’s plan, has dignity Understand our work should help sustain God’s creation Understand workers should be treated fairly and with respect by their employer 	CCC 2427 CCC 2434		See Resource section storybooks: “Quiltmakers Gift and & Rain School