

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

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

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How is the life of Christ celebrated throughout the year?	<p>S 4.3 We celebrate the events in the Life of Christ during the various liturgical seasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know the liturgical seasons celebrated throughout the year as the mysteries of the Lord’s birth, life, death and resurrection b. Know the order of the liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time c. Understand the significance of Sunday as the Lord’s Day d. Know Holy Days are specific days in which the Church celebrates the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ, or Mary, his mother or the saints. e. Know Holy Days of Obligation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. January 1—Mary the Mother of God 2. August 15 – The Assumption of Mary 3. November 1 – All Saints Day 4. December 8 – The Immaculate Conception 5. December 25 – Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord 6. 40 days after Easter Sunday – Ascension (currently transferred to the following Sunday) 	CCC 1163-1172		

INTRODUCTION

A New Year

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How does sacred scripture teach us?	<p>PF 4.7 Sacred Scripture is the inspired Word of God</p> <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. <p><u>Covered in chapters 2, 3 and back of book in “We Believe” section</u></p> <p>Begin to identify God’s covenants in scripture, Examples: Noah (Gen 9:1-3), Abraham (Gen 17:1-9); Moses (Ex 19:1-8)</p>	<p>CCC 101-105</p> <p>CCC 120</p> <p>CCC 51-67</p>		

CHAPTERS 1 & 2

God’s Providence & God is Faithful

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who is God?	<p>PF 4.1 God is love and creator of all</p> <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) <p>Begin to understand God has revealed himself to us throughout history and fully in the person of Jesus Christ (Divine Revelation)</p>	<p>CCC 221,279, John 3:16 CCC 214-221 CCC 207</p> <p>CCC 51- 55,385</p>		

- **CHAPTER 3 – God’s Commandments** (Story of Moses and general overview of 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?	<p>ML 4.1 We are created in the image and likeness of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand that God created us in his own image with a body, soul, intellect and free will b. Understand we are created male and female c. Understand that we are created out of love and for love d. Understand that we were made for friendship with God and others 	<p>CCC 362-369 CCC 1730</p> <p>CCC 369, 372 CCC 355, 361</p>		

- **CHAPTER 5 – Living in Community** (Living a moral life and the common good)

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> 	<p>CCC 1730-1732 YOUCAT 286-295</p> <p>CCC 1733</p> <p>CCC 1739</p> <p>CCC 1755</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>		

CHAPTER 7

The Beatitudes

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>What does it mean to live a moral life</p>	<p>ML 4.2 A moral life is living in right relationship with God and others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand that God has placed a desire for happiness in our hearts b. Know that the Beatitudes respond to the desire for happiness c. Identify the Beatitudes <ul 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 	<p>CCC 1691-1695</p> <p>CCC 1718</p> <p>CCC 1716 Mt 5:3-11</p>		

CHAPTERS 8 & 9

Love God and Neighbor & Honoring God

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the 10 Commandments help us live a moral life?	<p>ML 4.5 The 10 Commandments are God’s law revealed to his people</p> <p>a. Know that the first three commandments help us to love God</p> <ol 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> This is 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 <p>b. Know that the last seven commandments help us to love our others (neighbors) as ourselves</p>	<p>CCC 62, 2056 Table before CCC 2052 Mt. 22:36-39 CCC 2084</p> <p>CCC 2142</p> <p>CCC 2168</p>		

- **CHAPTER 10 – Called to Serve** (vocation & God’s Kingdom)

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?	<p>ML 4.6 The saints are our role models for our journey to heaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that saints are holy but it does not mean that their entire life was holy b. Begin to understand through God’s grace hardened sinners can become saints c. Understand the lives of the saints inspire us to grow and live a holy life 	CCC 2683, 828, 957		

CHAPTER 12

The Church Teaches

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teacher Notes
Who are the apostles?	<p>PF 4.6 The Apostles were chosen by Jesus to continue his ministry</p> <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 	<p>CCC 858-860</p> <p>CCC 551</p> <p>CCC 905</p> <p>CCC 552</p> <p>CCC 861-862</p>		
What is our understanding of Church?	<p>PF 4.8 The Church was instituted by Jesus and has many different features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand the teaching office of the Church is the Magisterium <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. <i>Begin to recognize the four marks of the Church</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>One</i> 2. <i>Holy</i> 3. <i>Apostolic</i> 4. <i>Catholic</i> c. <i>Know that we receive sacraments through the Church</i> 	<p>CCC 763-766</p> <p>CCC 811</p> <p>CCC 866-870</p> <p>CCC 890, 2033</p>		

CHAPTER 13

Family Love

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the 10 Commandments help us live a moral life?	<p>ML 4.5 The 10 Commandments are God’s law revealed to his people</p> <p>c. Know that the last seven commandments help us to love our others (neighbors) as ourselves</p> <ol 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> This 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>		

CHAPTER 14

Respect Life

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the 10 Commandments help us live a moral life?	<p>ML 4.5 The 10 Commandments are God’s law revealed to his people</p> <p>d. Know that the last seven commandments help us to love our others (neighbors) as ourselves</p> <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 10 Commandments help us live a moral life?	<p>ML 4.5 The 10 Commandments are God’s law revealed to his people</p> <p>e. Know that the last seven commandments help us to love our others (neighbors) as ourselves</p> <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
<p>Who is Jesus?</p> <p>How does Jesus teach us?</p>	<p>PF 4.3 Jesus came to save us from our sins and show us the path to holiness</p> <p>a. Begin to understand the Paschal Mystery as the suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus</p> <p><u>The following are found throughout the chapters in text:</u></p> <p>b. Identify miracles that Jesus performed</p> <p>c. Identify parables that Jesus taught</p> <p>d. Understand Jesus is our model to live a holy life</p> <p>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</p>	<p>CCC 457-460</p> <p>CCC 464, 470</p> <p>CCC 1067</p> <p>CCC 548-49 CCC 662</p>		
<p>How is the life of Christ celebrated throughout the year?</p>	<p>S 4.3 We celebrate the events in the Life of Christ during the various liturgical seasons</p> <p>a. Know the liturgical seasons celebrated throughout the year as the mysteries of the Lord’s birth, life, death and resurrection</p> <p>b. Know the order of the liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time</p> <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <p>f. <i>Understand the significance of Sunday as the Lord’s Day</i></p> <p>g. <i>Know Holy Days are specific days in which the Church celebrates the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ, or Mary, his mother or the saints.</i></p> <p>h. <i>Know Holy Days of Obligation:</i></p> <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> 	<p>CCC 1163-1172</p>		

CHAPTER 17

The Seven Sacraments

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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. Understand Jesus is both fully human and fully divine c. 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"> d. <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>		

CHAPTER 18

Healing and Reconciliation

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understanding	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>How are we healed in the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick?</p>	<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. strengthen, 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

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How do the 10 Commandments help us live a moral life?	<p>ML 4.5 The 10 Commandments are God’s law revealed to his people</p> <p>a. Know that the last seven commandments help us to love our others (neighbors) as ourselves</p> <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 	<p>CCC 2401</p> <p>CCC 2534</p>		

- **Chapter 20 – The Church in the World** (Missionary & Evangelization)
- **Chapter 21 – Eternal Life with God** (Heaven & Judgement)

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?	<p>ML 4.7 Social teaching of the Church: We participate in God’s plan by using our gifts and talents to work</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand all work, when done under God’s plan, has dignity b. Understand our work should help sustain God’s creation c. Understand workers should be treated fairly and with respect by their employer 	<p>CCC 2427</p> <p>CCC 2434</p>		