

Fourth Grade

Theme: Jesus calls us to be perfect like our heavenly Father is perfect. He loves us and gives us the help we need to become perfect. Jesus established the Church where we might be nurtured and taught. He wants us to follow the example of his Mother and live a life of virtue. He gives us seven sacraments through which we may experience Him and be transformed by Him.

Six Tasks of Catechesis

Overview of Grade Level from Curriculum Guide

Knowledge of Faith:

Jesus made holiness possible by His life, death, and resurrection. _____
We are created in the image and likeness of God. _____
The Church was "born" at Pentecost by the Holy Spirit's work. _____
Peter was the first head of the Church. _____
The Church is God's presence in the world. _____
The Church has five precepts that help guide us to holiness: _____
 attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, Confession, reception _____
 of the Eucharist, fasting and abstaining, and support of the Church. _____
Mary is our model. _____
St. Paul was a great Apostle. _____

Liturgy and Sacraments:

Baptism: makes us members of God's family and cleanses us of original sin _____
Eucharist: strengthens our relationship with God and others. _____
Confirmation: increases Baptismal graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit _____
 and bonds us to the church and helps us to witness Jesus to others. _____
Matrimony: places a man and a woman in a union with each other and God _____
 and is founded on equal dignity and unreserved self-giving. _____
Holy Orders: Places a man in service to the Church. _____
Reconciliation: We express our sorrow and God forgives. _____
Anointing of the Sick: Heals and gives rest. _____
Mass: Most important work of Church. _____
Salvation history unfolds in liturgical year. _____

Moral Formation:

We believe and obey God. _____
Personal sin exists because of original sin. _____
Our choice not to obey God's laws breaks our relationship with God. _____
The Ten Commandments guide our actions. _____
The greatest commandment is: love God and neighbor. _____
The Beatitudes guide us to holiness. _____
Our conversion of heart is the beginning of holiness. _____

Worship and Prayer:

We should show reverence for the Bible, the word of God. _____
We know that God is with us where ever two or more _____
 are gathered in His name. _____
We know the rosary is a prayer through Mary, our mother. _____
We participate in prayer services celebrating God's creation _____
 and His forgiveness. _____
We participate regularly in Mass on Sundays (or the vigil of Sunday Mass _____
 on Saturday) and on Holy Days of Obligation. _____
We understand the role of the priest. _____
We should participate in Advent and Lenten activities to become familiar _____
 with these liturgical seasons. _____

Community:

Be aware of God's gifts and how He shows us love. _____
Recognize ourselves as unique and special and use our gifts _____
 to serve the Church. _____
Appreciate the Sacrament of Matrimony and the holiness of family life _____
 and show respect to each member of our family. _____
Know the names of Church leaders (pope, bishop, pastor). _____
Develop a sense of belonging to the parish and know about its _____
 activities and ministries. _____

Missionary Spirit:

Model Jesus as the way we should live, loving all people and performing good acts and giving our best to others.

Value all forms of life and care for all God's creation.

Understand saints are people who lived lives of holiness and service in God's name.

Know that Jesus told us to go out into the world and tell everyone about Him.

Vocabulary

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| <input type="checkbox"/> abstinence | <input type="checkbox"/> community | <input type="checkbox"/> liturgy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> age of reason | <input type="checkbox"/> conversion | <input type="checkbox"/> Madonna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Souls | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporal Works of Mercy | <input type="checkbox"/> obedience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> authority | <input type="checkbox"/> disciple | <input type="checkbox"/> patron saint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> beatitudes | <input type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel | <input type="checkbox"/> redemption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> blessing | <input type="checkbox"/> free will | <input type="checkbox"/> reverence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calvary | <input type="checkbox"/> holy day of obligation | <input type="checkbox"/> soul |
| <input type="checkbox"/> canonization | <input type="checkbox"/> humility | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Works of Mercy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cathedral | <input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception | <input type="checkbox"/> state of grace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> charity | <input type="checkbox"/> law of love | <input type="checkbox"/> witness |

Scripture

Passage	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 2-3	The Fall
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt 5:1-12	The Beatitudes
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt 25	The Works of Mercy and Last Judgement
<input type="checkbox"/> Lk 10:25-28	Jesus' Great Commandment
<input type="checkbox"/> Lk 12:27-34	Lilies of the Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Lk 15:11-32	Prodigal Son
<input type="checkbox"/> Lk 23:39-43	The Good Thief
<input type="checkbox"/> Jn 4:21-24	Worship
<input type="checkbox"/> Jn 7:1-10, 11-17	The Life of Love
<input type="checkbox"/> Jn 13:34-35	Love One Another
<input type="checkbox"/> Jn 14:1-6	The Way, Truth, and Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Jn 15:21	Reaction of the World
<input type="checkbox"/> Jn 20:1-10, 11-18	The Empty Tomb
<input type="checkbox"/> Jn 20:19-23	The Gift of Penance

Prayers

- Act of Faith**
- Act of Hope**
- Act of Love**