

Grade 2 • Unit 1 • We Believe, Part One

CHAPTER 1 — The Bible

Faith Concepts:

- The Bible is the revealed and written Word of God.
- The Bible is made up of the Old and New Testaments.
- The Gospels tell us about Jesus.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 119:14, 130, 160 (The Word of God brings joy, hope, and light to our lives.) Hebrews 1:1-2 (God has revealed Himself partially in the past.); Luke 11:28 (We are happy to hear the Word of God.)

Disciple Power: respect (capital virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Bible, disciples

Faith-Filled People: King David

Catholics Believe: The Gospels

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Jerome

Prayer: A Listening Prayer

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 101-114, 125, 127, 139, 1349

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 11-15

CHAPTER 3 — The Holy Trinity

Faith Concepts:

- God the Father is the First Person of the Holy Trinity.
- God the Son is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.
- God the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39 (Jesus teaches the Law of Love.); Luke 11:13 (The Father sends the Holy Spirit.); John 14:13-16 (The Promise of the Holy Spirit)

Disciple Power: wonder (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Holy Trinity, soul

Faith-Filled People: Saint Patrick

Catholics Believe: The Sign of the Cross

The Church Follows Jesus: Catholics pray in their own language.

Prayer: Signing ourselves with blessed water

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 232-260

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 51-53

CHAPTER 2 — We Know and Love God

Faith Concepts:

- God reveals himself in his creation.
- Jesus is the greatest sign of God's love.
- The Church helps us know God and his love for us.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 25:4 (God teaches us his path.); Matthew 6:26 (Jesus invites us to have faith in God.)

Disciple Power: hospitality (capital virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: believe, faith

Faith-Filled People: Saint Philip the Apostle

Catholics Believe: the parish

The Church Follows Jesus: a parish community

Prayer: an act of faith

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 50-67, 84-85, 142-175

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 50-53

CHAPTER 4 — God, Our Father

Faith Concepts:

- God is the Creator, who created all things out of love.
- God is almighty and can do all things.
- Jesus taught us that God is our Father.

Sacred Scripture: Genesis 1:1, 7-12, 16, 20-21, 24-25, 27, 31 (God is the Creator.); 1 John 3:1 (We are children of God.); Matthew 6:9 (The Lord's Prayer is taught.)

Disciple Power: honor (capital virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Creator, almighty

Faith-Filled People: Saint Bonaventure

Catholics Believe: The Lord's Prayer

The Church Follows Jesus: a school stewardship project

Prayer: The Our Father

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 268-274, 279-314, 325-349

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 50-54

Grade 2 • Unit 2 • We Believe, Part Two

CHAPTER 5 — Jesus, Son of God

Faith Concepts:

- The Covenant is a sign of God's love and mercy.
- God made covenants with Noah, Abraham, and Moses.
- The birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is a sign of God's love and mercy.

Sacred Scripture: Isaiah 7:14, 9:5-6 (God will send a Messiah.); Matthew 14:13-20 (Jesus feeds the crowd.); Luke 2:4-7 (The Birth of Jesus)

Disciple Power: mercy (capital virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Covenant, Jesus Christ

Faith-Filled People: the Blessed Virgin Mary

Catholics Believe: Works of Mercy

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Martin de Porres

Prayer: The Angelus

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 51-67, 456-560

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 77-87

CHAPTER 6 — Jesus, the Savior

Faith Concepts:

- Jesus Christ is the Savior whom God promised to send us.
- Jesus suffered death on the Cross to save all people from their sins.
- God the Father raised his Son, Jesus, from death to new life.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 1:20-23 (Joseph's dream about Mary and Jesus.); Luke 23:33-34, 44, 46 (The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus); Luke 24:4, 6, 8, 11-12 (Jesus' Resurrection); John 13:33-35 (Jesus' disciples love one another.) John 15:13 (The greatest love)

Disciple Power: sacrifice (Fruit of the Holy Spirit as related to love)

Faith Vocabulary: Crucifixion, Resurrection

Faith-Filled People: Saint Mary Magdalene

Catholics Believe: The Crucifix

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Prayer: Memorial Acclamation C

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 422-451, 456-478, 599-655

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 91-98

CHAPTER 7 — The Holy Spirit

Faith Concepts:

- Before he returned to his Father in Heaven, Jesus promised the Father would send the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit came to the disciples on Pentecost.
- The Holy Spirit is our Helper and Teacher.

Sacred Scripture: Luke 24:49 (The Promise of the Holy Spirit); Acts 2:1-4, 14, 22 (Peter's proclaiming at Pentecost); 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (Unity and diversity in the Church)

Disciple Power: generosity (fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Ascension, Pentecost

Faith-Filled People: Saint Luke the Evangelist

Catholics Believe: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Church Follows Jesus: Kids' Kitchen

Prayer: a prayer to the Holy Spirit

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 687-741

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp.102-108

CHAPTER 8 — The Church

Faith Concepts:

- The Church is the People of God who follow Jesus Christ.
- The Church is the Body of Christ.
- The Church is the Communion of Saints.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20 (Baptize all nations.); Acts 2:42-47 (Early Church life);

1 Corinthians 12:13 (We are part of the Body of Christ.)

Disciple Power: goodness (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Body of Christ, Communion of Saints

Faith-Filled People: the Faithful

Catholics Believe: Patron Saints

The Church Follows Jesus: Father Augustus Tolton

Prayer: Litany of Saints

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 751-776, 781-801, 874-993

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 143-147

Grade 2 • Unit 3 • We Worship, Part One

CHAPTER 9 — We Celebrate God's Love

Faith Concepts:

- We worship God by using words and actions.
- We worship God when we celebrate the Sacraments.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to celebrate the Sacraments and worship God.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 100:1-2 (The Lord is King.); Mark 5:22-24, 38, 41-42 (the raising of Jairus' daughter)

Disciple Power: piety (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: worship, Sacraments

Faith-Filled People: Saint Mark the Evangelist

Catholics Believe: sacramentals

The Church Follows Jesus: Blessed Pope John XXIII

Prayer: praying with actions

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1066-1118

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 168-169, 295-298

CHAPTER 10 — Our Church Welcomes Us

Faith Concepts:

- Baptism is the first Sacrament we receive.
- The Sacrament of Baptism joins us to Christ and makes us members of the Church.
- The words and actions of Baptism show that we share in God's life.

Sacred Scripture: Acts 10:30-48 (The Baptism of Cornelius); Galatians 3:26-28 (In baptism, all are one in Christ Jesus.)

Disciple Power: faith (Theological Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: grace, Baptism

Faith-Filled People: Saint Paul

Catholics Believe: baptismal candle

The Church Follows Jesus: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Prayer: a prayer of adoration

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1213-1284

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 183-187

CHAPTER 11 — We Celebrate the Holy Spirit

Faith Concepts:

- Confirmation is received after the Sacrament of Baptism.
- In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts to help us love and serve God and one another.
- In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens us to live our Baptism.

Sacred Scripture: Romans 12:5-6, 9-12, 18, 21 (Use spiritual gifts to live in peace.); 1 Corinthians 14:1, 12 (Build up the Church with spiritual gifts.)

Disciple Power: knowledge (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Confirmation, spiritual gifts

Faith-Filled People: Saint Stephen

Catholics Believe: Sacred Chrism

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Thomas Aquinas

Prayer: a prayer to the Holy Spirit

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1285-1314, 1830-1845

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 203-209

CHAPTER 12 — We Celebrate Forgiveness

Faith Concepts:

- Sin is choosing to do or say something against God.
- In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we ask for and receive forgiveness for our sins.
- Contrition, confession, penance, and absolution are always part of Reconciliation.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 5:3, 10 (prayer for help); Luke 15:7 (God rejoices when we return to him.); Luke 15:11-24 (Parable of the Forgiving Father); John 20:19-23 (The Apostles receive the power to forgive sins.)

Disciple Power: forgiveness (capital virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: sin, reconciliation, penance

Faith-Filled People: Zacchaeus

Catholics Believe: The Act of Contrition

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint John Vianney

Prayer: a prayer of petition

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 545-546, 587-590, 976-983, 1439, 1465, 1846-1848, 1420-1484

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 234-243

Grade 2 • Unit 4 • We Worship, Part Two

CHAPTER 13 — We Gather For Mass

Faith Concepts:

- The Mass is the most important celebration of the Church.
- Everyone at Mass has a part to play in the celebration of the Mass.
- The Introductory Rites of the Mass gather us and prepare us to worship God.

Sacred Scripture: Joel 2:15-16, 23 (Call an assembly to praise the Lord.); Matthew 18:20 (Jesus is present when we gather in his name.)

Disciple Power: love (Theological Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Mass, assembly

Faith-Filled People: Saint Justin

Catholics Believe: The Lord's Day

The Church Follows Jesus: Father Petr Pit'ha

Prayer: praying a psalm

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1322-1332, 1346, 1348

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 215-218

CHAPTER 15 — We Give Thanks

Faith Concepts:

- At the Last Supper, Jesus gave the Church the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
- At the celebration of the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus.
- We receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 35:18 (I thank you, Lord.); Luke 22:17-20 (The Last Supper)

Disciple Power: thankfulness (Fruit of the Holy Spirit as related to generosity)

Faith Vocabulary: Liturgy of the Eucharist, Eucharist

Faith-Filled People: Saint Pope Pius X

Catholics Believe: The Holy Sacrifice

The Church Follows Jesus: The Franciscans

Prayer: a prayer of blessing

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1345-1405, 1830-1845

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 218-220

Grade 2 • Unit 5 • We Live, Part One

CHAPTER 17 — In God's Image

Faith Concepts:

- All people are to be honored and respected.
- Jesus taught that we are to live as children of God.
- The Holy Spirit helps us make choices to live as children of God.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 18:3 (God welcomes his children into Heaven.); John 14:6 (Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life); 1 John 3:1 (We are children of God.)

Disciple Power: kindness (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: honor

Faith-Filled People: Saint Teresa of Ávila (Saint Teresa of Jesus)

Catholics Believe: Fruits of the Holy Spirit

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus)

Prayer: May God Bless Us

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1699-1756, 1996-2016

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 307-309, 328-330, 351-354

CHAPTER 14 — We Listen to God's Word

Faith Concepts:

- The Liturgy of the Word is the first main part of the Mass.
- The Gospel is the main part of the Liturgy of the Word.
- At Mass we listen and respond to the Word of God.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (Parable of the Sower and the Seed); Luke 11:27-28 (Blessed are those who hear and obey the Word of God.)

Disciple Power: compassion (capital virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Liturgy of the Word

Faith-Filled People: Saint Paul Chong Ha-sang

Catholics Believe: the sanctuary

The Church Follows Jesus: inclusion of all people

Prayer: a prayer of intercession

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1322-1332, 1346, 1349

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): p. 218

CHAPTER 16 — We Live as Disciples of Jesus

Faith Concepts:

- At the end of Mass, we receive God's blessing to live as Jesus' disciples.
- The Dismissal sends us forth from Mass to glorify God.
- The concluding procession reminds us that we are people sent on a mission.

Sacred Scripture: Isaiah 6:8 (Here I am, send me.); John 13:4-5, 13-14, 34-35 (Jesus gives a New Commandment of love.)

Disciple Power: courage (Cardinal Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: procession

Faith-Filled People: Saint Damien of Molokai (Saint Damien de Veuster)

Catholics Believe: washing of feet

The Church Follows Jesus: Jean Donovan and Saint Frances Cabrini

Prayer: Here I Am, Lord

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1333-1405, 1822-1823

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 220-227

CHAPTER 18 — We Live as Children of God

Faith Concepts:

- Jesus teaches on his own authority.
- Jesus taught us the greatest Commandment.
- The Great Commandment tells us to love God and to love other people as we love ourselves.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 25:4-5 (Lord, teach us your ways.); Matthew 22:37-40 (Jesus teaches the Great Commandment.); John 14:9 (Whoever sees the Son sees the Father.)

Disciple Power: fortitude (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: rabbi, Great Commandment

Faith-Filled People: Saint Mary Magdalene

Catholics Believe: The Cross

The Church Follows Jesus: Blessed Pedro Calungsod

Prayer: an act of love

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 2052-2055, 2083, 2196

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 307-309

CHAPTER 19 — We Love God

Faith Concepts:

- God gave us the Ten Commandments to live happy and holy lives.
- The first three Commandments teach us to love and honor God.
- Proverbs are wise sayings that help us to love God and to live happy and holy lives.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 119:1–3 (Happy are those who obey God's Laws.); Proverbs 3:5–6 (Trust in the Lord.)

Disciple Power: obedience (capital virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Ten Commandments

Faith-Filled People: Saint Scholastica

Catholics Believe: a bishop's motto

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Benedict

Prayer: a prayer to the Holy Spirit

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 2083–2132, 2142–2165, 2168–2188, 2194

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 3341–369

CHAPTER 20 — We Love Others

Faith Concepts:

- People who live the Ten Commandments help build a kind world.
- The last seven Commandments teach us to love, honor, and respect other people and ourselves.
- Jesus calls us to follow him by keeping the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 7:12 (Do to others what you would have them do to you.); Mark 10:17–22 (the rich young man)

Disciple Power: justice (Cardinal Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: covet, false witness

Faith-Filled People: Saint John Bosco

Catholics Believe: almsgiving

The Church Follows Jesus: St. Vincent de Paul Society

Prayer: Trust in the Lord

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 2196–2246, 2258–2317, 2331–2391, 2401–2499, 2464–2503, 2514–2527, 2535–2550

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 375–455

Grade 2 • Unit 6 • We Live, Part Two

CHAPTER 21 — We Make Choices

Faith Concepts:

- It is important for us to make wise choices.
- Making wise choices will help us find happiness.
- The Proverbs can help us choose wisely.

Sacred Scripture: Joshua 24:15 (My house will serve the Lord.); Proverbs 16:3 (Trust in the Lord.)

Disciple Power: humility (capital virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: wise choice, Heaven

Faith-Filled People: Saint Clare of Assisi

Catholics Believe: daily prayer

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Francis of Assisi

Prayer: Prayer of St. Francis

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1719–1724, 2825

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 315–317

CHAPTER 22 — We Can Choose Right from Wrong

Faith Concepts:

- We are making wise choices when we choose to live as Jesus taught.
- Wise choices show we are forming and following our consciences.
- All of our choices have consequences.

Sacred Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:19 (Choose life.); Sirach 15:14–15 (God created us with a free will.)

Disciple Power: joy (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: consequences, conscience

Faith-Filled People: Saint Philip Neri

Catholics Believe: examination of conscience

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Paula Frassinetti

Prayer: a prayer of St. Augustine

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1716–1724, 1730–1738, 1776–1794

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): 314–315, 341–369

CHAPTER 23 — We Share in God's Life

Faith Concepts:

- Grace is a gift from God.
- Sanctifying grace is the gift of God's life that he shares with us.
- The gift of peace helps us live a holy and happy life.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 25:36 (As you do for others, you do for Jesus.); John 1:14, 16 (Jesus is the living Word.); John 20:21 (Jesus sends us with the Holy Spirit.)

Disciple Power: trust (Theological Virtue as related to faith)

Faith Vocabulary: sanctifying grace

Faith-Filled People: Saint Monica

Catholics Believe: the gift of peace

The Church Follows Jesus: prison chaplains

Prayer: The Hail Mary

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1846–1869, 1996–2016

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 193, 328–330

CHAPTER 24 — The Our Father

Faith Concepts:

- We pray the Our Father to show our love and adoration for God.
- The Our Father helps us to live as children of God.
- The Our Father helps us to prepare for the Kingdom of God.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 6:9–13 (Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer.)

Disciple Power: hope (Theological Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Kingdom of God

Faith-Filled People: Saint Thomas Aquinas

Catholics Believe: vocation

The Church Follows Jesus: the contemplative life

Prayer: a prayer of thanksgiving

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 2777–2856

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 481–492