

Grade 6 • Unit 1 • We Believe, Part One

CHAPTER 1 — The Gift of Faith

Faith Concepts:

- God placed in our hearts a desire to know, love, and serve him.
- Jesus' whole life on Earth invited us to have faith in God.
- The creeds of the Church are both a profession and a summary of the Church's faith in God.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 148:7-13 (Praise the name of the Lord.); Jeremiah 24:7 (God has made us his people.)

Disciple Power: perseverance in faith (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: faith, creed

Faith-Filled People: Miriam, sister of Moses

Catholics Believe: The Nicene Creed

The Church Follows Jesus: World Youth Day

Prayer: a baptismal profession of faith

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 26-49, 142-197

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 2-9, 36-47

CHAPTER 3 — The Mystery of God

Faith Concepts:

- God is the Mystery of mysteries who has revealed himself and his plan of creation and redemption.
- Creation is the work of the Holy Trinity.
- The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is at the center of our faith.

Sacred Scripture: Genesis 1:1, 27 (God created all things, and he created human beings in his image and likeness.); Psalm 66:1-2, 4 (Awesome are the works of God.); John 1:1-5 (In the beginning was the Word.)

Disciple Power: wonder and awe (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Divine Revelation, original holiness, original justice, sanctify

Faith-Filled People: Saint Thomas Aquinas

Catholics Believe: God alone is our ultimate goal.

The Church Follows Jesus: mosaics

Prayer: Psalm 66:1-2, 4

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 198-231, 249-267, 355-387

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 50-53, 56-59

CHAPTER 2 — The Word of God

Faith Concepts:

- The Holy Spirit guided the human writers of Scripture to faithfully and accurately tell what God intended to reveal.
- Through the Bible, God reveals himself and his loving plan of Salvation.
- The Bible tells the story of the Covenant between God and his people.

Sacred Scripture: Genesis 3:14-16 (Eve's descendants); Genesis 9:9-17 (Covenant with Noah); Genesis 12:1-3 (Covenant with Abraham); Exodus 3:4, 6, 10, 13-14 (The Israelites are God's people. God reveals his name to Moses.); Psalm 119:105-116 (In God's Word, we have hope.); Baruch 3:9, 12-13; 4:1-2 (Praise of Wisdom)

Disciple Power: knowledge (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: biblical inspiration, canon, Covenant

Faith-Filled People: the People of God

Catholics Believe: God is the Author of Scripture.

The Church Follows Jesus: the prophet Baruch

Prayer: a lectio divina using Psalm 119:105

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 50-73, 101-141

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 12-27

CHAPTER 4 — God, Father and Creator

Faith Concepts:

- God has revealed himself as Father, Creator of all things, visible and invisible.
- Original Sin is the sin that Adam and Eve committed by freely turning away from God's love and friendship.
- In Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God the Father, with one another, and with all of creation.

Sacred Scripture: Genesis 2:16-17 (God's command to not eat from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil); Genesis 3:4-5 (Temptation of Eve by the serpent); Matthew 6:9-10 (Jesus teaches us the Lord's Prayer); John 17:1-26 (Jesus reveals he and the Father are one.)

Disciple Power: justice (Cardinal Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Original Sin, sin, temptation

Faith-Filled People: Mary, the New Eve

Catholics Believe: God's plan of Salvation

The Church Follows Jesus: the Lord's Prayer

Prayer: 96:2, 3-4, 11

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 232-248, 268-354, 388-421

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 53-56, 68-75

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CHAPTER 5 — Son of God, Son of Mary

Faith Concepts:

- God the Father chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of his Son.
- Jesus is the Second Person of the Trinity, who is the Messiah.
- The Rosary is a prayer in which we reflect on the Mysteries of Salvation.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 16:16 (Simon's profession that Jesus is the Messiah); Luke 1:35–38 (The Annunciation); Luke 1:42–49 (The Visitation and Mary's Magnificat); John 1:14 (The Incarnation)

Disciple Power: humility (capital virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Christ, Incarnation, Lord

Faith-Filled People: Saint Lawrence

Catholics Believe: Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary

The Church Follows Jesus: Mary, the first and model disciple

Prayer: Hail, Holy Queen

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 422–570

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

CHAPTER 7 — The Holy Spirit

Faith Concepts:

- The Holy Spirit is at work bringing about God's plan of Salvation within the Church.
- The Holy Spirit strengthens the Church to be a sign of Christ's love for humanity and enables us to proclaim the Gospel.
- With the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can help continue the mission of the Church.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 143:10 (Lord, teach me to do your will.); Matthew 28:16–20 (Go make disciples of all nations and baptize them.); Luke 24:48–49 (Jesus announces the Spirit is with him.); John 19:26–27 (Jesus gives Mary to the Church as our Mother.); Acts 1:4–5, 14–41, 2:1–4 (Events of Pentecost); 1 Corinthians 6:19 (Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.)

Disciple Power: counsel (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: charism, Gospels, Pentecost

Faith-Filled People: the Spiritans

Catholics Believe: social teachings of the Church

The Church Follows Jesus: Saints Benedict and Scholastica

Prayer: a liturgy of the Word: John 17:20–21

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 683–747, 963–975

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 102–110, 141–149

CHAPTER 6 — The Suffering Servant

Faith Concepts:

- The Paschal Mystery is the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ suffered death for the redemption and Salvation of humanity.
- The Resurrection is the principle and source of our future resurrection.

Sacred Scripture: Isaiah 52:13–15; 53:12 (Suffering Servant song); John 1:29 (Jesus is the Lamb of God);

Disciple Power: mercy (Fruit of the Holy Spirit as related to charity)

Faith Vocabulary: Paschal Mystery, Passion, Salvation

Faith-Filled People: the Passionists

Catholics Believe: the Paschal Mystery

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Paul of the Cross

Prayer: Stations of the Cross

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 571–682

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 90–110

CHAPTER 8 — The Mystery of the Church

Faith Concepts:

- Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, the Body of Christ.
- The Holy Spirit strengthens the Church to be one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.
- The Kingdom of God is mysteriously present in the Church and will come about in fullness at the end of time.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 28:7–9 (Lord, you are the strength of your people.); Matthew 28:19–20 (Make disciples of all nations.); Ephesians 4:5–6 (There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all.); 1 Peter 2:9 (You are a chosen race, a holy nation.)

Disciple Power: peace (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Church, Kingdom of God

Faith-Filled People: Saint Timothy

Catholics Believe: the Last Judgment

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Marguerite Marie Alacoque

Prayer: a prayer of vocations

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 748–962, 988–1060

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 111–139, 151–162

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CHAPTER 9 — Celebrating the Liturgy

Faith Concepts:

- The celebration of the liturgy is the Church's work of worshipping God.
- The Seven Sacraments are the center of the Church's liturgy.
- Throughout the year, the Church praises God the Father for what he has done and continues to do for us.

Sacred Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (The anointing of David); Acts 2:2-4 (Pentecost); Galatians 5:22-26 (The Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Disciple Power: fortitude (Cardinal Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Confirmation, consecrate

Faith-Filled People: USCCB

Catholics Believe: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Church Follows Jesus: martyrs in China

Prayer: a Liturgy of the Word: Galatians 5:22-26

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1285-1321

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 201-211

CHAPTER 11 — Confirmation

Faith Concepts:

- The Sacrament of Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism.
- The Rite of Confirmation includes the laying on of hands and anointing with oil by the bishop.
- Strengthened by Confirmation, we are called to be living witnesses for Christ.

Sacred Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (The anointing of David); Acts 2:2-4 (Pentecost); Galatians 5:22-26 (The Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Disciple Power: fortitude (Cardinal Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Confirmation, consecrate

Faith-Filled People: USCCB

Catholics Believe: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Church Follows Jesus: martyrs in China

Prayer: Galatians 5:22-26

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1285-1321

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 201-211

CHAPTER 10 — Baptism

Faith Concepts:

- A person becomes fully initiated into the Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.
- Baptism is the first Sacrament and is the doorway to new life in the Holy Spirit and Salvation in Christ.
- Through Baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and are made sharers in God's divine life.

Sacred Scripture: Genesis 7:6-23 (Noah and the Flood); Exodus 14:26-31 (Crossing of the Red Sea); Mark 1:9-11 (Baptism of Jesus); John 19:31-37 (Water and blood out of Jesus' pierced side.)

Disciple Power: modesty (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Baptism, Christian Initiation, sanctifying grace

Faith-Filled People: the Old Testament prophets

Catholics Believe: Sacred Christm

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Charles Lwanga

Prayer: recalling our anointing at Baptism

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1210-1284

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 181-199

CHAPTER 12 — The Eucharist

Faith Concepts:

- Many events in the Old Testament prefigure the mystery of the Eucharist.
- The Mass recalls and makes present the one sacrifice of Christ.
- The Eucharist is a memorial of the Paschal Mystery.

Sacred Scripture: Genesis 14:17-20 (Melchizedek); Exodus 12:1-20 (Passover in Egypt); Exodus 16:1-15 (Manna in the desert); Psalm 105:39-41 (God provided bread from Heaven.)

Disciple Power: faithfulness (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Eucharist, Mass

Faith-Filled People: Saint Dominic de Guzman

Catholics Believe: the Altar

The Church Follows Jesus: Archbishop Óscar Romero

Prayer: a Liturgy of the Word: John 6:32-35

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1322-1419

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 215-232

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CHAPTER 13 — Penance and Reconciliation

Faith Concepts:

- The Sacraments of Healing include the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.
- The Rite of Penance has a movement of conversion that includes repentance, confession, and absolution.
- In Reconciliation, we receive God's forgiveness for sins committed after Baptism.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 25:41-43 (Whatever you do to the least of people you do to Jesus.); Luke 7:47-50 (Jesus forgives the repentant woman.)

Disciple Power: self-control (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: mortal sin, venial sin

Faith-Filled People: Saint Mary Magdalene

Catholics Believe: forgiveness

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Monica

Prayer: an Act of Contrition

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1420-1498

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 233-247

CHAPTER 15 — The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Faith Concepts:

- Every Christian is joined to Christ in Baptism and is called to live a life of generous service to God and others as Jesus did.
- Holy Orders consecrates a baptized man to serve the whole Church as a bishop, priest, or deacon.
- A bishop has received the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38 (Pray for vocations.); Mark 10:44-45 (To serve as Jesus did means to serve others.); Matthew 19:11-12 (Some give up marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.)

Disciple Power: patience (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Communion, Ordination

Faith-Filled People: Venerable Jean Gailhac

Catholics Believe: male ordination

The Church Follows Jesus: Blessed John Henry Newman

Prayer: a prayer for vocations

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1533-1600

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 261-275

CHAPTER 14 — Anointing of the Sick

Faith Concepts:

- The Church continues Jesus' ministry of healing in the Sacraments of Healing.
- Anointing of the Sick is the Sacrament that strengthens our faith and trust in God when we are seriously ill or dying.
- The Rite of Anointing consists of the prayer of faith, laying on of hands, and the anointing with oil.

Sacred Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9 (Moses heals the ill in the desert.); Psalm 102:2-6 (Prayer to God in time of distress); Matthew 9:35 (Jesus heals people.); Mark 6:12-13 (The Apostles drove out many demons and anointed the sick with oil and healed them.); James 5:14-15 (If you are sick, call upon the presbyters of the Church to pray over, anoint, and heal them.)

Disciple Power: gentleness (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Anointing of the Sick, hospice care

Faith-Filled People: Saint Rafqa

Catholics Believe: respect for the terminally ill

The Church Follows Jesus: Catholic hospice care

Prayer: a Litany of Saints

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1499-1532

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 249-259

CHAPTER 16 — The Sacrament of Matrimony

Faith Concepts:

- Marriage is part of God's plan for love and life in which a man and a woman form a lifelong bond with openness to life.
- Spousal love is to be exclusive, permanent, unbreakable, and faithful.
- Matrimony unites a baptized man and a baptized woman to be a living sign of Christ's love for the Church.

Sacred Scripture: Tobit 7:11-13 (Marriage of Tobiah and Sarah); Isaiah 54:5-8 (God is like a husband to Israel.); Hosea 2:21-25 (God's Covenant between himself and Israel is like a marriage.); Matthew 19:6 (What God has joined together, no one can separate.); 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13 (Love is the greatest.); Ephesians 5:21-27 (Relationship of husband and wife)

Disciple Power: chastity (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: complementarity, conjugal love, Matrimony

Faith-Filled People: Blesseds Louis and Zélie Martin

Catholics Believe: marital love

The Church Follows Jesus: solemn blessing of marriage

Prayer: adaptation from the Rite of Marriage

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1601-1666

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 277-292

Grade 6 • Unit 5 • We Live, Part One

CHAPTER 17 — Our Call to Holiness

Faith Concepts:

- The Theological Virtues are gifts from God that connect us with him and strengthen us to live lives of holiness.
- The grace of the Holy Spirit helps us grow in our ability to freely make choices to grow in holiness.
- Living the Works of Mercy is a sign that we are trying to live holy lives.

Sacred Scripture: Leviticus 11:44-45 (Be holy for God is holy.); Psalm 99:4, 7, 9 (God loves justice.); 1 Corinthians 13:13 (Faith, hope, and love remain, but love is the greatest.); Colossians 3:12-14 (Love, the bond of perfection)

Disciple Power: understanding (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: holiness, Theological Virtues, Works of Mercy

Faith-Filled People: Job

Catholics Believe: sacramentals

The Church Follows Jesus: the Gleaning Network

Prayer: adaptation of *The Road Ahead* by Thomas Merton

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1699-1715, 1730-1748, 1803-1845, 1987-2029

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 307-313, 315-321, 328-330

CHAPTER 19 — The Law of Love

Faith Concepts:

- Do good and avoid evil is a principle of the Natural Law
- Love of God and love of neighbor is essentially the Great Commandment.
- The Law of Love is the way we are called to be friends with Jesus and with one another.

Sacred Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (The Lord is your God, the Lord alone.); Tobit 4:15 (Do to no one what you dislike.); Matthew 5:44-47 (Love your enemies.); Matthew 7:12 (Do to others what you want them to do to you.); Matthew 22:37-40 (Jesus teaches the Great Commandment.); Matthew 25:31-40 (Judgment of the Nations); Luke 6:31 (Do unto others as you would have them do to you.); John 13:34-35 (The New Commandment); John 15:9-15 (Remain in God's love and keep his Commandments.)

Disciple Power: charity (Theological Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: Golden Rule, Natural Law, Shema

Faith-Filled People: Canossian Sisters

Catholics Believe: the New Law

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Josephine Bakhita

Prayer: The Shema (English and Hebrew)

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1949-2029

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 310-311, 315-318, 327-330

CHAPTER 18 — Making Moral Choices

Faith Concepts:

- Sin is turning away from God and his love, freely choosing to do or say what we know is against God's Law.
- The sources of morality are the object of the act, the intention of the agent, and the circumstances surrounding the act.
- Our consciences help us to judge whether an act is good or evil.

Sacred Scripture: Proverbs 3:13-14, 18 (Value of wisdom); Proverbs 6:16-19 (The Lord hates the dishonest and those who stir up discord.); Proverbs 11:19 (Virtue leads to life.); Proverbs 15:4 (Speak kindly to others.); Proverbs 16:8 (It is better to have a little with virtue than a lot through dishonesty.); Proverbs 24:3, 29:8 (Seek wisdom.); Matthew 15:18-20 (Concern over committing sin); Mark 10:17-22 (Jesus tells rich young man to sell everything and follow him.); 1 John 5:16-17 (Pray for those who are sinning.)

Disciple Power: prudence (Cardinal Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: conscience, morality

Faith-Filled People: Saint Alphonse de Liguori

Catholics Believe: the Magisterium

The Church Follows Jesus: The Don Bosco system

Prayer: an examination of conscience

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1750-1761, 1776-1876

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 311-321

CHAPTER 20 — Ways of Happiness

Faith Concepts:

- The Beatitudes are teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount.
- Living the Beatitudes is the way to follow the Law of Love.
- The spirit of joy comes from the love of God being the treasure kept in our hearts.

Sacred Scripture: Matthew 5:3-11 (The Beatitudes); Philippians 4:4, 8, 13 (Rejoice in the Lord always. Think about only good and holy things.)

Disciple Power: joy (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: Beatitudes, canonization

Faith-Filled People: Blessed Chiara Badano

Catholics Believe: Communion of Saints

The Church Follows Jesus: Blessed Pope John XXIII

Prayer: Psalm 146:2, 5, 10

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 1716-1729, 1812-1819, 1830-1845, 1965-2029

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 307-311, 318

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CHAPTER 21 — Love of God

Faith Concepts:

- The First Commandment teaches us to worship only God and to love and serve him above all else.
- The Second Commandment teaches us to use the name of God reverently and respectfully.
- The Third Commandment teaches us to keep the Lord's Day a holy day.

Sacred Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 (The Ten Commandments); Psalm 19:8-9 (The Law of the Lord is perfect and refreshes the soul.)

Disciple Power: piety (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: idolatry, worship

Faith-Filled People: Moses

Catholics Believe: sins against the honor of God

The Church Follows Jesus: the collection at Mass

Prayer: Psalm 103:1

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 2083-2195

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 337-371

CHAPTER 23 — Love of Neighbor

Faith Concepts:

- The Seventh and Tenth Commandments teach us to respect the resources God has provided and the goods belonging to others.
- The Eighth Commandment teaches us that we are to speak the truth and honor the good name of others.
- We all have the obligation to make use of our talents and to use them for the common good.

Sacred Scripture: Exodus 20:15-17 (God gives the Seventh, Eighth, and Tenth Commandments.); Luke 21:3-4 (The poor widow's contribution was generous.)

Disciple Power: generosity (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Faith Vocabulary: almsgiving, reparation, stewardship

Faith-Filled People: Saint Paul of Tarsus

Catholics Believe: poverty of heart

The Church Follows Jesus: Venerable Henriette Delille

Prayer: a prayer for peace (Sign Language)

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 2401-2513, 2534-2557

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 417-438, 447-457

CHAPTER 22 — Commandments of Love

Faith Concepts:

- The Fourth Commandment teaches about our responsibilities as family members, neighbors, and citizens.
- The Fifth Commandment teaches that we are to build a culture of life.
- The Sixth and Ninth Commandments teach us to express our friendship and love in respectful ways.

Sacred Scripture: Exodus 20:12-17 (God gives the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth Commandments.); Mark 10:5-9 (Jesus teaches there is no divorce in God's plan.)

Disciple Power: temperance (Cardinal Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: covet, murder

Faith-Filled People: Ruth

Catholics Believe: male and female God created us

The Church Follows Jesus: culture of life

Prayer: Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 2196-2400, 2514-2533

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 373-416, 439-446

CHAPTER 24 — The Summary of the Gospel

Faith Concepts:

- The Lord's Prayer is a prayer of all Christians
- The Lord's Prayer teaches us how to live the Gospel.
- Traditionally there are three forms of prayer: vocal prayer, prayers of meditation, and contemplation.

Sacred Scripture: Psalm 33:20-22 (Hope in the Lord); Matthew 6:9-13 (Jesus teaches the Our Father.); John 12:27-28 (Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane)

Disciple Power: hope (Theological Virtue)

Faith Vocabulary: adoration, contemplation, meditation

Faith-Filled People: Sarah

Catholics Believe: ecumenism

The Church Follows Jesus: Saint Hildegard of Bingen

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): 2558-2865

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA): pp. 461-495