

## Grade 4 • Unit 1 • We Believe, Part One

### CHAPTER 1 — God's Word to Us

#### Faith Concepts:

- The Bible is the inspired, written Word of God.
- The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors of the Bible.
- The New Testament begins with the four Gospels.

**Sacred Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-3 (God is the Creator); Exodus 3:14 (God tells Moses his name); Exodus 19:8 (Israelites are faithful to God); Matthew 5:14-16 (Our light must shine out to others.); Mark 1:16-18 (Jesus calls Peter and Andrew.)

**Disciple Power:** truthfulness (Gift of the Holy Spirit as related to understanding)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Sacred Scripture, Bible

**Faith-Filled People:** the Israelites

**Catholics Believe:** the Holy Spirit

**The Church Follows Jesus:** reading the Bible

**Prayer:** gesture prayer before the Gospel

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 101-133

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 22-33

### CHAPTER 3 — The Mystery of God

#### Faith Concepts:

- God is our Father, the Almighty, who is all-knowing, all-loving, truth, and faithfulness.
- God is the Creator of all that is visible and invisible.
- All people are created in the image and likeness of God.

**Sacred Scripture:** Genesis 1:27 (Created in God's image); 2 Samuel 7:28 (God's words are truth.); Psalm 148:1, 3, 11, 13 (All creation praises God.); Matthew 6:26, 28, 30 (Depend on God to care for you.)

**Disciple Power:** trust (Fruit of the Holy Spirit as related to faithfulness)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Almighty, Creator, Divine Providence

**Faith-Filled People:** Julian of Norwich

**Catholics Believe:** We are created in God's image and likeness.

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saints Isidore and Maria de la Cabeza

**Prayer:** Psalm 8

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 199-379

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 53-55

### CHAPTER 2 — I Will Be Your God

#### Faith Concepts:

- God gives us the gift of faith to help us know and believe in him.
- God has revealed himself and his plan of Creation and Salvation.
- God has revealed himself most fully in his own Son, Jesus Christ.

**Sacred Scripture:** Exodus 6:6-7 (God saved the Israelites from slavery and they became his own people.); John 20:24-29 (Doubting Thomas)

**Disciple Power:** faith (Theological Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Divine Revelation

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Thomas the Apostle

**Catholics Believe:** The Apostles' Creed

**The Church Follows Jesus:** the creeds of the Church

**Prayer:** a profession of faith

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 27-43, 50-67, 142-197

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 12-18

### CHAPTER 4 — God's Promise

#### Faith Concepts:

- God created all people to be happy with him now on Earth and forever in Heaven.
- God promised to send someone who would save all people from sin.
- Jesus Christ is the Savior God promised to send.

**Sacred Scripture:** Isaiah 9:1-5 (Prediction of the Messiah's birth); Mark 1:7-8 (John the Baptist preaches.)

**Disciple Power:** hope (Theological Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Original Sin; Messiah

**Faith-Filled People:** Isaiah the Prophet

**Catholics Believe:** Works of Mercy

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Dorothy Day

**Prayer:** a prayer of praise

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 385-412

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 18, 56-57

## Grade 4 • Unit 2 • We Believe, Part Two

### CHAPTER 5 — The Son of God

#### Faith Concepts:

- Jesus is the only Son of God who became one of us and did not give up being God.
- At the start of his public ministry, Jesus announced that he is the Promised One of God.
- Everything Jesus said and did was a sign of God's love for people.

**Sacred Scripture:** Matthew 1:21 (Name him Jesus, for he will save his people.); Matthew 9:27–31 (Jesus heals two blind men.); Luke 1:35 (Annunciation greeting); Luke 4:18–19 (Jesus announces he is God's Promised One.); John 10:14–15 (Jesus is the Good Shepherd.); Ephesians 5:1, 8–10 (We are children of the light, children of God.)

**Disciple Power:** love (Theological Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Incarnation, public ministry of Jesus

**Faith-Filled People:** Patron Saints

**Catholics Believe:** signs of God's love

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Anthony of Padua

**Prayer:** the Nicene Creed

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 422–507, 512–560

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 79–87

### CHAPTER 7 — Receive the Holy Spirit

#### Faith Concepts:

- Jesus promised that he and the Father would send the Holy Spirit to help and teach the disciples as Jesus did.
- The Holy Spirit came to the disciples on Pentecost.
- The work of the Holy Spirit in the Church continues the work the Father sent Jesus to do.

**Sacred Scripture:** John 14:1, 25–27 (The Promise of the Holy Spirit); Acts 2:1–4 (Pentecost); Acts 2:38 (Peter preaches at Pentecost.)

**Disciple Power:** wisdom (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Pentecost

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Peter the Apostle

**Catholics Believe:** evangelization

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Maryknoll missionaries

**Prayer:** a prayer to the Holy Spirit

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 683–741

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 101–110

### CHAPTER 6 — The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

#### Faith Concepts:

- Jesus celebrated the Last Supper during Passover before he was crucified.
- Jesus suffered and died on the Cross for us.
- Jesus was raised from the dead and ascended to his Father in Heaven.

**Sacred Scripture:** Matthew 28:2–6 (Women at the Empty Tomb); Mark 10:33–34 (Jesus' prediction of being put to death); Luke 23:21, 34, 46 (Crucifixion of Jesus)

**Disciple Power:** courage (Cardinal Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Passover, Last Supper

**Faith-Filled People:** women disciples of Jesus

**Catholics Believe:** the symbol of the Cross

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Helena of the Cross

**Prayer:** a prayer of adoration

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 595–667

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 91–99

### CHAPTER 8 — The People of God

#### Faith Concepts:

- The Church is the Body of Christ, the People of God, and the Communion of Saints.
- Jesus founded the Church on Saint Peter the Apostle.
- Jesus announced the coming of the Kingdom of God, which will come about in its fullness at the end of time.

**Sacred Scripture:** Psalm 100:3 (We are God's people, his flock.); Matthew 13:44 (Parable of hidden treasure); Matthew 28:20 (Commissioning of the Disciples); 1 Peter 2:9 (We are a holy nation, a chosen race.)

**Disciple Power:** understanding (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** People of God, Body of Christ

**Faith-Filled People:** the Apostles

**Catholics Believe:** All Souls' Day

**The Church Follows Jesus:** the Seven Holy Martyrs of Thailand

**Prayer:** prayer for the Kingdom of God

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 748–959

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 115–123

## Grade 4 • Unit 3 • We Worship, Part One

### CHAPTER 9 — People of Prayer

#### Faith Concepts:

- The Church is a people of prayer.
- The liturgy is the official prayer of the Church.
- The creeds of the Church are short summaries of the faith of the Church.

**Sacred Scripture:** Psalm 54:4 (O God, hear our prayer.); 1 Thessalonians 5:14-19 (Pray without ceasing)

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

**Faith Vocabulary:** pray, Liturgy of the Hours

**Faith-Filled People:** the Benedictines

**Catholics Believe:** medals and statues

**The Church Follows Jesus:** prayer partners

**Prayer:** The Hail Mary

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 2558-2567, 2650-2679

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

### CHAPTER 11 — Sharing in Christ's Life and Work

#### Faith Concepts:

- The Seven Sacraments have been given to the Church by Christ.
- Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation.
- By receiving the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, we are fully joined to Christ and become full members of the Church.

**Sacred Scripture:** John 4:14 (Whoever drinks the water Jesus gives will never thirst.); 1 Corinthians 12:13, 27 (We are part of Christ's Body.)

**Disciple Power:** knowledge (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Sacraments, Sacraments of Christian Initiation

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

**Catholics Believe:** sacramentals

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Bread for the World

**Prayer:** an anointing prayer

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1113-1130, 1210-1274, 1285-1314, 1322-1405

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 181-199, 201-211, 213-232, 527

### CHAPTER 10 — Celebrating God's Love

#### Faith Concepts:

- The liturgy of the Church is her work of worshipping God.
- In the liturgy, we are made sharers in the Paschal Mystery.
- The Church celebrates and shares in God's plan of Salvation.

**Sacred Scripture:** Psalm 66:1-4 (Let all praise the Lord.); Psalm 111:1, 2 (Praise the Lord with all my heart.); Mark 1:3 (Prepare the way of the Lord); Acts 1:42, 46-47 (The life of the early Church.)

**Disciple Power:** piety (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** liturgy, Paschal Mystery

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint John the Apostle

**Catholics Believe:** frequent Communion

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Las Posadas

**Prayer:** Holy, Holy, Holy Acclamation

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1076-1109, 1136-1187, 1200-1206

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 165-179

### CHAPTER 12 — Responding to God's Call

#### Faith Concepts:

- Samuel listened to God to learn what God wanted him to do.
- God calls all of the baptized to do the work of the Church.
- Every person who is baptized has a vocation to know, love, and serve God.

**Sacred Scripture:** 1 Samuel 3:8-10 (The Call of Samuel); Matthew 28:19 (Make disciples of all nations.); Acts 2:1-4, 36 (Peter preaches at Pentecost.)

**Disciple Power:** joy (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** vocation

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint John Bosco

**Catholics Believe:** vocation

**The Church Follows Jesus:** parish priests

**Prayer:** prayer of meditation

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 54-61, 121-130, 157-165, 1373-1381

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 37-45



## Grade 4 • Unit 4 • We Worship, Part Two

### CHAPTER 13 — Jesus Feeds Us

#### Faith Concepts:

- During the Exodus, God fed the Israelites with manna.
- Jesus fed five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish.
- The Bible invites us to believe and trust in God's caring love for us.

#### Sacred Scripture:

Exodus 16:4; 16:14-15  
(God gives the Israelites manna during the Exodus.);  
Luke 9:11-13, 16-17 (Jesus feeds the crowd.) Luke  
22:19 (The Last Supper); John 6:56, 58 (Jesus calls  
himself the Bread of Life.)

#### Disciple Power:

kindness (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

#### Faith Vocabulary:

Exodus, manna

#### Faith-Filled People:

Venerable Solanus Casey

#### Catholics Believe:

almsgiving

#### The Church Follows Jesus:

Father Solanus Casey

#### Prayer:

a litany from the Body and Blood of Christ

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):

302-314,

1094, 1334, 1363, 1391-1405

#### U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):

pp. 220-229

### CHAPTER 15 — Jesus Heals the Sick

#### Faith Concepts:

- The Bible has many stories that describe how people deal with their sickness and suffering.
- Jairus believed and trusted that Jesus would heal his daughter.
- We are to reach out to Jesus in faith and trust when we are sick or suffering in any way.

#### Sacred Scripture:

Psalm 5:2 (Lord, hear my singing.);

Luke 4:38-39 (Jesus cures Peter's mother-in-law.);

Luke 8:40-55 (Jesus heals Jairus' daughter.);

James 5:14-15 (Anointing of the Sick)

#### Disciple Power:

compassion (capital virtue)

#### Faith Vocabulary:

suffering, synagogue

#### Faith-Filled People:

Saint John of God

#### Catholics Believe:

Oil of the Sick

#### The Church Follows Jesus:

parish ministers to sick

#### Prayer:

a prayer of intercession

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):

309-314,

1500-1510

#### U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):

pp. 69-70,

168, 249-259

### CHAPTER 14 — Jesus Forgives

#### Faith Concepts:

- Jesus continues his work of healing and forgiveness through the Church.
- In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we receive forgiveness for sins committed after we are baptized.
- In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we receive the grace to say no to sin in the future.

#### Sacred Scripture:

Matthew 9:1-8 (Jesus heals a  
paralytic man.); Matthew 18:21-22 (Parable of the  
unforgiving servant)

#### Disciple Power:

forgiveness (capital virtue)

#### Faith Vocabulary:

liturgy, Paschal Mystery

#### Faith-Filled People:

Archbishop Óscar Romero

#### Catholics Believe:

examination of conscience

#### The Church Follows Jesus:

Blessed Zepherin

Namuncurá

#### Prayer:

an Act of Contrition

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):

1420-1484,

1499-1525

#### U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):

pp. 168,

233-247

### CHAPTER 16 — Signs of God's Love

#### Faith Concepts:

- The Sacraments at the Service of Communion set aside members of the Church to help others live holy lives.
- Bishops, priests, and deacons are ordained to serve the whole Church.
- In Marriage, a baptized man and a baptized woman receive the grace to love and serve one another and the Church.

#### Sacred Scripture:

Mark 3:13-14 (Jesus chose the  
Apostles to serve in his name.); Luke 10:1-2 (The  
Mission of the Disciples); John 15:5; 6, 8, 9, (Jesus is the  
vine, we are the branches.)

#### Disciple Power:

holiness (Fruit of the Holy Spirit as related  
to peace)

#### Faith Vocabulary:

Sacraments at the Service of  
Communion, domestic Church

#### Faith-Filled People:

the Pope

#### Catholics Believe:

vows and promises

#### The Church Follows Jesus:

Blessed Maria Romero

Meneses

#### Prayer:

a prayer for vocations

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):

1533-1589,

1601-1658

#### U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):

pp.

262-292

## Grade 4 • Unit 5 • We Live, Part One

### CHAPTER 17 — Created in God's Image

#### Faith Concepts:

- We are each created with a body and a soul. The soul is our spiritual part that makes us like God and that lives forever.
- God created each of us with the gifts of an intellect and a free will to help us make good moral decisions.
- We are each created with emotions that influence our decisions to live holy lives.

**Sacred Scripture:** Genesis 1:27 (God creates human beings in his image and likeness.); Psalm 119:73 (God has made and fashioned us.); Mark 12:30-31 (Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.)

**Disciple Power:** prudence (Cardinal Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** intellect, free will

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Paul

**Catholics Believe:** papal letters

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Augustine

**Prayer:** Prayer of Saint Augustine

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 33-35, 1699-1743

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 56-57, 67-68, 310, 319

### CHAPTER 19 — Living a Holy Life

#### Faith Concepts:

- Conscience and the virtues help us make good moral choices.
- Sin is freely choosing to say or do something we know is against God's will.
- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to know and choose to live as followers of Jesus.

**Sacred Scripture:** Psalm 119:97-99, 105 (Your word is a lamp for my feet.);

**Disciple Power:** justice (Cardinal Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** conscience, sanctifying grace

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Thomas More

**Catholics Believe:** Lenten practices

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Operation Rice Bowl

**Prayer:** an examination of conscience

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1776-1794, 1803-1832, 1846-1869, 1996-2004

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 108, 314-317, 341

### CHAPTER 18 — The Beatitudes

#### Faith Concepts:

- God wants everyone to be blessed and truly happy.
- The Beatitudes guide us in making choices that lead to the happiness that comes from being blessed by God.
- Living the Beatitudes leads to the happiness God wants us to have.

**Sacred Scripture:** Proverbs 14:21 (Happy is the person who is kind to the poor.); Proverbs 16:20 (Happy is the person who trusts in the Lord); Matthew 5:3-10 (The Beatitudes); Matthew 16:19-21 (The demands to follow Jesus)

**Disciple Power:** Disciple Power: generosity (Fruit of Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Beatitudes

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Louise de Marillac

**Catholics Believe:** vocation behind the Beatitudes

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

**Prayer:** praying the Beatitudes

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1716-1724

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** p. 308

### CHAPTER 20 — Living God's Covenant

#### Faith Concepts:

- During the Exodus, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.
- The Ten Commandments are the basic laws that teach us how to love God and our neighbor as ourselves.
- Jesus came to show us how to live the Ten Commandments.

**Sacred Scripture:** Exodus 19:8-9, 14-16, 20; 20:1 (God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.); Psalm 119:1-3 (Happy are those who observe God's decrees.); Matthew 5:19 (Those who follow the Commandments will be the greatest in Heaven.)

**Disciple Power:** fortitude (Cardinal Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Hebrews, Ten Commandments

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

**Catholics Believe:** Social Teachings of the Church

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Peter Claver

**Prayer:** a prayer of meditation

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 2052-2074, 2083, 2196

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 341-457



## Grade 4 • Unit 6 • We Live, Part Two

### CHAPTER 21 — Love God with All Your Heart

#### Faith Concepts:

- The First Commandment teaches that we are to worship only God.
- The Second Commandment teaches that we are to show our love and respect for all that belongs to God.
- The Third Commandment teaches that we are to set aside one day each week as the Lord's Day

**Sacred Scripture:** Exodus 20:2-3, 8 (Moses shares the first three of the Ten Commandments.); Deuteronomy 6:4 (The Lord alone is God.); Matthew 22:34-38 (Jesus teaches the Greatest Commandment.)

**Disciple Power:** diligence (capital virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** worship, Lord's Day

**Faith-Filled People:** Old Testament prophets

**Catholics Believe:** the precepts of the Church

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Joan of Arc

**Prayer:** the Divine Praises

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 2084–2132, 2142–2159, 2168–2188

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 339–371

### CHAPTER 23 — Love One Another

#### Faith Concepts:

- The Seventh Commandment teaches us that we are to respect the property of others.
- The Eighth Commandment teaches that we are to be honest and truthful.
- The Tenth Commandment teaches that we are to be grateful and generous.

**Sacred Scripture:** Exodus 20:15–17 (The 7th, 8th, and 10th Commandments.) Luke 12:32–34 (Where your heart is, there is your treasure.); John 15:12 (Jesus tells us to love one another.)

**Disciple Power:** mercy (capital virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** reparation, perjury

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Stephen the Deacon

**Catholics Believe:** the Collection at Mass

**The Church Follows Jesus:** the Potato Project

**Prayer:** prayer of mercy (Sign Language)

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 2401–2449, 2464–2503, 2534–2550

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

### CHAPTER 22 — Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

#### Faith Concepts:

- The Fourth Commandment teaches about our responsibilities as family members, neighbors, and citizens.
- The Fifth Commandment teaches us that we are to respect and honor all human life as a sacred gift from God.
- The Sixth and Ninth Commandments teach that we must express and share our friendships and love in appropriate ways.

**Sacred Scripture:** Exodus 20:12, 13, 14, 17 (The 4th, 5th, 6th, and 9th Commandments.); Matthew 22:39–40 (You shall love your neighbor as yourself.)

**Disciple Power:** respect (capital virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** honor

**Faith-Filled People:** Sister Helen Prejean

**Catholics Believe:** Respect Life Sunday

**The Church Follows Jesus:** L'Arche Communities

**Prayer:** prayer of intercessions

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 2196–2246, 2258–2317, 2331–2391, 2514–2527

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

### CHAPTER 24 — The Prayer of Disciples

#### Faith Concepts:

- Jesus is our Teacher, who helps us best understand how to live as children of God.
- Jesus taught us to call God, our Father, in prayer.
- When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we tell God that he is the center of our lives.

**Sacred Scripture:** Luke 11:1–4 (Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer.)

**Disciple Power:** charity (Theological Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** rabbi, Lord's Prayer

**Faith-Filled People:** Saints Martha and Mary

**Catholics Believe:** the Doxology

**The Church Follows Jesus:** the Heifer Project

**Prayer:** the Our Father

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 2759–2856

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 481–495