

PARENT GUIDE TO FOURTH GRADE

Unit One: We Believe (Creed)

1. **I Will Be Your God.** God's revelation; Jesus reveals God; our friendship with God; gift of faith; Thomas the Apostle; creeds; Saint Felicity and her sons.
2. **God's Word to Us.** Sacred Scripture; Yahweh; the Old Testament; God's covenant; the Israelites; Jesus fulfills the covenant; the Gospel; the Bible.
3. **Listening to God: A Scripture Story. *1 Samuel 3:3-5, 8-10***
4. **Our Father, in Heaven.** God: Almighty, All-knowing, Truth; Divine Providence; stewards of creation; God, Creator and Father; created in God's image; Isidore and Maria.
5. **The Promise of Isaiah: A Scripture Story. *Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6; 54:10, 13-14***
6. **Jesus, the Son of God.** The Incarnation; Jesus' ministry; God's love; miracles; Son of David; patron saints.
7. **The Death and Resurrection of Jesus.** Jerusalem; Passover; Last Supper; Calvary; the Crucifixion; the Resurrection; the Ascension; Saint Helena.
8. **Receive the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit, the Advocate; Pentecost; Holy Trinity; work of the Spirit; Peter the Apostle; Christian symbols.
9. **The Good Shepherd: A Scripture Story. *John 10:11-15***
10. **The People of God.** The Church, the People of God; the pope; the Church, work and family; the kingdom of God; the communion of saints.

Unit Two: We Worship (Liturgy and Sacraments)

11. **Celebrating God's Love for Us.** Liturgy; presider; celebrating God's work; Paschal mystery; the liturgical year; Triduum; the Church and daily prayer.
12. **Sharing in Christ's Life and Work.** Sacraments; Baptism; Confirmation; Eucharist; anointing with oil.
13. **Jesus Feeds the People: A Scripture Story. *Luke 9:13, 14-17***
14. **Jesus' Work of Healing.** Sacraments of Healing; forgiveness; sin; Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; parish ministers to the sick.
15. **Jesus Heals a Young Girl: A Scripture Story. *Luke 8:49-56***
16. **Signs of God's Love.** Holiness; Sacraments at the Service of Communion; Holy Orders; Matrimony; the domestic church; religious brothers and sisters.

Unit Three: We Live (Christian Morality)

17. **Created in God's Image.** Intellect; free will; choices; deliberate actions; emotions; help from the Holy Spirit; Saint Augustine.
18. **Happy the People Whose God Is the Lord.** Jesus and true happiness; the Beatitudes; Saint Francis of Assisi.
19. **Living a Moral Life.** Conscience; the moral virtues; mortal sin; venial sin; conversion; Gifts of the Holy Spirit; Lenten practices.
20. **Living God's Covenant: A Scripture Story. *Exodus 19:9, 16, 20; 20:2-17***
21. **Love the Lord Your God.** First Commandment: worship; Second Commandment: respect; Third Commandment: Lord's Day; holy days of obligation; Saint Thomas More.
22. **Love One Another.** Fourth Commandment: honor, obey; Fifth Commandment: all life is holy; Sixth and Ninth Commandments: friendship, love, honor; Seventh, Eighth, Tenth Commandments: greed, envy, bear false witness; L'Arche communities.
23. **The Law and the Prophets: A Scripture Story. *Matthew 5:17-19***

Unit Four: We Pray (Christian Prayer)

24. **People of Prayer.** Praying; the liturgy; Liturgy of the Hours; weekly prayer; the Nicene Creed; prayer partners.
25. **We Pray in the Name of Jesus.** Prayer of praise; prayers of blessing and adoration, thanksgiving, petition, intercession; vocal prayer; meditation; contemplation; pilgrimages.
26. **Lord, Teach Us to Pray: A Scripture Story. *Luke 11:1-4***

Core Scripture Chapters

- Listening to God.** 1 Samuel 3:3-5, 8-10 (Chapter 3)
The Promise of Isaiah. Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6; 54:10, 13-14 (Chapter 5)
The Good Shepherd. John 10:11-15 (Chapter 9)
Jesus Feeds the People. Luke 9:13, 14-17 (Chapter 13)
Jesus Heals a Young Girl. Luke 8:49-56 (Chapter 15)
Living God's Covenant. Exodus 19:9, 16, 20; 20:2-17 (Chapter 20)
The Law and the Prophets. Matthew 5:17-19 (Chapter 23)
Lord, Teach Us to Pray. Luke 11:1-4 (Chapter 26)

We Celebrate: The Liturgical Year

The Liturgical Year/Ordinary Time.

The Season of Advent. The four Sundays of Advent.

The Season of Christmas. Christmas Day and Epiphany.

The Season of Lent. The five Sundays of Lent.

Holy Week. Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion; Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter.

The Season of Easter. The seven Sundays of Easter and Pentecost.

Catholic Prayers and Practices

Sign of the Cross

Glory Prayer

Blessing before Meals

The Lord's Prayer

Hail Mary

Prayer of Sorrow (Act of Contrition)

Marks of the Church- One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic

Nicene Creed

10 Commandments

Beatitudes