



Grade 4

Unit	Chapter	Theme	Scripture	CCC References
1 We Come to Know God The children will learn that God is revealed in creation, Sacred Scripture, the Church, and his Son.	1. God Reveals Himself to Us Through His Son	God reveals himself in many ways but especially through his Son, Jesus.	Psalms 104; John 20:24–29; Mark 16:15	65, 150–152, 293–294, 457–458
	2. God Speaks to Us in Scripture	God reveals his love in the Old and New Testaments.	Psalms 50:15; Wisdom 15:1; Philippians 4:5; 1 John 4:16; Isaiah 55:11	102–104, 131–133
	3. God Speaks to Us Through the Church	The pope and bishops guide the Church in following Christ.	Matthew 16:13–19; John 21:1–17; Mark 3:14	552, 880–885
	4. God Offers Us Eternal Life	Knowing and loving God leads to eternal life.	Matthew 13:44; John 14:2–3; 1 John 2:25	160–163, 871–873, 2611
2 God Strengthens Us to Be Holy The children will learn about their obligation as Christians to live like Jesus, loving God and others.	5. We Are Called to Follow Jesus	Jesus shows us how to love God and others.	Matthew 9:18–25; Mark 2:1–12; Matthew 7:12	1882–1885, 1889, 2447
	6. Jesus Invites Us to Receive God's Mercy	God forgives us in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.	Matthew 18:23–35; John 8:3–11; Psalm 86:5	1448–1449, 1451, 1456, 1459, 1468–1469
	7. We Worship God	We worship God by praying and through service, but especially through the Eucharist.	Exodus 20:24; Hosea 6:6; Matthew 18:20	1366–1368, 2099–2100, 2659–2660
	8. God Gave Us Laws for Living	God gave us laws to be happy in this world and in the next.	Exodus 14, 19; Psalm 119:9–16; Deuteronomy 5:1	2055–2063, 2072
	9. We Honor Mary	Mary shows us how to follow Jesus.	Luke 1:26–28; Deuteronomy 5:1; Luke 1:48	148, 484–485, 488, 494
3 We Love God The children will know how to show love for God, as outlined in the first three commandments.	10. We Show Our Love for God	The First Commandment tells us to adore God alone and to pray.	Exodus 20:2–3; Exodus 20, 23, 34; Matthew 6:6; 1 Peter 3:15	2096, 2629–2643, 946–948, 971
	11. We Love All That Is Holy	The Second Commandment tells us to respect God's name and all that is related to God.	Matthew 21:12–13; Philippians 2:9–10; Deuteronomy 6:4–5	1667–1670, 2142–2155
	12. We Keep the Lord's Day Holy	The Third Commandment tells us to celebrate the Eucharist, to rest, and to enjoy others' company in honor of God's day, Sunday.	Genesis 2:1–3; Exodus 20:8–10; 1 Corinthians 10:31	2168–2188
	13. We Grow in Holiness	We must not only hear God's Word, but we must also live it.	Mark 4:3–9; Mark 4:14–20; 1 John 3:18	102–103, 108, 131–133, 546
4 We Love God's People The children will know how the last seven commandments guide us to love our neighbors and ourselves. They will develop reverence for life and for the gifts of the earth.	14. We Honor and Obey	The Fourth Commandment tells us to respect our parents and other people in authority.	Exodus 20:12; Mark 12:13–17; 1 Peter 4:10	2197–2200, 2215–2217, 2238–2240
	15. We Respect the Gift of Life	The Fifth Commandment tells us to care for ourselves and others because life is precious.	Exodus 20:13; Luke 10:25–37; Galatians 6:2	2258, 2262, 2288, 2447
	16. We Are Faithful to Ourselves and Others	The Sixth and Ninth Commandments tell us to be true to ourselves and to others.	Exodus 20:14, 17; 1 Corinthians 6:18–20; 2 Timothy 1:7	1265, 2201–2203, 2334, 2335, 2347, 2518, 2519
	17. We Respect What God Has Given Us	The Seventh and Tenth Commandments tell us to respect others' things and to be generous and satisfied with what we have.	Exodus 20:15, 17; Luke 6:31; Luke 12:15	2401–2409, 2536–2540
	18. We Respect the Gifts of the Earth	We are to use the gifts of the earth carefully and share them.	Genesis 1:27–30; Luke 16:19–31; Hebrews 13:16	2402–2405, 2407, 2415, 2443–2444
	19. We Speak the Truth with Love	The Eighth Commandment tells us to speak the truth and to keep promises and secrets.	Exodus 20:16; 1 Corinthians 13:1–6; Ephesians 4:25	2464–2468, 2475–2492
	20. We Live God's Laws	We show our commitment to God and to others by following God's laws.	Psalms 119; Hebrews 10:16; Psalm 19:8	2070–2074
5 Jesus Leads Us to Happiness The children will learn that Jesus gave us the Beatitudes as a guide to happiness both in this life and in the life to come.	21. Happy Are the Poor in Spirit	Jesus teaches us to share and to be satisfied with having what we need.	Psalms 119:2; Matthew 5:3–12; Matthew 25:35	1716, 1724, 2544–2547
	22. God's Sorrowing and Meek People Receive a Special Promise	Jesus teaches us that the sorrowing will be comforted and the meek will inherit the earth.	Matthew 26:39; Luke 19:41–44; Isaiah 41:10	164, 1521, 1820, 2262
	23. God's People Long to Be Clean of Heart and Holy	Jesus teaches us to be clean of heart and to hunger and thirst for holiness.	Matthew 5:6; Matthew 5:8; John 4:31–34; 1 Peter 1:8	1821, 2013, 2518–2519, 2543
	24. God's People Bring Mercy and Peace to Others	Jesus tells us to show mercy and to work for peace.	Matthew 5:7; Matthew 5:9; Luke 6:27–28; Luke 6:36	2304–2306, 2317, 2447
	25. God's People Are Happy	Followers of Jesus suffer for what is right.	Matthew 5:10; Luke 21:16, 17; Acts of the Apostles 4:20	1716–1719, 1808–1809

The children should

- grow in understanding and appreciation of God’s call to eternal life and his ever-present and loving guidance.
- choose to live the Commandments in the spirit of the Beatitudes.

Prayer in this grade

- Acts of Faith, Hope, Love, and Contrition
- Come, Holy Spirit (adapted)
- Way of the Cross
- *Angelus*
- Queen of Heaven
- Morning Offering

Catholic Social Teaching Themes	Words Learned	Saints and Holy People*
The Poor and Vulnerable		Saint Joan of Arc
	Evangelists, Hebrews, inspired, prophet	Saint John Bosco
Family and Community, The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity		Saint: Peter, Andrew
		Saint Catherine of Siena
The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity		Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
	examination of conscience, mortal sin, venial sin	Saint Peter Claver
Family and Community	adore	Saint Matthew
The Poor and Vulnerable	moral law	Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
Family and Community	Angelus	Mary Francis of Assisi
Family and Community, Solidarity	prayer of petition	Saint Theresa of Avila
	Temple	Saint Martha
	Precepts of the Church, Sabbath	Saint Luke
		Saint Isaac Jogues
Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities	obedience	Saint Helena
Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity		Saint: Peter Claver, Bonaventure
		Saint Monica
The Poor and Vulnerable	free will, moral choice	Dorothy Day, Saint Cecelia
God’s Creation, The Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity		Saint Miguel Febres Cordero
		Saint: Thomas More, Gertrude
		Saint Irenaeus
The Poor and Vulnerable	Beatitudes, Sermon on the Mount	Saint: Francis of Assisi, Rose of Lima
Solidarity	salvation	Saint: Francis de Sales, Thomas Aquinas
		Saint: Aloysius Gonzaga, Thérèse of Lisieux, Julie Billiart
Life and Dignity, The Poor and Vulnerable	Corporal Works of Mercy, Spiritual Works of Mercy	Saint: Francis Cabrini, Isaac Jogues, Polycarp
	martyrs	Saint: Joan of Arc, Ignatius of Loyola

* Information on more saints can be found in Saints and Feast Days, pages T395–T408.