



The seventh-grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series is devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed through his Son, Jesus. *Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life* is designed to help young adolescents grow in their knowledge of Jesus, that they may love him more ardently and serve him more generously.

| Unit | Chapter | Theme | Scripture | CCC References |
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| 1 Jesus Christ the Way The students will have a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and will desire to follow Jesus. | 1. The Impact of Jesus | Jesus, our Savior, is the Son of God and a human being. | John 10:30; Colossians 1:15; Mark 16:15 | 464–469 |
| | 2. Friendship with Jesus | Jesus is truly human. He invites us to friendship with him. | John 15:12–17; Revelation 3:20; John 15:15 | 470–478 |
| | 3. Scripture: A Portrait of Jesus | Scripture, God's inspired Word—especially the Gospels—helps us to know Jesus. | John 20:30–31; John 21:25; Matthew 11:27 | 81–82, 124–127 |
| | 4. The World Jesus Lived In | Jesus was a Jewish man who lived in first-century Palestine during the Roman occupation. | Deuteronomy 6:4–5; John 1:14,17 | 122, 423 |
| | 5. The Early Life of Jesus | The Infancy Narratives reveal that Jesus is the Lord, the Son of God who saved us. | Matthew 1:18–2:23; Luke 1:5–2:25,40 | 488, 490–499, 525–534 |
| | 6. The Mission of Jesus | Jesus accepted his mission as Messiah at his baptism and was faithful to it during his temptation. | Matthew 3:1–17; Matthew 4:1–11; Hebrews 4:15 | 535–540 |
| | 7. The Apostles, Mary, and Others | Jesus called disciples, in particular Mary and the apostles, to share in his mission. | Luke 8:21; John 1:35–39; Philippians 3:8 | 494, 551–552, 857–860 |
| | 8. Baptism and Confirmation | In the sacraments, we receive and celebrate the life Jesus won for us. | Romans 6:3–4; 1 Peter 2:9 | 1127–1129, 1212, 1239–1243, 1300–1305 |
| | 9. Unit 1 Review | Through Jesus, we find the way to the Father. | Matthew 7:21,24–27; John 1:1–2,10–12; John 14:6 | 460, 618, 654 |
| 2 Jesus Christ the Truth The students will know what it means to follow Jesus in daily life. | 10. Parables: Stories Jesus Told | Some truths taught by Jesus and his Church are contained in parables. | Matthew 13:3–9,18–23; Luke 12:16–21; Luke 8:10 | 543–546 |
| | 11. Miracles: Signs Jesus Worked | The power of Jesus over nature, sin and evil, sickness, and death was displayed in his miracles. | Mark 2:1–12; Mark 4:35–41; John 2:1–12; Luke 8:25 | 547–550, 1503–1504 |
| | 12. Penance and Anointing of the Sick | Jesus continues to heal body and spirit in the sacraments. | Luke 15:3–7; Luke 15:8–10; Luke 15:11–32; 2 Corinthians 5:20 | 1420–1421, 1440, 1448, 1499, 1502, 1511–1513, 1524 |
| | 13. The Message of Jesus: Choose Life | Keeping Jesus' Great Commandment of love means to respect life. | Matthew 5:21–48; Matthew 22:36–40; Luke 10:29–37; Genesis 1:27 | 2268–2287, 2302–2317, 2447–2448 |
| | 14. The Challenge of the Beatitudes | In the Beatitudes, Jesus gives us guidelines for a happy life in this world and the next. | Matthew 5:3–10; Mark 10:21; Romans 8:35,37 | 1716–1719 |
| | 15. Jesus' Kingdom of Justice and Truth | Jesus expects us to live in honesty and faith, respecting others and the things of this world. | Mark 1:15; Luke 19:1–10; Matthew 5:37 | 2393, 2401–2402, 2407–2408, 2467–2470, 2477–2487 |
| | 16. Jesus' Kingdom of Love | A follower of Jesus regards sex as a sacred gift used to express deep, life-giving love within marriage. | Genesis 1:27; Ephesians 5:25–33; Romans 12:9–10 | 478, 2332–2337, 2341–2342, 2347, 2360, 2380–2381, 2522 |
| | 17. Unit 2 Review | Jesus teaches us the truth that we can live by. | Psalms 25; Matthew 13:44–46; John 4:24 | 459, 638 |
| 3 Jesus Christ the Life The students will have a greater appreciation of the life Jesus won for us by his death and Resurrection. | 18. Living Faith in Jesus | Through faith and virtue, our life of grace grows, and we become more like Jesus. | John 3:1–21; John 4:4–30; 1 Timothy 4:12 | 1805–1809, 1813–1815, 1817–1818, 1822–1824 |
| | 19. Opposition to Jesus | Jesus' suffering led to eternal life and glory for him and for us. | Matthew 17:1–8; John 11:1–53; Hebrews 11:1 | 554–556, 585–586, 591, 618, 1680–1682 |
| | 20. The Eucharist | The Eucharist nourishes us with the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting us with him and one another. | Mark 6:30–44; John 15:4–7; John 6:55–56 | 610–611, 1324–1326, 1341–1344, 1402–1405 |
| | 21. Jesus' Final Hours | Jesus' suffering and death won eternal life for us. | Matthew 26:39; Luke 23:39–43; 1 John 3:16 | 612, 616–618, 632, 678–682, 1023, 1030, 1033, 1040 |
| | 22. The Victory of Jesus | Jesus rose from the dead, ascended to the Father, and is still with us. | Luke 24:1–11; 1 Corinthians 15:54–55; Romans 6:5 | 648–655, 662–664, 904–905 |
| | 23. Alive with the Spirit | The Holy Spirit came to the Church, making the members courageous witnesses and forming a community of love. | Matthew 28:19–20; Acts of the Apostles 2:1–41; Galatians 5:25 | 685–686, 731–733, 737, 747 |
| | 24. Matrimony and Holy Orders | Jesus calls each of us to be holy in a special vocation. | Leviticus 19:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 Peter 1:15–16 | 914–916, 1536, 1548, 1570, 1603, 1618, 1644, 1656–1658 |
| | 25. Unit 3 Review | Jesus frees us from sin and leads us to life in God. | John 3:1–5,16; John 4:47–53; John 3:16 | 505, 520, 521 |

The students should • grow in knowledge and love of Jesus through prayer and studying the Gospels. • appreciate that the sacraments enable them to respond to the call to follow Jesus, live by his teachings, and proclaim God’s kingdom in word, worship, witness, and service.

Prayer in this grade • Prayer to Saint Michael • Morning Offering • Prayer of the Penitent • Act of Faith • Prayer for Christlikeness (John Henry Newman) • Nicene Creed

| Catholic Social Teaching Themes | Words Learned | Saints and Holy People* |
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| | eternal life, Incarnation | Saint Lucy |
| | | Saint Martin of Tours |
| | evangelist, synoptic | Saint Mark |
| | Gentiles, Pharisees | Saint Mary Magdalene |
| The Poor and Vulnerable | doctrine, Infancy Narratives, inerrancy, Mother of God | Mary, Saint Bernadette Soubirous; Saint Juan Diego |
| Rights and Responsibilities | | John the Baptist; Saint Peter Claver |
| Family and Community | disciple | The twelve apostles; Saint Andrew |
| | mystagogy, Mystical Body of Christ | Saint Paul |
| | | Saint Vincent de Paul |
| Solidarity | evangelization, Magisterium | Saint Thérèse of Lisieux; Blessed Teresa of Calcutta; Dorothy Day; Saint Stephen |
| Solidarity | miracle | Saint André Bessette |
| Life and Dignity | | Saint Francis of Assisi |
| Solidarity, Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities | abortion, racism, suicide, ageism, scandal, euthanasia, sexism | Saint Julie Billiart |
| Life and Dignity, Solidarity | | Saint Anthony Claret |
| God’s Creation, Rights and Responsibilities, The Poor and Vulnerable, Life and Dignity, Work and Workers | Catholic Social Teaching, greed, social sin | Saint: Martin de Porres, Rose Philippine Duchesne, Julie Billiart, Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac, Maximilian Kolbe, Margaret of Scotland; Blessed: Teresa of Calcutta, Kateri Tekakwitha, John of Capistrano |
| Family and Community | adultery | Saint Agnes |
| | | Saint Maria Goretti |
| | cardinal virtues, prudence, fortitude, temperance, justice, Theological Virtues | Saint John Bosco |
| | | Saint Paul Miki |
| Solidarity | transubstantiation | Saint Isidore the Farmer |
| | Last Judgment, particular judgment | Saint Andrew Dung-Lac |
| Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity | apostle, Ascension | Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus |
| Solidarity, The Poor and Vulnerable | Fruits of the Holy Spirit | Saint Peter |
| Family and Community | | Saint John Leonardi |
| | | Saint John the Evangelist |

* Information on more saints can be found in Saints and Feast Days, pages T363–T406.