



SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Grade 7

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
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*
	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 T447–T490.