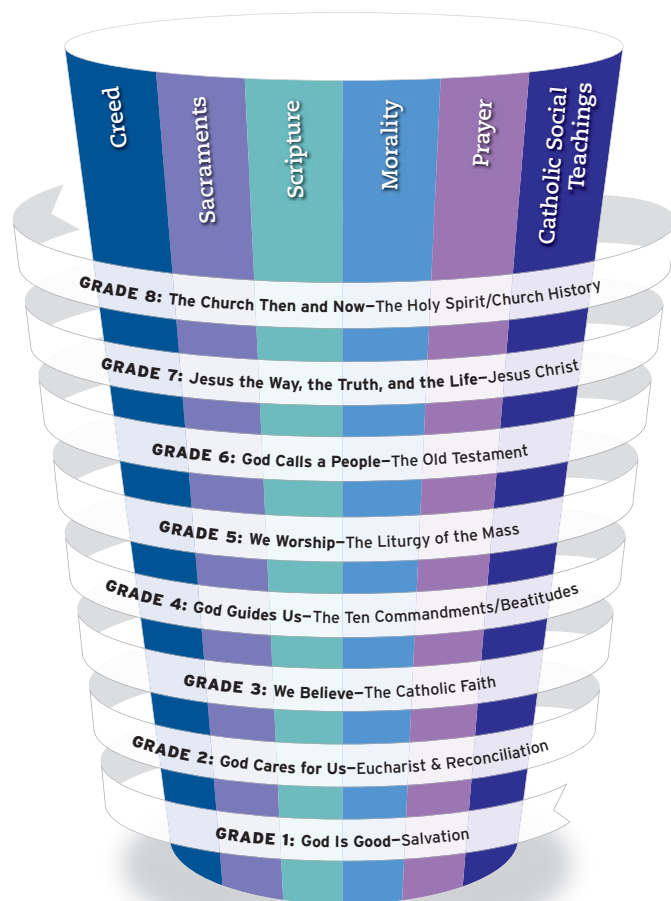


The Original Spiral Curriculum

Christ Our Life 2009 • Grades 1–8

Written by the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio, *Christ Our Life* 2009 is true to the original spiral curriculum the Sisters created more than 40 years ago. *Christ Our Life* ensures consistent progress and development, following a pattern of continuous growth in depth and scope.

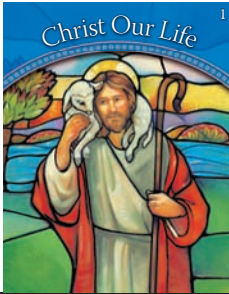
The core of the series, Scripture, revolves around the four fundamental themes of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer. Catholic social teachings are woven into every grade level. With Scripture, doctrine, prayer, and Church teachings integrated into every lesson, the children can more easily relate Catholic beliefs, sacred Tradition, and, most importantly, their faith to their lives.



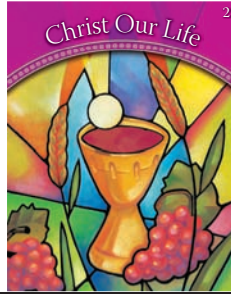
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Overview at a glance

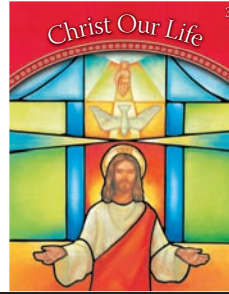
Grade 1 God Is Good



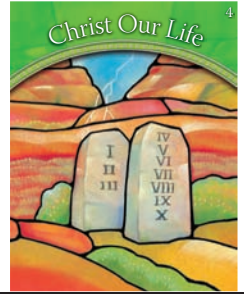
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Grade 3 We Believe

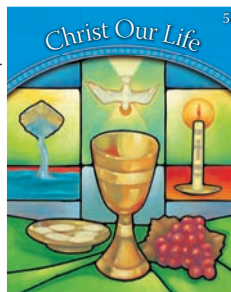


Grade 4 God Guides Us



Concepts	Concepts	Concepts	Concepts
<p>Provides a simple overview of the mysteries of our faith. Through learning of the goodness of God and the love of Jesus, the children respond to God in friendship and prayer.</p> <p>Organization</p> <p>4 Units 25 lessons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is Our Good Father 2. God Sent His Son as Our Savior 3. Jesus Shows Us He Is Good 4. Jesus Shows His Great Love <p>13 Special Seasons & Lessons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of All Saints Advent Christmas Lent Holy Week Easter Pentecost The Guardian Angels Thanksgiving The Presentation Saint Blase Saint Joseph Planning a Mass 	<p>Assists in the preparation of the children for their first celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.</p> <p>Organization</p> <p>5 Units 25 lessons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God Gives Us Life and Love 2. Jesus Calls Us to Give Ourselves in Love 3. Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Peace 4. Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Himself 5. The Church Celebrates God's Care <p>10 Special Seasons & Lessons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of All Saints Advent Christmas Lent Holy Week Easter Pentecost The Missions Reconciliation Service Eucharist: Planning a Mass 	<p>Presents the main truths Catholics believe and express in the Apostles' Creed.</p> <p>Organization</p> <p>5 Units 25 lessons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God Calls Us to Faith 2. God is Great and Good 3. God's Plan Is a Plan of Love 4. Jesus Brings Us to the Kingdom of God 5. Jesus Is with Us on Our Way <p>13 Special Seasons & Lessons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints & All Souls Advent Christmas Lent Holy Week Easter Pentecost The Archangels St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Thanksgiving Immaculate Conception Spread the Good News We Prepare a Class Mass 	<p>Focuses on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as guides for living.</p> <p>Organization</p> <p>5 Units 25 lessons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We Come to Know God 2. God Strengthens Us to Be Holy 3. We Love God 4. We Love God's People 5. Jesus Leads Us to Happiness <p>10 Special Seasons & Lessons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of All Saints Advent Christmas Lent Holy Week Easter Pentecost The Guardian Angels Reconciliation Service Queen of Heaven
<p>Prayers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign of the Cross Our Father Hail Mary Morning Offering Glory Be to the Father Stations of the Cross To the Guardian Angel 	<p>Prayers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act of Faith, Hope, Love (short form) Act of Contrition Come, Holy Spirit (short form) Morning Offering Meal Prayers Consecration to Mary 	<p>Prayers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act of Faith, Hope, Love (short form) Come, Holy Spirit (short form) Apostles' Creed Act of Contrition Morning Offering Prayers to St. Michael Rosary 	<p>Prayers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts of Faith, Hope, Love, and Contrition Come, Holy Spirit (short form) Way of the Cross Angelus Queen of Heaven Morning Offering
<p>Vocabulary</p> <p>Over 27 new vocabulary words and 63 glossary words</p>	<p>Vocabulary</p> <p>Over 35 new vocabulary words and 63 glossary words</p>	<p>Vocabulary</p> <p>Over 47 new vocabulary words and 134 glossary words</p>	<p>Vocabulary</p> <p>Over 21 new vocabulary words and 134 glossary words</p>

Grade 5 We Worship



Concepts

Focuses on the sacraments, especially the Eucharist—the center of Christian life.

Organization

5 Units

25 lessons

1. We Worship God as Catholic Christians
2. We Celebrate the Eucharist
3. We Celebrate God's Healing Love
4. We Follow Special Ways to Holiness
5. We Worship God by Living in Love

10 Special Seasons & Lessons:

- Feast of All Saints
- Advent
- Christmas
- Lent
- Holy Week
- Easter
- Pentecost
- Our Lady of the Fatima
- The Most Holy Rosary
- The Ascension

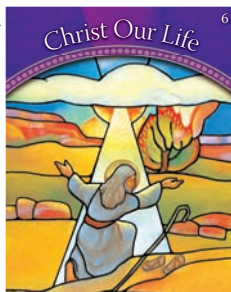
Prayers

- Come, Holy Spirit
- Prayers of the Mass
- Psalms

Vocabulary

Over 45 new vocabulary words and 198 glossary words

Grade 6 God Calls a People



Concepts

Devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed in the Sacred Scripture, particularly in the Old Testament. Helps students increase their knowledge of salvation history so that they may respond to God with ever-deepening love and gratitude.

Organization

5 Units

25 lessons

1. God Reveals a Plan of Love
2. God Forms a Family of Faith
3. God Guides the Chosen People
4. God Leads the Chosen People
5. Prophets Prepare the Lord's Way

14 Special Seasons & Lessons:

- Feast of All Saints
- Advent
- Christmas
- Lent
- Holy Week
- Easter
- Pentecost
- Our Lady of Guadalupe
- The Month of St. Joseph
- May: The Month of Mary
- Jonah: A Fish Story
- Judith: A Brave Woman
- Job: A Man of Suffering
- Esther: Queen of Courage & Faith

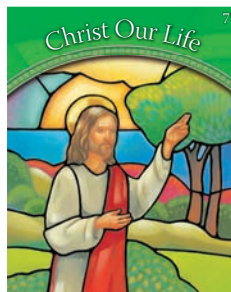
Prayers

- Psalms
- Memorare to the Blessed Virgin

Vocabulary

Over 45 new vocabulary words and 198 glossary words

Grade 7 Jesus, The Way, The Truth, and the Life



Concepts

Devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed through his Son, Jesus. Designed to help adolescents grow in their knowledge of Jesus, that they may love him more ardently and serve him more generously.

Organization

3 Units

25 lessons

1. Jesus Christ the Way
2. Jesus Christ the Truth
3. Jesus Christ the Life

9 Special Seasons & Lessons:

- Feast of All Saints
- Advent
- Christmas
- Lent
- Holy Week
- Easter
- Pentecost
- Giving Thanks
- Making Sunday Special

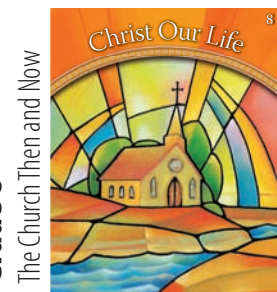
Prayers

- Prayer to Saint Michael
- Morning Offering
- Act of Contrition
- Act of Faith
- Prayer for Christlikeness
- Nicene Creed

Vocabulary

Over 39 new vocabulary words and 276 glossary words

Grade 8 The Church Then and Now



Concepts

Devoted to the study of God's faithful love as it is revealed in the Church founded by Jesus Christ. Designed to help young teens grow in their knowledge and love of the Church.

Organization

5 Units

25 lessons

1. The Mystery of the Church
2. The Marks of the Church
3. The History of the Church: Part 1
4. The History of the Church: Part 2
5. The Witness of the Church

9 Special Seasons & Lessons:

- Feast of All Saints
- Advent
- Epiphany
- Lent
- Holy Week
- Easter
- Pentecost
- Reconciliation
- Celebrating Eucharist

Prayers

- Reflective Prayer
- The Liturgy of the Hours

Vocabulary

Over 80 new vocabulary words and 277 glossary words