

# Religion

## Fourth Grade

### Program Goal:

The learner will study the Catholic faith and be able to apply these beliefs in their actions through various service, prayer, and decision making opportunities.

### Grade Level Goal:

The learner will use the rules given by God and the Church to develop a sense of morality and conscience.

### Content Criteria:

#### I. Beliefs

- The learner will explain how we are created in God's image and likeness.
- The learner will describe the Bible's teaching about God's goodness within ourselves and our world.
- The learner will compare and contrast the members of the Trinity.
- The learner will describe and contrast virtue and sin.
- The learner will describe how the Ten Commandments apply to their daily lives.
- The learner will describe how the Beatitudes apply to their daily lives.
- The learner will explain what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ.

- The learner will identify that the Church has a teaching authority.
- The learner will investigate the promise of eternal life.

## **II. Actions**

- The learner will use the ability to think and make appropriate choices in order to reflect Jesus' teachings.
- The learner will apply the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes to daily life.
- The learner will demonstrate how to be an example of Christian living.
- The learner will distinguish between good and bad choices and recognize the consequences of both.

## **III. Worship**

- The learner will explain the necessity of penance and absolution.
- The learner will examine Mary's various roles in the Church.
- The learner will be able to distinguish between solemnities, feast days, and memorials.

## **IV. Prayer**

- The learner will be able to recognize the four types of prayer and know when to use them.
- The learner will pray spontaneously to reflect individual needs and thanksgiving.
- The learner will incorporate formal and informal prayer in their daily life.
- The learner will demonstrate reverence during prayer and liturgy.
- The learner will interpret the meaning of the Hail Mary and the Lord's Prayer.

## Instructional Criteria:

- The learner will plan and participate in liturgies.
- The learner will plan and participate in various service projects.
- The learner will be able to recall and describe the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments.
- The learner will be able to recall and describe basic prayers, the sacraments, and creeds.
- The learner will incorporate various religious vocabulary words when appropriate.
- The learner will participate in classroom discussions about his/her faith.
- The learner will have various opportunities to explore the Bible.
- The learner will plan and participate in various prayer activities - meditation, scripture readings, adoration/thanksgiving, formal/informal prayers, contrition/petition, Stations of the Cross and Rosary.
- The learner will be able to use the liturgical calendar.

## Scope:

### I. Beliefs

- A. Created in God's image
  1. Creation of world, plants, and animals (*Genesis 1:1-25*)
  2. Made in the likeness of God (*Genesis 1:26-27*)
  3. Ability to think, make choices, love
    - a.) Catholic Social Teaching
    - b.) Stewardship
- B. Bible's teaching about God's goodness
  1. Adam and Eve (*Genesis 2:15-25*)
  2. Original sin (*Genesis 3:1-24*)

3. *Good vs. evil*
4. *Grace*
- C. **Members of the Trinity**
  1. **Similarities and differences**
    - a.) **Father**
    - b.) **Son**
    - c.) **Holy Spirit**
      - 1.) *Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2-3)*
      - 2.) *Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)*
- D. **Virtue and Sin**
  1. **Virtues**
    - a.) **cardinal**
      - 1.) *prudence*
      - 2.) *justice*
      - 3.) *fortitude*
      - 4.) *temperance*
    - b.) **theological**
      - 1.) *faith*
      - 2.) *hope*
      - 3.) *love*
  2. **Sin**
    - a.) **mortal**
    - b.) **venial**
- E. **Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)**
  1. **Moses receives the Ten Commandments**
    - a.) **People of Israel**
    - b.) **Slavery/freedom**
    - c.) **Wandering in the desert**
    - d.) **Influence of pagans**
  2. **Ten Commandments - God's rules for loving God, ourselves, and others.**
  3. **Extensions of the Commandments.**
    - a.) **Spiritual works of mercy (See Appendix)**
    - b.) **Corporal works of mercy (See Appendix)**

- F. Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)
  - 1. Jesus' guidelines for happiness
    - a.) Poor in Spirit
    - b.) Peace Makers
    - c.) Mournful
    - d.) Meek
    - e.) Righteous
    - f.) Clean of heart
    - g.) Merciful
    - h.) Persecuted
  - 2. Relationship of Beatitudes to daily life
- G. Christians as members of the Body of Christ (Corinthians 12:27-31)
  - 1. United in What we Believe
    - a.) Belief in Jesus
    - b.) Eucharist
    - c.) Love of Jesus
    - d.) Honor, praise, and give thanks to God
    - e.) Extending Christ's mission (Kingdom of God)
  - 2. Sacraments of initiation
    - a.) Baptism
    - b.) Eucharist
    - c.) Confirmation
  - 3. How we act
    - a.) Corporal Works of Mercy
    - b.) Spiritual Works of Mercy
  - 4. How we live
    - a.) Ten Commandments
    - b.) New Commandment (Love one another as I have loved you) (John 13:34)
    - c.) Great Commandment (Love God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strength and love your neighbor) (Deuteronomy 6:4-6) (Luke 10:25-28)
    - d.) The Beatitudes

- H. Church as teaching authority (Magisterium)
  - 1. Catholic Social Teaching
    - a.) Leo XIII
    - b.) John Paul II
  - 2. Magisterium - teaching authority of the Church (See Appendix)
    - a.) Code of Canon Law
- I. The promise of eternal life
  - 1. Mercy of God (Luke 15:11-32)
    - a.) Heaven (1 John 3:1-2) (John 14:1-2)
    - b.) Hell (Mark 9:42-48) (Revelations 22:1-5)
    - c.) Purgatory (2 Maccabees 12:38-46)
  - 2. Paschal Mystery
    - a.) Crucifixion (Luke 23:33-38)
    - b.) Death (Luke 23:44-48)
    - c.) Resurrection (Luke 24:1-12)

## II. Actions

- A. Make appropriate choices
  - 1. Reflect on Jesus' teachings
    - a.) Beatitudes
    - b.) Greatest Commandment
    - c.) New Commandment
  - 2. Venial sin - weakens God's life in the soul
  - 3. Mortal sin - destroys our relationship with God
  - 4. Cardinal Virtues (See Appendix)
- B. Ten Commandments and Beatitudes in our lives - live out the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus (Beatitudes) daily.
- C. Be an example of Christian living
  - 1. Catholic Social Teaching
  - 2. Spiritual Works of Mercy
  - 3. Corporal Works of Mercy
- D. Understand the difference between good and bad choices
  - 1. Predicting consequences
  - 2. Accepting consequences
  - 3. Seek forgiveness for poor choices

### **III. Worship**

- A. Explain necessity of penance and absolution
  - 1. Penance
    - a.) Action/prayer for help
    - b.) Heals sins' damage
    - c.) Grow as a grace-filled person
  - 2. Absolution
    - a.) Forgiveness from God through bishop/priest
    - b.) Become a better person
- B. Examine various roles of Mary in the Church
  - 1. Disciple
  - 2. Model of holiness, faith, obedience
  - 3. Mother of God
  - 4. Mother of the Church
  - 5. Mother of Jesus
  - 6. Mother of the Savior
  - 7. Mother of Sorrows
  - 8. Queen of Heaven
  - 9. Queen of Peace
  - 10. Queen of Martyrs
- C. Distinguish between solemnities, feast days, and memorials
  - 1. Solemnities
    - a.) Special Sunday Celebrations (Easter Sunday)
    - b.) Holy Days of Obligation (All Saints - Nov. 1)
  - 2. Feast days
    - a.) Sundays (most) not solemnities
    - b.) Apostles
    - c.) Mass parts affected
      - 1 Special readings
      - 2 Creed
      - 3 Gloria
      - 4 Solemn Blessing
  - 3. Memorials - Saints
  - 4. Resources
    - a.) Roman Missal
    - b.) Children's lectionary
    - c.) Lives of the Saints

## IV. Prayer

### A. Types of prayer

1. Petition/intercession
2. Thanksgiving
3. Forgiveness
4. Praise/adoration

### B. Spontaneous prayer

### C. Formal/Informal prayer

1. Daily
  - a.) Individual
  - b.) Communal
2. With reverence
3. Meditation

### D. Reverence during prayer and celebration of the Eucharist

1. Reverence
  - a.) Blessing ourselves
  - b.) Genuflect towards the tabernacle (when present)
  - c.) Kneeling
  - d.) Appropriate responses
  - e.) Singing
2. Respect for others
  - a.) Quiet when not singing or responding

### E. Interpret Hail Mary / Lord's Prayer

### F.

## Textbook Recommendation:

### First Choice:

*We Believe* Sadlier

**Strengths:** Material covered in an organized, orderly manner;  
Commandments studied individually; covers content criteria

**Weaknesses:** Cost for additional materials; paper back books

## Second Choice:

*Faith First* RCL

**Strengths:** They include stories of faith filled people with each chapter; very colorful

**Weaknesses:** Commandments are not studied individually; overwhelming visually; paperback books

## Appendix - Grade 4

### Vocabulary

Absolution	Confession	Temptations
Meditation	Stewards	Creed
Prayer	Body of Christ	Covenant
Conscience	Pope	Disciples
Covet	Bishops	Trinity
Contrition	Magisterium	Salvation
Incarnation	Kingdom of God	Messiah
Bear false witness	Penance	Passover
Venial sin	Faith	Anointing of the Sick
Mortal sin	Manna	Social Justice
Original sin	Exodus	Righteousness
Mourn	Rabbi	Poor in Spirit
Meek	Persecuted	Adoration
Merciful	Deliberate	Intercession
Hebrews	Consequences	Petition
Hell	Heaven	Free will
Respect	Psalms	Synagogue
Beatitudes	Resurrection	Homily
Ascension	Advocate	Pentecost

Apostles	Liturgy	Pascal Mystery
Sacraments	Confirmation	Eucharist
Sin	Holy Orders	Deacon
Matrimony	Consecration	Gospel
Ordained	Chastity	Modesty
Idolatry	Reverence	Epiphany
Sacred	Sabbath	Pastor
Envy	Greed	Virtue
Grace	Mission	

## **PRAYERS:**

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the

Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you will renew the face of the earth.

### **Gifts of the Holy Spirit:**

Wisdom  
Understanding  
Counsel  
Fortitude  
Knowledge  
Piety  
Fear of the Lord

### **Fruits of the Holy Spirit:**

Charity  
Joy  
Peace  
Patience  
Kindness  
Goodness  
Generosity  
Gentleness  
Faithfulness  
Modesty  
Self-control  
Chastity

### **The Beatitudes**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. (Matthew 5:3-12)

### **Corporal Works of Mercy**

Feed people who are hungry

Give drink to people who are thirsty.

Clothe people who need clothes.

Visit prisoners

Shelter people who are homeless

Visit people who are sick

Bury people who have died.

### **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

Help people who sin.

Teach people who are ignorant.

Give advice to people who have doubts.

Comfort people who suffer.

Be patient with other people.

Forgive people who hurt you.

Pray for people who are alive and for those who have died.

### **The Ten Commandments**

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

## **Precepts of the Church**

Participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from unnecessary work.

Confess sins at least once a year.

Receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.

Observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.

Provide for the needs of the Church, according to one's abilities.

## **The Great Commandment:**

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

## **The Seven Sacraments:**

### **Sacraments of Christian Initiation:**

Baptism

Confirmation

Eucharist

### **Sacraments of Healing**

Reconciliation

Anointing of the Sick

### **Sacraments at the Service of Communion**

Holy Orders

Marriage

## **Cardinal Virtues:**

Prudence

Justice

Fortitude

Temperance