

Scope & Sequence

Kindergarten - Grade 8

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Unit One: Family and Friends

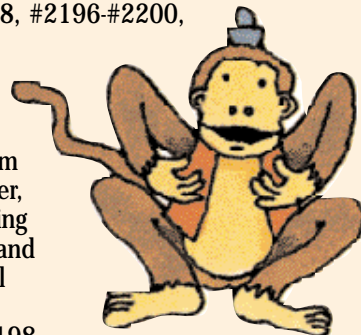
The five-year-old's most common experiences of relationship form the basis of this unit, which serves to introduce the kindergarten child to the larger world of the faith family, the Church. The responsibilities and joys of belonging to a community are explored through discussion and activity.

Catechism Correlation: #218-#221, #339-#343, #541-#556, #1823, #1928-#1948, #2196-#2200, #2207-#2213, #2220, #2233

Unit Two: Creation

The wonders of our world are presented in this unit as gifts from a loving God. Night and day, water, plants, animals, the whole spinning universe—all are full of delights and challenges. People, God's special creations, are wonderful, too!

Catechism Correlation: #51, #198, #282-#301, #325-#338, #369, #1213-#1274, #2401-#2463



Unit Three: God's Storybook

Kindergarten children are capable of hearing and understanding Scripture if it is presented to them simply and sensitively. This unit, which introduces the Bible as "God's storybook," draws the children into a closer relationship with Jesus. Prayer and good works are also emphasized.

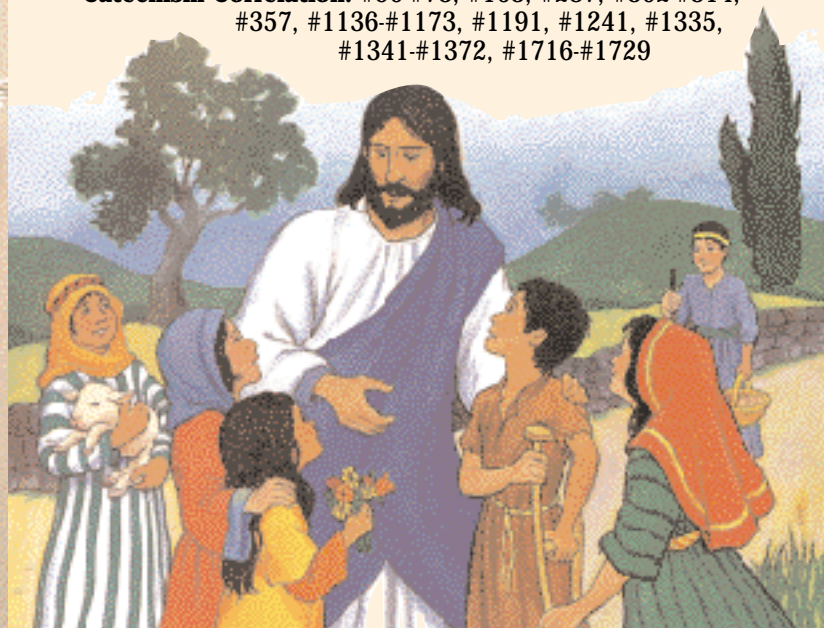
Catechism Correlation:

#101-#119, #422-#455, #520, #564, #1655, #1812-#1832, #1877-#1927, #2558-#2589

Unit Four: Exploring God's World

The ever-developing senses of the five-year-old are the focus of this unit, which celebrates all God's wonderful gifts. The children learn that they can come to know God, themselves, and one another better through what they touch, see, hear, smell, and taste.

Catechism Correlation: #50-#73, #163, #287, #302-#314, #357, #1136-#1173, #1191, #1241, #1335, #1341-#1372, #1716-#1729



Unit One: Who Is Jesus?

In this introductory unit, the children are introduced to the life of Jesus, through which they hear about God's kingdom and the Good News of God's love. The children also learn about praying together through spontaneous prayer and through traditional prayers, including the Hail Mary. Using the story of Jesus and the Children as their example, the children are invited to turn to God with trust and love.

Catechism Correlation: #422, #430, #456-#511, #525, #531-#534, #564, #606-#658, #683-#690, #723, #731, #1655-#1666, #2052-#2082, 2665



Unit Two: Jesus Tells about God

Jesus tells the children about God our Father and loving Creator who is everywhere and who cares for all and offers forgiveness. The children learn the four types of prayer, focusing on the Lord's Prayer and the Glory to the Father.

Catechism Correlation: #50-#73, #214-#231, #240, #279-#295, #299, #301, #687, #691-#716, #730-#731, #1266, #1440-#1460, #1850, #2415, #2558-#2589, #2607, #2616, #2644-2649, #2842-2845



Unit Three: Jesus Told Stories

The children hear stories that Jesus told about the kingdom of God: how the Word of God spreads in it (the Sower and the Seed), how we act in it (the Good Samaritan), how it

is open to all (the Workers in the Vineyard), how it is a kingdom of forgiveness and love (the Forgiving Father), and how it grows (the Mustard Seed).

Catechism Correlation: #101-#141, #153-#184, #545-546, #891, #982, #1716-#1729, #1877-#1948, #2179, #2196, #2088, #2488, #2820, #2838-#2845

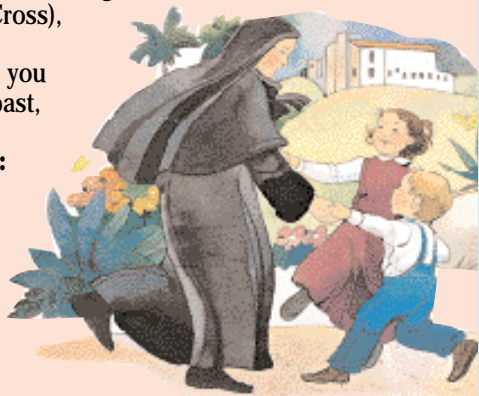
Unit Four: Followers of Jesus

The children are shown that you enter the kingdom by being baptized—when you are born again of water and the Holy Spirit; that God is a triune God:

Father, Son, and Spirit; that through prayer (the Sign of the Cross), the sacraments, and especially the Eucharist, you celebrate the kingdom past, present, and future.

Catechism Correlation:

#168, #837, #937-940, #1113-#1134, #1145-#1162, #1213-#1274, #1341-#1381, #1697, #1726, #1803-#1811, #1997, #2142-#2167



Unit One: Follow Jesus

Through the story of the Heavenly Banquet, the children are shown that all are invited to celebrate with Jesus in the kingdom. The children are encouraged to celebrate God's love with the community through prayer and work, sharing belief in God and in the sacraments, and through offering love and forgiveness to all. Mary serves as your example of how to answer God's call with complete trust.

Catechism Correlation:

#142-#165, #218, #220-221, #232, #234, #273, #425, #512-#534, #542, #736, #781-#810, #830-834, #836, #880, #947, #971, #1075, #1145, #1210-#1245, #1249, #1425, #1430, #1435, #1440-#1460, #2168-



#2195, #2304

Unit Two: Jesus Teaches Forgiveness

The children are led to see God's constant love for all to know that it is important to follow Jesus and the Commandments in loving, forgiving, and serving others; and to realize that through the sacrament of Reconciliation God's healing love is always available if you ask for it.

Catechism Correlation: #355-#384, #427, #520, #571-#630, #977, #1061, #1113-#1134, #1420-1424, #1430, #1440-1441, #1446-#1470, #1775-#1802, #1805, #1874-1875, #1877-#1927, #2052-2053, #2196, #21304, #2443, #2447, #2488, #2601

Unit Three: Jesus Gives Himself

As the children learn about the Last Supper, Jesus' death and glorious resurrection, the children are introduced to the Eucharist as a meal, as a sacrifice, and as strength to live and grow in the kingdom, led by the pope and bishops.

The specifics of receiving Holy Communion are taught and frequent and reverent reception is encouraged.

Catechism Correlation: #303, #601-603, #614, #618, #631-#658, #638-639, #641-642, #645, #655, #767-768, #790, #813-#865, #880, #1038-#1050, #1088, #1244, #1322-#1419, #1427-#1440, #1669, #1818, #2090, #2657



Unit Four: Jesus Is Present

The children see that, just like Jesus' followers on the road to Emmaus, you celebrate the kingdom through the Word and Eucharist. Focusing on the ways that Jesus is present to his followers, the children are invited to share the joy of God's love throughout the Church Year in their everyday lives by their words and actions.

Catechism Correlation: #192-#103, #214-#231, #783, #849-#851, #852, #859-#860, #897-#933, #971, #1069, #1071, #1088, #1189, #1163, #1172-#1173, #1194-#1195, #1329, #1346-#1350, #1352, #1357-#1358, #1361, #1380, #1548, #1552, #1691-#1770, #1928-

Unit One: The Good News

The children are helped to see that God's kingdom is always present when people's eyes are opened to God's love, when sick people are healed, when people hear and speak words of hope in Jesus, and when you carry the Good News to others—all of which you see or do in the context of your membership in the Church, the great sign of God's kingdom.

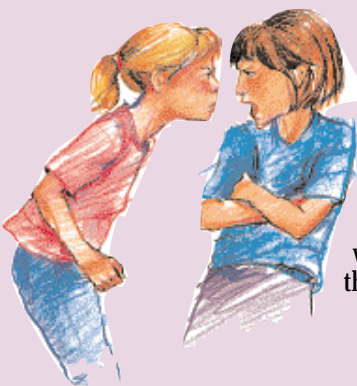


Catechism Correlation: #68, #101-#119, #153, #422-#458, #520, #523, #535, #541-#556, #631-#658, #1026, #1499-#1513, #1812-#1829, #2816

Unit Two: The Church

The Church, which is part of the kingdom, has grown through prayer, service, life in common, and the spreading of the Word from the small Jerusalem community to the great community that it is in the world today, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Catechism Correlation: #683-#741, #747, #767, #781-#811, #813-#865, #868 #869, #1076, #1842, #2003



Unit Three: Celebrate!

Through God's Word and the sacraments of initiation, healing, and vocation, the kingdom grows in all. The children see that God's kingdom is proclaimed in word and in sacrament as members of a celebrating community.

Catechism Correlation: #511, #541, #773, #1100-#1103, #1131, #1148, #1153 to #1162, #1212-#1344, #1420-#1666, #1803-#1829, #1849



Unit Four: People of God

You are all called to help further the kingdom, and each one in the Church shares certain ministries to bring that about. Through story, Scripture, and the example of saints and witnesses, the children are called to see and to develop their own gifts and talents.

Catechism Correlation: #3, #65, #422, #533, #541-543, #763, #782, #786, #804, #851, #861-#862, #874-#933, #1823, 1877-#1927, #1970, #2168-#2195, #2204-#2231



Unit One: Growing in Holiness

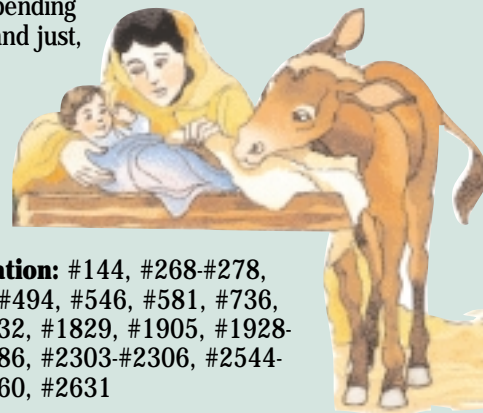
The children learn that Jesus' call to holiness is for all, and that you heed Jesus' call as expressed in the Great Commandment and in the Ten Commandments. Christian morality is presented in the context of loving relationship with God and with the community.



Catechism Correlation: #299, #2052-#2140, #2142-#2195, #2197-#2206, #2215-#2220, #2258-#2262, #2288-#2290, #2360-#2365, #2401, #2408-#2409, #2464-#2468, #2518-#2519, #2522-#2543

Unit Two: Learning from Jesus

Jesus also challenges you to go beyond the commandments, especially in the Beatitudes, and to focus on depending on God, being fair and just, doing what is right despite pressure, being patient in times of trouble, making peace happen, and forgiving all.



Catechism Correlation: #144, #268-#278, #430, #488, #490-#494, #546, #581, #736, #1716-#1729, #1832, #1829, #1905, #1928-#1948, #2083-#2086, #2303-#2306, #2544-#2547, #2559-#2560, #2631

Unit Three: Making Choices

The children are led to see that they are aided in following Jesus' Way through conscience, prayer, the good that you want to do, help from others, and Church teaching. The



signs of reconciliation and restoration when you do wrong and are sorry are the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Catechism Correlation: #387, #390, #396-#397, #416-#417, #601, #654, #790, #946-#948, #954-

#964, #1211, #1324-#1327, #1382, #1416, #1427-#1433, #1439-#1440, #1749-#1761, #1776-#1794, #1795-#1802, #1816, #1854-#1863, #1999-#2002

Unit Four: Living God's Way

Taking off from the words of Matthew 25—by your fruits you are known—the children are introduced on their level to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and are encouraged to live life in fullness by choosing to work in and for the kingdom.

Catechism Correlation: #75, #519-#521, #678, #684, #729, #736, #872, #957-#959, #1039, #1503-#1506, #1804-#1811, #1814-#1816, #1822-#1829, #1832, #1847, #2030, #2087-#2089, #2419, #2443-#2448, #2462-#2463

Unit One: I Believe

The students are introduced to an in-depth examination of the profession of faith, the Creed. Each article of the Creed is explored through Scripture and the teachings of the Church, and illuminated by the witness of followers of Jesus through the ages.

Catechism Correlation:

#185-#260, #279-#301, #422-#478, #484-#495, #535-#560, #606-#618, #631-#658, #668-#679, #731-#741, #761-#780, #797-#801, #813-#838, #857-#865, #1965-#1986



Unit Two: I Belong

The students are helped to grasp the meaning and importance of signs and symbols and to deepen their understanding about the sacraments of initiation and the sacraments of healing. Christian morality is presented in the context of faithful and loving relationship.

Catechism Correlation:

#683-#693, #797-#801, #813-#822, #1084-#1092, #1113-#1121, #1146-#1162, #1212-#1228, #1257-#1274, #1285-#1314, #1322-#1344, #1362-#1367, #1373-#1377, #1391-#1401, #1420-#1460, #1468-#1470, #1499-#1525, #1987-#2005, #2258-#2317,

Unit Three: I Celebrate

The students examine the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist of the Mass in the light of religious commitment. Through story and example, the symbols, prayers, and gestures of the liturgy are presented in a way that invites the students to feel at home in the Eucharistic community.

Catechism Correlation:

#101-#108, #120-#133, #897-#916, #1066-#1090, #1135-#1157, #1163-#1171, #1322-#1368, #1373-#1381, #1391-#1401, #1730-#1770, #1928-#1948, #2168-#2188

Unit Four: I Serve

The students are helped to deepen their understanding of the sacraments of service, to see that all are called to be signs of the kingdom in all walks of life, and to realize that their involvement in service is now growing. Practical exercises and inviting stories help the students explore their baptismal vocation to follow Jesus.



Catechism Correlation:

#168-#175, #555-#556, #638-#655, #767-#769, #787-#791, #798-#801, #897-#913, #925-#933, #1533-#1538, #1554-#1589, #1601-#1605, #1612-#1617, #1625-#1632, #1638-#1658, #1716-#1729, #1822-#1832, #2002-#2005, #2052-#2061, #2598-#2615, #2697-#2719, #2742-#2745, #2807-

Unit One: The Covenant

The students are introduced to Jesus' ancestors in faith and to the great events which occurred before his coming, events which are signs of election and hope for God's People. Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, the Patriarchs, and Moses and the Exodus are treated in these contexts. Throughout the text, the Bible is presented as "the Book of the Church."



Catechism Correlation:

#50-#141, #279-#421, #606-#628, #1949-#1986, #2052-#2074, #2573

Unit Two: The Promise

God holds out the challenge to his people to be always faithful to him and to be a royal people, Joshua and the Judges, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon, the destruction of the Kingdoms, and the Psalms are examined in the context of morality that is rooted in faithfulness.



Catechism Correlation:

#198-#231, #522-#570, #583-#594, #599-#618, #781-#810, #1213-#1274, #1814-#1845, #1878-#1896, #2110-#2141

Unit Three: Living the Hope

God's people grapple with the temptation to regard his kingdom as an earthly one of their own making. The Exile, the Prophets, the wisdom literature, the Maccabees, and Daniel's prophecies are presented in the light of the contrast between God's intent and the people's desires. The students are challenged to respond to their own society with faith.

Catechism Correlation:

#51-#55, #163-#167, #541-#550, #659-#701 #946-#962, #976-#987, #1020-#1065, #1422-#1470, #1716-#1729, #1803-#1811, #2471-#2474

Unit Four: Living the Good News

Jesus, seen in the Gospels as the successor of Moses and the Prophets and of David the great king, shows you that the kingdom of his Father is in your midst. The Gospels, Acts, the New Testament letters, and Revelation are examined in the light of how the Church expresses belief in the kingdom—past, "present, and future.

Catechism Correlation:

#65-#67, #124-#133, #422-#425, #512-#560, #638-#664, #677-#678, #683-#701, #737-#741, #767-#769, #857-#860, #863-#865, #888-#892, #897-#916, #1084-#1087, #1499-#1532, #2807-#2827



Unit One: Jesus of Nazareth

This introductory unit helps the students come to know the Jesus of the Gospels as a flesh-and-blood person who calls them to the great adventure that is the kingdom of God. Students learn about Jesus' family, his language, his culture, and his religious traditions—just as they are coming to explore these areas of their own lives.

Catechism Correlation: #1-#3, #51-#73, #198-#221, #302-#314, #422-#460, #484-#511, #522-#534 #539, #702-#716, #761-#762, #839-#845, #858-#860, #946-#959, #1655-#1658, #1731-#1742, #1749-#1761, #1776-#1802, #1816, #1877-#1948, #1961-#1964, #2585-#2589

Unit Two: Jesus, the Messiah

The message of Jesus and its impact on the first disciples is the focus of this unit. The students explore Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God in the light of his fulfillment of the biblical promise of redemption. They are called to examine their own world and weigh it against Jesus' vision of the kingdom.

Catechism Correlation: #1-#10, #65-#67, #75-#79, #124-#130, #232-#267, #356-#368, #422-#483, #457-#460, #535-#570, #711-#720, #811-#870, #898-#913, #1084-#1090, #1114-#1116, #1382-#1401, #1731-#1738, #1776-#1802, #1878-#1948, #1950-#1986, #2044-#2046, #2052-#2082, #2207-#2213, #2234-#2246, #2426-#2436, #2443-#2449

Unit Three: Jesus, the Lord

The Jesus of history and the Christ of faith are inseparable. In this unit, the students explore the fundamentals of Christology, coming to understand and appreciate more fully the Church's faith in the saving incarnation, death, and resurrection of Jesus and his promise of the Holy Spirit.

Catechism Correlation: #65, #101-#104, #109-#199, #238-#267, #328-#336, #430-#511, #557-#560, #595-#630, #606-#618, #631-#747, #797-#801, #946-#975, #988-#1060, #1091-#1109, #1113-#1134, #1168-#1171, #1680-#1690, #1830-#1832, #1846-#1848, #1987-#1995, #2652, #2746-#2751, #2822-#2827

Unit Four: Christ, the Way

Jesus Christ lives on in his Church. In this unit, the students are encouraged to review what they know about the sacramental presence of Jesus. They are called to enter more fully into the life of the Church, which carries out Jesus' ministry of proclaiming the kingdom of God.

Catechism Correlation: #124-#133, #897-#916, #1088-#1090, #1145-#1152, #1229-#1233, #1257-#1261, #1265-#1270, #1286-#1289, #1322-#1344, #1425-#1429, #1440-#1449, #1499-#1510, #1533-#1658, #1822-#1829

Unit Five: Jesus, the Truth

You learn about Jesus through the witness of his followers, who are living ikons of the Lord. In this unit, the students are urged to look for Jesus in visual images of devotion as well as in the example of martyrs, peacemakers, and those who work for justice.

Catechism Correlation: #65-#67, #512-#534, #814-#816, #1716-#1724, #1877-#1948, #2008-#2016, #2129-#2132, #2302-#2317, #2471-#2474, #2816-#2845

Unit Six: Jesus, the Life

By sharing the message of the kingdom of God with his followers, Jesus gave them a vision of the future upon which to build a foundation of faith. This unit challenges the students to live the virtues of faith, hope, and love and to make a difference in their world.

Catechism Correlation: #50-#73, #148-#175, #232-#237, #463, #571-#573, #631-#658, #668-#677, #1020-#1037, #1812-

Unit One: A Catholic and a Christian

This introductory unit explores: Catholic identity from the students' point of view. They are called to look closely at what it means to be Catholic Christians, members of the Church called to live a vision of the kingdom of God.

Catechism Correlation: #151, #787-#795, #830-#832, #849-#852, #866-#870, #1212, #1229-#1233, #1692, #1694, #2013, #2015

Unit Two: God of All Creation

In adolescence, the ultimate questions of life begin with one's place in the universe. This unit explores the meaning of life as people created in God's image. The created universe, visible and invisible and the morality of science and technology are explored.

Catechism Correlation: #32, #54, #280, #282, #307, #337, #340, #344, #358, #459-#463, #1721, #2293-#2294

Unit Three: Let Your Light Shine

Young people want to make a difference. This unit explores some of the major issues facing our society, and offers a practical course of action rooted in the virtues of peace, justice, and compassion and following in the footsteps of the Church's "cloud of witnesses."

Catechism Correlation: #609, #863, #1807, #2257, #2304-#2306, #2443-#2447, #2463

Unit Four: God's Family

Like the very youngest children, adolescents are dependent upon community for their emotional growth. This unit invites the students to explore relationship issues—in the family, with peers, and with one's own self-esteem—in the light of the Church's experience and teaching.

Catechism Correlation: #374, #458, #946-#948, #1813-#1814, #1817, #1822, #1832, #1866, #2197-#2200, #2204-#2206

Unit Five: Sharing and Preserving the Faith

This unit provides a survey of Church history through the personalities that have influenced the Church's growth and mission. From the early bishops and martyrs, through the

medieval monasteries and the missionary out-reach, to the experience of the Church in America, this unit gives students a chance to page through the Church's family album.

Catechism Correlation: #817-#820, #849-#851, #890-#891, #1174-#1178, #1808, #1822, #1915, #2137, #2241, #2244-#2246, #2471-#2474

Unit Six: Kingdom People

This unit helps the students understand that their Catholic identity has a real connection to the lives they live now and in the future. The petitions of the Lord's Prayer provide the framework for an exploration of prayer, work, and vision.

Catechism Correlation: #543-#549, #731, #967, #1069, #1071, #1817-#1818, #2427, #2559, #2562-#2564, #2722-#2724, #2759-#2856,



GRADE LEVEL SUMMARIES

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Come, Follow Me Kindergarten

This activity text concentrates on God's wonderful world. The children are called to focus their natural curiosity, energy, and wonder on the exploration of creation, with special attention being paid to people, created in God's image. Stories, discussion, and activities introduce the children to faith concepts such as the Person of Jesus, belonging to the Church, the Scriptures, and prayer—all presented within the context of the child's experience.

Come, Follow Me 1

This text helps the first grader come to know Jesus and to celebrate the kingdom of God. The child grows in understanding of key faith concepts such as God's love, the life and teachings of Jesus, and belonging to the Church. Activities, prayers, and practices foster Catholic identity and help the child follow Jesus every day.

Come, Follow Me 2

The Eucharist is the center of this text, as second graders are called to enter into a sacramental relationship with Jesus and with the Christian community. The text explores the nature of celebration, the saving actions of Jesus, and the moral choices involved in being a good follower of Jesus. Activities, prayers, and practices help the child grow in faith.

Come, Follow Me 3

This text invites third graders to participate in the life of the Church. The mission and structure of the Church are presented, with emphasis on the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. Saints and Christian heroes offer role models. Activities, prayers, and practices stress the universal nature of the Church as a sign of God's kingdom.

Come, Follow Me 4

The fourth grader's growing sense of justice and fair play forms the starting point for this text exploration of Christian morality as a way of life. Emphasis is on our

covenant relationship with God and responsibility to the community. Activities, prayers, and practices help the child turn to the Church for guidance in following Jesus.

Come, Follow Me 5

This text is directed toward enriching the fifth grader's faith through an in-depth presentation of the Creed and the sacraments. Scripture, Church history, and lives of the saints highlight our heritage of belief, belonging, healing, and service. Activities, prayers, and practices help the fifth grader work for the kingdom of God.

Come, Follow Me 6

The Bible is the Book of the Church, our family story of faith. This text helps the sixth grader understand the place of the Word of God in our lives, with special emphasis on our Old Testament roots. Stories and features bring salvation history into focus. Activities, prayers, and practices help the sixth grader "hear the Word, and live it."

Come, Follow Me 7

This text helps seventh-grade students review and re-commit to their journey toward God's kingdom, in the context of their relationship with Jesus Christ. The Jesus of History and the Christ of faith are explored

through the Scriptures, the Church's teachings, and the witness of faithful disciples. Activities, prayers, and practices help the students apply the message of Jesus to their own lives, hopes, and struggles.

Come, Follow Me 8

This text invites eighth graders to deepen their understanding of and participation in the Church as the visible, living sign of God's kingdom in history. The issues and questions of a young teen's universe are explored from the perspective of the Church's collective experience, wisdom, and mission. Activities, prayers, and practices help the students take a fuller, more active role in the Church's life.





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