

WORD OF LIFE GRADE 1 PARISH SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

God's Promise of a Savior

Unit 1	God Loves Us and Created Us
Chapter 1	God Is Love
Proclamation	God is love, and He shares His love with us.
Focus 1	“God is love” (1 John 4:8). God is a perfect communion of love.
Focus 2	We are called into a loving relationship with the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Focus 3	God shares His love with us and has a special plan of love for us.
Focus 4	We share God’s love with others.
Chapter 2	Our Father in Heaven
Proclamation	God is our loving Father.
Focus 1	God is our loving Father.
Focus 2	God the Father is almighty and all-knowing.
Focus 3	God desires that each of us has a close relationship with Him through prayer.
Focus 4	God is our Father because He created us.
Chapter 3	Knowing and Loving God
Proclamation	God reveals His loving plan to us.
Focus 1	God desires that we know Him and have a loving relationship with Him, so He reveals Himself to us.
Focus 2	The account of God’s loving plan is in the Bible.
Focus 3	The account of God’s loving plan in the Bible has two parts.
Focus 4	God reveals His love, and we respond with faith.
Chapter 4	The Gift of God’s Creation
Proclamation	God created the whole world out of love.
Focus 1	God created the world in seven days.
Focus 2	God created the visible world.
Focus 3	God created things that are invisible—Heaven and the angels.
Focus 4	God cares for creation and gives man responsibilities.
Chapter 5	Made in God’s Image
Proclamation	God created man and woman in His image and likeness.
Focus 1	We learn about the creation of man in the Book of Genesis.
Focus 2	God created man and woman in His image and likeness.
Focus 3	God created us in His image and likeness so that we can love like He loves.
Focus 4	Each person is a gift from God.

Unit 2	Preparing for the Savior
Chapter 6	The Fall and the Promise of the Savior
Proclamation	God promised to send a Savior.
Focus 1	The Devil tempted Adam and Eve, and they made a choice to disobey God.
Focus 2	The first sin of Adam and Eve caused them to pass on a fallen nature to their children and the whole human family.
Focus 3	After the first sin, God did not abandon Adam and Eve, but God promised to send a Savior.
Focus 4	Jesus, our Savior, was sent to free us from sin and to give us His grace so that we can be in a loving relationship with God.
Chapter 7	Noah and the Flood
Proclamation	God saved Noah and his family from the Flood.
Focus 1	To wash the world of sin and evil, God sent a flood to the earth, but He saved Noah and his family.
Focus 2	In Baptism, God uses the sign of water to wash away our sins and give us the life of grace.
Focus 3	Noah trusted that God would help and protect him.
Focus 4	In God's loving plan, God keeps His promises.
Chapter 8	Our Father in Faith
Proclamation	Abraham had faith in God and became the father of God's people.
Focus 1	God called Abraham.
Focus 2	Because Abraham loved God and had faith in God, God made three promises to Abraham.
Focus 3	Because Abraham was faithful, he became the father of God's Chosen People, Israel.
Focus 4	We are faithful to God with the theological virtue of faith.
Chapter 9	God Frees His People
Proclamation	God rescued His people through Moses.
Focus 1	Moses was saved from Pharaoh.
Focus 2	God called Moses to save His people.
Focus 3	God sent plagues upon Egypt.
Focus 4	God's people sacrificed a lamb at the Passover.
Chapter 10	God Takes Care of His People
Proclamation	God is faithful. He takes care of His people.
Focus 1	God brought His people out of Egypt by parting the Red Sea.
Focus 2	God sent prophets to remind the Chosen People to be faithful.
Focus 3	The waters of the Red Sea protected Israel from the evil Egyptians. The waters of Baptism free us from the slavery of sin.
Focus 4	God provides for us just like He provided for His people in the desert.
Chapter 11	The Gift of the Ten Commandments
Proclamation	God's commandments teach us how to be happy and holy.
Focus 1	Moses received the Ten Commandments from God.
Focus 2	The commandments teach us to be happy and holy.
Focus 3	The Ten Commandments teach us to love God and others.
Focus 4	God gives us the grace to be able to love Him and one another.

Unit 3	Jesus, Our Savior, Has Come
Chapter 12	Mary Said Yes
Proclamation	Mary said yes to God's plan.
Focus 1	At the Annunciation, Mary said yes to God's plan.
Focus 2	Mary trusted in God and His plan.
Focus 3	God the Father sent His Son to be with us and to teach us how to love.
Focus 4	The Visitation brings love and joy.
Chapter 13	Jesus, Our Savior, Is Born
Proclamation	Jesus, our Savior, was born in Bethlehem.
Focus 1	Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
Focus 2	The wise men offered gifts to Jesus.
Focus 3	Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the Holy Family.
Focus 4	Jesus grew up as a child just like us. We strive to be holy children like Jesus.
Chapter 14	The Baptism of Jesus and Our Baptism
Proclamation	Through Baptism, we become children of God.
Focus 1	Jesus was baptized.
Focus 2	Our Baptism cleanses us of sin, and we become children of God.
Focus 3	There are many signs in Baptism.
Focus 4	Through Baptism, we are given the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity.
Chapter 15	Jesus' Miracles Show Us He Is God
Proclamation	Through miracles, Jesus shows us He is God. Jesus heals and forgives us.
Focus 1	Jesus performed His first miracle at the Wedding Feast at Cana.
Focus 2	Jesus fed five thousand.
Focus 3	Jesus healed the man born blind.
Focus 4	Jesus is the Good Shepherd who searches for His lost sheep.
Unit 4	Jesus Saves Us from Our Sins
Chapter 16	The Last Supper and the Crucifixion
Proclamation	Jesus died to save us from our sins because He loves us.
Focus 1	The Last Supper was the first Mass.
Focus 2	Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.
Focus 3	Jesus chose to die on the Cross to save us from our sins.
Focus 4	Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice to save us from our sins.
Chapter 17	Jesus Is Alive!
Proclamation	Jesus has risen from the dead.
Focus 1	Jesus rose from the dead.
Focus 2	Through the Resurrection, Jesus has conquered sin and death.
Focus 3	Jesus appeared to His Apostles and told them He would always be with them.
Focus 4	Jesus ascended into Heaven.

Unit 5	We Share in Jesus' Life
Chapter 18	Come, Holy Spirit!
Proclamation	The Holy Spirit came on Pentecost to guide us and comfort us.
Focus 1	The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
Focus 2	The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.
Focus 3	We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptized, and He gives us the theological virtues so that we can become holy.
Focus 4	We should always pray to the Holy Spirit to guide the Church and help us be holy followers of Jesus.
Chapter 19	We Belong to the Church
Proclamation	Jesus founded the Church to guide us and give us His grace.
Focus 1	Jesus founded the Church on the rock of Saint Peter.
Focus 2	The Catholic Church is the one true Church founded by Jesus to lead all people to Heaven.
Focus 3	Jesus' mission on earth was to lead all souls to Heaven. His mission continues through His Church.
Focus 4	The Communion of Saints is the unity in Christ of the faithful souls on earth and those who have died.
Chapter 20	We Go to Mass
Proclamation	We worship God and give Him thanks at Mass.
Focus 1	When we go to Mass, we worship God and thank Him for His love and for saving us.
Focus 2	The first part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Word.
Focus 3	The second part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We are attentive at Mass.
Focus 4	At Mass, we are in a sacred space. We celebrate the Mass with sacred objects.
Chapter 21	We Receive the Sacraments
Proclamation	Jesus gives us grace through the sacraments.
Focus 1	Jesus uses physical things to bring about spiritual realities.
Focus 2	The sacraments are a part of God's plan to heal our friendship with God.
Focus 3	There are seven sacraments.
Focus 4	Through the sacraments, we receive grace—God's life and love in us—so that we can be one with God.
Chapter 22	Jesus Leads Us to Heaven
Proclamation	We can be happy forever with God in Heaven.
Focus 1	God has a plan for us to live with Him forever in Heaven.
Focus 2	Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
Focus 3	Jesus helps us on our journey to Heaven.
Focus 4	Jesus calls us to abide in His love.
	Liturgical Year: Advent
Proclamation	During Advent, we prepare our hearts for Jesus.
Focus 1	The Church has liturgical seasons to celebrate the life of Christ.
Focus 2	The Church celebrates Advent and prepares for Jesus' Birth at Christmas.
Focus 3	We participate in the Advent season by preparing our hearts for Jesus' Birth.

Liturgical Year: Christmas	
Proclamation	We celebrate the Birth of Jesus during the Christmas season.
Focus 1	The Church celebrates the Birth of Jesus during the liturgical season of Christmas.
Focus 2	The Church celebrates the season of Christmas with great joy. Christmas is a liturgical season, not just one day.
Focus 3	We participate in the Christmas season by visiting the nativity scene in our parish.
Liturgical Year: Lent	
Proclamation	During Lent, we walk with Jesus in the desert.
Focus 1	During Lent, we unite ourselves to the mission of Jesus in the desert.
Focus 2	The Church celebrates Lent to grow closer to God.
Focus 3	We participate in the season of Lent through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.
Liturgical Year: Easter	
Proclamation	During Easter, we celebrate new life!
Focus 1	On Easter, Jesus rose from the dead after His Crucifixion.
Focus 2	Easter is the liturgical season when the Church celebrates Jesus' Resurrection.
Focus 3	We participate in the Easter season and celebrate Easter for fifty days!