

Grade 4 Lesson Plan / Fall Semester 2016

Sunday/ Monday	Liturgical Color	Lessons	Key Concept	Gospel Reading/ Question of the Week
Sept 11/12	Green	Ch. 1: God's Providence	God loves and cares for all creation and has a plan. All God wants us to know about Him is contained in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.	Luke 15:1–32 (the prodigal son) Are you ever angry over the generosity extended toward a person you thought did not deserve it? What motivated you to feel this way? How can you change?
Sept 18/19	Green	Ch. 2: God is Faithful	God is always faithful to his people. Sin is present in the world because of human choice.	Luke 16:1–13 (the dishonest steward) How do you deal with friends or acquaintances who are obvious cheaters and or liars?
Sep 25/26	Green	Ch. 3: God's Commandments and Unit Review	The Ten Commandments tell us how to love God and others, God gave them to us to teach us how to be faithful to him.	Luke 16:19–31 (the rich man and Lazarus) How do you relate or fail to relate toward people who are poor? What is one thing you and your family could do this week to help those who are poor or sick?
Oct 2/3	Green	Ch. 4: In God's Image	Every person is worthy of respect because they were created in God's image, they each have a soul that will live forever.	Luke 17:5–10 (sayings on the requirements of faith) How do you feel after doing something extra for a family member or a friend?
Oct 9/10	Green	Ch. 5: Living in Community	God created people for one another. Love of neighbor reflects the love of the Trinity. No one can live alone and no one can believe alone.	Luke 17:11–19 (ten lepers) When were you generous this week? How was it an act of mercy and compassion?
Oct 16/17	Green	Ch. 6: Making Good Choices and Unit Review	Conscience helps us judge right from wrong. God's grace strengthens our free-will and reason to make good choices.	Luke 18:1–8 (the corrupt judge) Who are the people in your life whose needs you need to listen to?
Oct 23/24	Green	Ch. 7: The Beatitudes	The Beatitudes describe the reign of God and show us how to live and act as a follower of Jesus.	Luke 18:9–14 (the Pharisee and the tax collector) Think of a time(s) when you were a "show off" or practiced being "one up" on someone. What is the problem with this?
Oct 30/31 At Home Lesson	Green	Ch. 8: Love God and Neighbor	We are called to love God with all our hearts, our strength, and our minds. Faith, hope, and charity help us to love God and grow closer to him.	Luke 19:1–10 (Zacchaeus the tax collector) How does excluding others from your group of friends make them feel? What could you change to include them?
Nov 6/7	Green	Closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy	TBA	Luke 20:27–38 (the resurrection of the dead) After someone you love dies, how have you experienced the living, merciful God?
Nov 13/14	Green	Ch. 9: Honoring God and Unit Review	The first three Commandments ask us to honor God above all else, respect his name, and worship Him on Sunday; to believe in, trust, and love God.	Luke 21:5–19 (the cataclysm to come) How does it feel when your friends put you down for what you believe?
Nov 20 – Nov 28		NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break, First Sunday of Advent Nov. 27		
Dec 4/5	Purple	Advent Ch. 10: Called to Serve and	God calls everyone to a vocation. Through your vocation, you can help God increase his reign.	Matthew 3:1–12 (John the Baptist) What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?
Dec 11/12	Rose	Advent Feasts and Seasons: Prepare for Jesus/ God's Greatest Gift	God sent his Son Jesus into the world. The Epiphany means that Jesus came to show God to all people.	Matthew 11:2-11 (Christ's witness to John) What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?
Dec 18 - Jan 2		NO CLASS – Christmas Break		

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Jan 8/9	White	Ch. 11: Models of Virtue	The Church's holiness shines in the Saints; those who live their love of God. Mary is the perfect model of holiness, she is the Mother of the Church.	Matthew 2:1-2 (The Visit of the Magi) What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?
Jan 15/16		NO CLASS- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
Jan 22/23	Green	Sacred and Safe Lesson		Matthew 4:12-23 (Jesus in Capernaum) What could you do for someone this week that would tell them about Jesus?
Jan 29/30	Green	Ch. 12: The Church Teaches	Jesus gave the leaders of the Church the authority to interpret Scripture and Tradition who are guided by the Holy Spirit in instructing the faithful.	Matthew 5:1-12 (the beatitudes) Who is welcome in the reign of God? Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?
Feb 5/6 At Home Lesson	Green	Ch. 13: Family Love	God created humans to live in strong, loving families. The commandments provide guidelines to build families of love.	Matthew 5:13-16 (the similes of salt and light) How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?
Feb 12/13	Green	Ch. 14: Respect Life	All human life is sacred. The Fifth Commandment forbids anything that takes a human life.	Matthew 5:17-37 (The Old Law and The New) When have you taken the first step to make up with someone who has hurt you or whom you have offended?
Feb 19/20	Green	Ch. 15: Live in the Truth	Because God is truth, his people are called to live in the truth. The Eighth Commandment forbids lying.	Matthew 5:38-48 (New Law of Retaliation; love of enemies) Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?
Feb 26/27	Green	Ch. 16: The Liturgical Year	The liturgical year celebrates the Paschal Mystery; this includes Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, and Easter.	Matthew 6:24-34 (Dependence on God) What can help you worry less about something that might happen?
Mar 5/6	Purple	Lent Ch. 17: The Seven Sacraments/	The Seven Sacraments were instituted by Christ and continue his saving work in the world. Also Feasts and Seasons: A Time to Pray	Matthew 4:1-11 (the temptation of Jesus) What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?
Mar 12 - 20		NO CLASS – Spring Break		
Mar 26/27	Rose	Lent Ch. 18: Healing and Reconciliation and Unit Review	God's forgiveness is given to all who truly seek it.	John 9:1-41 (the man born blind) How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?
Apr 2/3	Purple	Lent Ch. 19: A Generous Spirit	The Commandments call us to be generous. Stewardship is the way we appreciate and use God's gifts.	John 11:1-45 (the raising of Lazarus) How does Jesus help you do what is good and avoid what is not?
Apr 9/10	Red	Palm Sunday Feasts and Seasons: Triduum/ He Lives	Holy Week, especially Triduum, is a special time. Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus and Jesus is present today.	Matthew 26:14-27:66 (the passion of Jesus) How do you allow Jesus to live in your heart?
Apr 16/17		NO CLASS - Easter		
Apr 23/24	White	Divine Mercy Sunday Ch. 20: The Church in the World	The mission of the People of God is to proclaim the Gospel and to work for the good of all people.	John 20:19-31 (appearance to the disciples; Thomas) What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?
Apr 30/ May 1 LAST CLASS	White	Ch. 21: Eternal Life with God and Unit Review	To spend eternity with God, we must first grow in friendship with. The Last Judgment will mark God's final triumph when Christ returns in glory.	Luke 24:13-35 (Emmaus) When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?