

Grade 4 Lesson Plan / Fall Semester 2017

Sunday/ Monday	Liturgical Color	Lessons	Key Concept	Gospel Reading/ Question of the Week
Big Question #1: Who is Jesus Christ?				
Oct 1/2	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.	Matthew 21:28-32 (parable of the two sons) Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?
Oct 8/9	Green	Ch. 2: God is Faithful	God is always faithful to his people. Sin is present in the world because of human choice.	Matthew 21:33-43 (parable of the tenants) What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?
Oct 15/16	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.	Matthew 22:1-14 (the wedding banquet) What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?
Oct 22/23	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.	Matthew 22:15-21 (paying taxes to the emperor) Who needs help in your neighborhood or community? What could you and your family do to help?
Oct 29/30	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.	Matthew 22:34-40 (the greatest commandment) Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor?
Big Question #2: How do we get to know and love Jesus Christ?				
Nov 5/6 At Home Lesson	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.	Matthew 23:1-12 (the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees) What is one way you could serve someone in need this week?
Nov 12/13	Green	Lesson on St. Bernadette and the Saints		Matthew 25:1-13 (the parable of the ten virgins) What is one thing you can do this week to prepare for Jesus?
Nov 19 - 27		NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break		
Dec 3/4	Purple	Advent Ch. 7: The Beatitudes / <i>Feasts and Seasons: Prepare for Jesus</i>	The Beatitudes describe the reign of God and show us how to live and act as a follower of Jesus. <i>Advent is a time of preparing for Jesus.</i>	Mark 13:33–37 (need for watchfulness) What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?
Dec 10/11	Purple	Advent 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.	Mark 1:1-8 (John the Baptist in the desert) ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT How can you help others to know Jesus?
Dec 17/18	Rose	Advent Ch. 9: Honoring God / <i>Feasts and Seasons: God's Greatest Gift</i>	The first three Commandments ask us to honor God above all else, respect his name, and worship Him on Sunday. <i>At Christmas, we celebrate that Jesus came to save all people.</i>	John 1:6–8, 19–28 (John as witness to the light) What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?
Dec 24 – Jan 8		NO CLASS – Christmas Break		

Grade 4 Lesson Plan / Spring Semester 2018

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Jan 14/15		NO CLASS- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
Jan 21/22	Green	Circle of Grace Lessons 1 and 2		Mark 1:14–20 (call of the first disciples) In what way do you think you can be a better follower of Jesus?
Jan 28/29	Green	Circle of Grace Lesson 3		Mark 1:21–28 (cure of a demoniac) What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus? How will you show or tell them?
Big Question #3: How does Jesus Christ teach us to live a moral life?				
Feb 4/5 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.	Mark 1:29–39 (cure of Peter's mother-in-law and other miracles) What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?
Feb 11/12	Green	Ch. 14: Respect Life	All human life is sacred. The Fifth Commandment forbids anything that takes a human life.	Mark 1:40–45 (healing of a leper) What can you do this week to be an example to others?
Feb 18/19	Purple	Lent Ch. 15: Live in the Truth / <i>Feasts and Seasons: A Time to Pray</i>	Because God is truth, his people are called to live in the truth. The Eighth Commandment forbids lying. <i>During Lent, we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.</i>	Mark 1:12–15 (Jesus' temptation; the call to conversion) What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?
Feb 25/26	Purple	Lent Ch. 16: The Liturgical Year	The liturgical year celebrates the Paschal Mystery; this includes Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, and Easter.	Mark 9:2–10 (Jesus transfigured) What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?
Mar 4/5	Purple	Lent Ch. 17: The Seven Sacraments	The Seven Sacraments were instituted by Christ and continue his saving work in the world.	John 2:13–25 (cleansing of the temple) What puzzles you in the gospel stories? Which story makes you the most hopeful?
Mar 11 - 19		NO CLASS – Spring Break		
Big Question #4: How do we become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ?				
Mar 25/26	Red	Palm Sunday Ch. 18: Healing and Reconciliation / <i>Feasts and Seasons: Triduum: The Suffering Servant</i>	God's forgiveness is given to all who truly seek it. <i>Jesus is the Suffering Servant who gave his life for us.</i>	Mark 14:1–15:47 (the passion of Jesus) When is it hardest for you to obey?
Apr 1/2		NO CLASS – Easter		
Apr 8/9	White	Easter Season Liturgy of Light Lesson		John 20:19–31 (appearance to the disciples) What could you and your family do to help others who are in need?
Apr 15/16	White	Easter Season Ch. 19: A Generous Spirit	The Commandments call us to be generous. Stewardship is the way we appreciate and use God's gifts.	Luke 24:35–48 (Jesus appears to the Eleven) What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?
Apr 22/23	White	Easter Season 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 10:11–18 (the Good Shepherd) Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?
Apr 29/30	White	Easter Season Ch. 21: Eternal Life with God and Unit Review	To spend eternity with God, we must first grow in friendship with him. The Last Judgment will mark God's final triumph when Christ returns in glory.	John 15:1-8 (the vine and the branches) What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?