

Sessions	Key Concepts	Scripture Studied	Vocabulary
Unit 1: Jesus Reveals the Father's Love			
Session 1: Understanding the Trinity	God is three divine Persons in one divine Being; this is called the Trinity. The Son eternally proceeds from the Father, and the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from the Father and the Son. The Blessed Trinity is a mystery that is beyond complete human understanding.	Genesis 1:26-28, 31; Exodus 12:1, 3, 5-8, 11-14; Luke 22:14-20; John 1:29; 6:53-57; 20:1-29; Romans 6:23	Mystery; Trinity
Session 2: The Incarnation: True God and True Man	In the Incarnation, the Second Person of the Trinity became man. Jesus is one Person with two natures, divine and human. Because Jesus is divine, He has a divine intellect and will, and He has all the attributes of God. Because Jesus is human, He has a human body, soul, intellect, and will.		Divine; Incarnation; Intellect; Nature; Person; Will
Session 3: The Annunciation: Perfect Obedience	Mary is the Mother of the Church. Mary's yes to God is an important event in our Catholic Faith and an example for us all. Mary prayed the Magnificat in praise of and thanksgiving to God.		Annunciation; Magnificat
Session 4: Jesus Paid the Debt for Our Sin	Adam and Eve disobeyed God and rejected His love. This was the Original Sin that we are all born into. The penalty for sin is death. Jesus shed His blood to free us from death and sin. Through the Resurrection, we have a new life as Jesus' brethren and the Father's children.		Original Sin
Session 5: Jesus Is the Lamb of God	The sacrifice of the Passover Lamb saved the Hebrew people from the plague of death. The Passover is a sign of ultimate salvation in Christ from sin and death. Jesus is the Lamb of God. We participate in the new Passover by receiving Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist at Mass.		Agnus Dei
Session 6: Jesus Died for Us and Rose from the Dead	Jesus died for us on the Cross. God saves us because He loves us. When we believe in Jesus and repent, He forgives us and gives us eternal life. Jesus rose from the dead and will raise us on the last day.		Jesus; Resurrection



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Unit 2: Jesus Teaches Us about the Kingdom of God				
Session 7: Exploring the Kingdom	Jesus is king of Heaven and earth. He inaugurates the Kingdom of God on earth because He founded the Catholic Church during His earthly life. Jesus' Kingdom is vast, forever, and at hand. God reveals Himself to us out of love.	Matthew 5:44-45; 13; 14:13-14; 15:32-38; 18:1-4; Mark 1:40-42; 3:31-35, Mark 6:41; 9:33-35; 14:22; John 11:32-36, 43-44; 13:34-35; 15:9-10	Gospel; Kingdom of Heaven; Messiah; Repent	
Session 8: Parables of the Kingdom	Jesus used the parables to teach His disciples and the crowds. The parables teach that the Kingdom of God is meant for everyone. Jesus used the parables to ask each of us to accept the Kingdom of God in our hearts. God works to build His Kingdom, and He invites us to help it spread.		Parable	
Session 9: The Wedding at Cana	Jesus performed His first public miracle at the Wedding at Cana at the request of His Mother. Jesus' miracle at the Wedding at Cana is a sign that helps us understand that He is the Messiah. Marriage represents God's love for us. Mary is our Mother and intercessor.		Christ; Intercede; Marriage	
Session 10: The Multiplication of Loaves	The miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes appears in all four Gospels. This miracle foreshadows the Last Supper and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There are four principal actions of the Prayer of Consecration in the Mass (took, blessed, broke, gave), and each is present in the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Last Supper.		Miracle	
Session 11: God's Kingdom Becomes Visible through Charity	The two commandments to love God and love neighbor are the ways we make God's Kingdom visible on earth. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are ways to live the commandment of love of neighbor.		Corporal Works of Mercy; Spiritual Works of Mercy	
Session 12: Jesus Gathered a Community of Followers	When on earth, Jesus gathered a community of disciples and was their friend, sharing their joys and sorrows. Jesus showed people He cared by healing the sick and feeding the hungry. Jesus taught His disciples that they must follow His example and live as He did. Jesus told His disciples to go out to the world and invite all people to join His community.		Disciple	
Session 13: Jesus Showed Us God's Love	Jesus came to show us God's love and make us friends with Him again. The Sacraments are one way God shows us His love and makes us share in His divine life. At Baptism, we become Temples of the Holy Spirit and thus sharers in God's divine life. The Bible, the Sacraments, and prayer are three ways we can know God's love for us and become friends with Him.		Grace	



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Unit 3: We Are Called to Follow Jesus and to Lo	Unit 3: We Are Called to Follow Jesus and to Love One Another			
Session 14: The Two Great Commandments	Jesus summarized the Ten Commandments with two Great Commandments. The first three of the Ten Commandments and the first Great Commandment teach us how to love God. The next seven of the Ten Commandments and the second Great Commandment teach us how to love our neighbor. In the Gospels, Jesus teaches us about loving God and loving our neighbor.	Matthew 6:9-13; 13:44; Luke 2:41-52; 11:2-4; 21:1-4	Ten Commandments; Two Great Commandments	
Session 15: We Must Love God above All Else	God's name and greatness are worthy of praise and reverence. The first three commandments show us how to be faithful to God and honor Him. Jesus taught us to pray with the Lord's Prayer.		Abba; Reverence; Yahweh	
Session 16: The Good Samaritan	Through the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus taught us to love everyone. Sometimes we sin not by doing something bad but by failing to do the right thing. This is called a sin of omission. Jesus is the Good Samaritan who came to rescue humanity, wounded by Satan and Original Sin.		Charity; Levite; Samaritan; Sins of Omission	
Session 17: Loving Others as Christ Loves Us	We are to love God with all our hearts, minds, and souls. As the Father loves Jesus, Jesus loves us, and Jesus wants us to love each other. Jesus said that we must be like children to go to Heaven.		No Vocabulary	
Session 18: Love and Reverence for Parents/ Guardians	The Fourth Commandment is "Honor your father and mother." Love of neighbor begins with love of family, particularly obedience and gratitude toward our parents. The Bible contains stories of children being obedient to their parents as models for us.		Obedience	
Session 19: Caring for God's Creation	Everything good on the earth was created by God to glorify Him. If we love God, we will take care of His creation. Caring for the resources of the environment is something that we can all do every day.		Conserve; Creation	
Session 20: Mary Is the Queen of Heaven	Mary magnifies the Lord—her life shows us the power and love of God. Mary was assumed into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. She is our Mother because she loves us and loves God. We can always ask Mary to help us. We honor Mary because of her deep faith in the Lord and her willingness to be the Mother of our Savior.		Assumption; <i>Fiat</i>	



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Unit 4: The Church Continues Jesus' Mission of Salvation			
Session 21: Jesus Chose Twelve Apostles and Made Peter the First Pope	Jesus chose the Apostles to be the first bishops. Jesus chose Peter and prepared him to be the first pope. The Apostles obeyed Jesus' command to spread the Good News and to baptize people into the Catholic Faith.	Matthew 4:18-20; 9:9; 16:15-18; 17:1-8; 28:16-20; Mark 4:35-41; 6:7, 12-13; Luke 5:1-11; 11:1-4; 24:49; John 6:67-69; 13:4-5, 12-15; 14:16-17; 19:26-27; 20:19-23; 21:15-17; Acts 1:6-9, 11; 2:4, 14, 36-41; 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 12:4-27; Ephesians 4:4-6	Apostle; Bishop; Pope
Session 22: Jesus' Ascension and the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost	Jesus ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus fulfills the promises He made before He ascended to help us follow Him to Heaven. On Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, who were filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.		Ascension; Pentecost
Session 23: The Church Continues Jesus' Mission on Earth	The Church continues Jesus' mission on earth: the salvation of all souls. The Church can be understood as the family of God, the Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Jesus founded the Church during His earthly life.		Church; Family of God; Temple of the Holy Spirit
Session 24: The Church Is United in the Holy Spirit	The Church is the Body of Christ. Like a body, the Church is made of many parts but is still one. The People of God make up the Body of Christ. The four marks of the Church are the defining characteristics of the Church given to her by Jesus. The Holy Spirit, working in and through the Church today, unites the People of God.		Charism; Four Marks of the Church; Magisterium; Nicene Creed; Tradition
Session 25: Leaders of the Church: The Pope and the Bishops	The pope and bishops are leaders of the Catholic Church, and they imitate Jesus' example of service. Popes and bishops teach the faithful and lead the faithful to holiness so that we might attain Heaven. Bishops are the successors of the Apostles.		Diocese; Hierarchy; Priest
Session 26: We Experience the Church in Our Parish	A parish is a community of the Christian faithful led by a pastor. In our parishes, we receive the Sacraments and all God's gifts, everything we need in order to know, love, and serve God. Our parish communities are similar to the first Christian community, led by the Apostles after Pentecost.		Parish; Pastor



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Unit 5: The Sacraments of Initiation and the Sacraments of Healing and Forgiveness				
Session 27: The Sacrament of Baptism	Baptism is one of the Sacraments of Initiation. Baptism is the first Sacrament we receive. It makes us members of the Church, forgives our sins, and gives us new life in Christ. Baptism is necessary for salvation.	Matthew 26:26-29; 28:19-20; Luke 15:11-32; John 6:48-57; Ephesians 6:11-17; James 5:14-15	Baptism; Holy Oil; Sacraments of Initiation	
Session 28: The Sacrament of Confirmation	Confirmation gives a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that on Pentecost. Confirmation perfects the graces of Baptism. Confirmation gives a special strength to witness to the Christian Faith and to resist sin and temptation.		Anoint; Gifts of the Holy Spirit; Confirmation; Laying on of Hands	
Session 29: The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist	The Eucharist is the Sacrament in which we receive the Lord's Body and Blood under the appearances of bread and wine. The Eucharist was instituted at the Last Supper, the night before Jesus died. The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life." There are many titles for the Eucharist that help us better understand the Sacrament.		Communion; Eucharist; Last Supper; Transubstantiation	
Session 30: The Sacrifice of the Mass	Jesus is the Lamb of God, who frees us from sin and spiritual death. The Mass is a re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. The Mass is divided into two main parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We worship and receive the Lord in His Word and in His Body and Blood from the same altar at every Mass.		Lamb; Liturgy of the Eucharist; Liturgy of the Word; Mass	
Session 31: The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation	The Sacraments of Healing were given by Christ to restore our relationship with God and others. God is always waiting to forgive us and welcome us back in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.		Absolution; Confession; Contrition; Penance	
Session 32: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick	Jesus loved the sick and sinners, and He had the power to cure them. Jesus' work of healing continues today in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. People who are suffering from illness need special strength to suffer with Jesus and to continue to practice virtue. Jesus gave His healing power to the Apostles.		Presbyter	
Session 33: Mary Is Our Mother	Mary is our Mother, and she nurtures our souls. Marian sacramentals help prepare our souls for grace through our faith and prayers. The Rosary, the Miraculous Medal, and scapulars are sacramental gifts from Mary.		Sacramental	