

Faith and Life Series
22 Week Curriculum Outline

Grade 4
Jesus Our Guide

Third Edition

Grade 4: Jesus Our Guide

22 Week Parish Curriculum

THEME: God's plan to save his people from sin (salvation history), how we participate in that plan, and the many ways God helps us in our pilgrimage on earth to heaven through his Word, his law, and his Church.

Weeks 1-9

- ❖ **Part I: B.C. : Before Christ**
- ❖ Chapters 1-14: The Fall and the first murder. The sin and suffering of mankind. God chooses his people and their leaders.

Weeks 10-22

- ❖ **Part II: A.D.: In the Year of Our Lord**
- ❖ Chapters 15-30: History changes when Jesus the King comes. Through grace, especially in the Sacraments, we receive the strength to do good.

AIM: To help-fourth grade students understand their purpose and goal in life, and to see God's plan in history and society to lead us all to heaven, our true eternal home.

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Part I: B.C.: Before Christ

Week 1: Creation / The Fall / Original Sin

- Ch. 1: The Fall of Man
- Creation
 - The Fall
 - Original sin
 - Promise of a Redeemer

Week 2: Cain & Abel / Noah & the Flood / The Tower of Babel

- Ch. 2: The World's First Murder
- Cain and Abel offered sacrifices
 - God warned Cain about sin
 - Cain murdered Abel and is punished
 - God had mercy on Cain
- Ch. 3: Turning Away from God
- The world was filled with very sinful men
 - The flood
 - God made a covenant with Noah
 - Tower of Babel

Week 3: Abraham & Isaac

- Ch. 4: God Prepares a People for the Savior
- God called Abram
 - God made a covenant with Abraham
 - Abraham was faithful

Week 4: Jacob (Israel) & Esau / Joseph & His Brothers

- Ch. 5: The People of Israel
- Jacob tricked Esau for his birthright and Isaac for his blessing
 - Laban tricked Jacob
- Ch. 6: Joseph Goes to Egypt
- Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery
 - God brought good out of the brothers' jealousy

Week 5: Joseph In Egypt

- Ch. 6: Joseph Goes to Egypt
- Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream and was made governor of Egypt
- Ch. 7: The People of Israel Go to Egypt
- Joseph's brothers went to Egypt for grain
 - Joseph tested his brothers
 - Joseph revealed who he is
 - All of Israel moved to Egypt

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Part I: B.C.: Before Christ (Continued)

Week 6: Moses & Passover

- Ch. 8: God's People Suffer in Egypt
- Israelites became slaves in Egypt
 - God called Moses to free his people
- Ch. 9: God Saves His People
- God sent signs and plagues
 - God protected Israel from the tenth plague when they celebrated the Passover
 - The Israelites escaped through the parted Red Sea

Week 7: Wandering in the Desert / Joshua / Samson / Ruth

- Ch. 10: Great Things Happen on the Way to the Promised Land
- God fed the Israelites with manna
 - God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments
 - Moses died
- Ch. 11: Life in the Promised Land
- Joshua led Israel
 - Samson sacrificed himself to save the Israelites
 - Ruth trusted in the one true God

Week 8: Samuel / Saul / David

- Ch. 12: A King for God's People
- God called Samuel to be a prophet
 - The Israelites rejected God as their king
 - God called Saul to be king
 - Saul stopped following God and God rejected him as king
- Ch. 13: King David
- God gave the kingdom to David
 - David killed Goliath
 - David sinned greatly but repented, and God forgave him

Week 9: Solomon / Isaiah / Captivity

- Ch. 14: King Solomon and the Promise of a New King
- Solomon was granted great wisdom
 - Solomon built a great temple to God
 - Solomon let his many wives draw him into idolatry
 - Isaiah prophesied about the coming Messiah
- Ch. 15: The Final King
- Israel was divided and invaded
 - Israel was taken into captivity
 - Israel was released, returned to Israel and awaited its Savior

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Part II: A.D.: In the Year of Our Lord

Week 10: John the Baptist / Jesus / Baptism / Free Will / Commandments

Ch. 15: The Final King

- a. John the Baptist preached repentance and announced the coming of Jesus
- b. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist

Ch. 16: An Invitation to Heaven

- a. Jesus calls us to be baptized into his Church
- b. God gives us the gift of free will to choose to love him

Week 11: 1st-3rd Commandments

Ch. 17: Road Signs along the Way

- a. There is one true God and we are to worship him alone
- b. We should use God's name with reverence
- c. We should keep holy the Lord's day

Week 12: 4th-5th Commandments

Ch. 18: Loving Others

- a. We should love ourselves and others
- b. We should honor our parents and other authorities
- c. We should take care of our bodies and souls

Week 13: 6th-10th Commandments

Ch. 19: Growing in Love

- a. We should keep our minds and bodies pure
- b. We should be content with what we have and not desire other people's property
- c. We should always be truthful
- d. We should make reparations when we have sinned

Week 14: Who Jesus Is / Passion, Resurrection, & Ascension

Ch. 20: Jesus, Our Guide

- a. Jesus is true God and true man
- b. Jesus has power and authority

Ch. 21: "For This I Have Come into the World"

- a. God is ever merciful and he sent Jesus to suffer for us
- b. Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven

Week 15: Sacrifices & the Mass

Ch. 22: The Perfect Sacrifice

- a. Jesus is the perfect victim
- b. Jesus is the perfect priest
- c. The perfect sacrifice is made present at Mass

Week 16: Manna / Communion / True Presence

Ch. 23: Bread from Heaven

- a. The Israelites received manna in the desert and Jesus is the Bread from heaven
- b. Jesus gives this Bread to us at every Mass
- c. Jesus is truly and wholly present in the Eucharist

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Part II: A.D.: In the Year of Our Lord (Continued)

Week 17: Conscience / Sin / Confession

Ch. 24: Mistakes along the Way

- a. We must form our conscience
- b. There are two types of actual sin: mortal and venial

Ch. 25: Turning Back to God

- a. God desires our repentance
- b. We confess our sins so that we can be forgiven

Week 18: Trinity / Holy Spirit / Pentecost

Ch. 26: The Holy Spirit

- a. God is three Divine Persons
- b. We receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism
- c. The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles at Pentecost

Week 19: Catholic Church

Ch. 27: The Church of Christ

- a. The Church includes us on earth, those in purgatory, and those in heaven
- b. We share in Christ's ministry as priest, prophet, and king
- c. The Church has authority to teach the truth
- d. We are called to evangelize

Week 20: Grace & the Sacraments

Ch. 28: Channels of Grace

- a. Grace is a gift from God
- b. The normal way we receive grace is through the sacraments
- c. There are seven sacraments

Week 21: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Ch. 29: Our Mother, Mary

- a. Mary is the New Eve
- b. Mary is the Immaculate Conception
- c. Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven
- d. Mary intercedes for us

Week 22: The Last Things

Ch. 30: We Reach Our Goal

- a. Particular Judgment
- b. Resurrection
- c. General Judgment
- d. Our goal is to be in heaven with God forever