

Faith and Life Series
22 Week Curriculum Outline

Grade 5
Credo: I Believe

Third Edition

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THEME: A thorough study of the articles of the Creed as the basic elements of our Catholic Faith, with a special emphasis on careful understanding of definitions through the words of the Gospels, the prophets, and the prayers of the Church.

Weeks 1-7

- ❖ **Part I: God, the Father of All**
- ❖ Chapters 1-10: The Old Testament, and mankind's participation in and loss of God's life.

Weeks 8-17

- ❖ **Part II: God the Son, the Redeemer**
- ❖ Chapters 11-22: The fulfillment of God's plan in Christ, true God and true man.

Weeks 18-22

- ❖ **Part III: God the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier**
- ❖ Chapters 23-30: Our call to holiness and witness in the Church.

AIM: To help fifth-grade students acquire a solid knowledge of God and his Church through understanding the Creed we profess, and distinguishing the truths of our Faith from errors that lead away from the love of God.

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Part I: God, the Father of All

Week 1: Faith / Creed

Ch. 1: I Believe

- a. Faith is a supernatural gift from God.
- b. God reveals himself through creation, Scripture, tradition, and perfectly in Jesus Christ.
- c. God gives man the grace he needs to accept the gift of faith.
- d. The Creed is a summary of the beliefs of the Catholic Faith.

Week 2: Trinity / Creator

Ch. 2: The Trinity

- a. Man can know by reason that God exists.
- b. God is transcendent, holy, almighty, omniscient, eternal, unchanging, and omnipresent.
- c. God is one in three Divine Persons.
- d. The Trinity is a mystery that must be accepted in faith.

Ch. 3: Creator of Heaven and Earth

- a. God is the Creator of all that is seen and unseen.
- b. God, in his providence, cares for and upholds the created world.
- c. God alone is uncreated.
- d. Man must be a good steward of creation.

Week 3: Angels

Ch. 4: Realm of the Angels

- a. Angels are intelligent creatures who are pure spirits created by God.
- b. Angels are God's messengers.
- c. God tested the angels, and those who chose not to follow God are called demons.
- d. Angels are active in the world, and each person is given a guardian angel.

Week 4: Man / The Fall

Ch. 5: Made in His Image

- a. Man is created body and soul by God, in the image of God.
- b. Adam and Eve are created in original justice and given grace.

Ch. 6: The Fall from Grace

- a. God tested Adam and Eve.
- b. Adam and Eve committed original sin thereby losing God's gifts of grace and original justice.
- c. Concupiscence is an effect of original sin.
- d. The gates of heaven were closed due to original sin.
- e. God promised a Savior and Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise.
- f. God allows suffering and brings good out of it.

Week 5: Abraham / Isaac / Jacob & Esau / Joseph

Ch. 7: The Chosen People

- a. God chose a special people to be his own and to prepare for the coming of the Savior.
- b. God tested Abraham and Abraham responded in faith.
- c. God promised that the Savior would come from Abraham's descendants.
- d. Esau sold his birthright and Jacob tricked Isaac for the blessing that belonged to Esau.
- e. Joseph was sold into slavery and eventually all of Israel ended up in Egypt.

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Part I: God, the Father of All (Continued)

Week 6: Moses / Passover / Ten Commandments / Kings of Israel

Ch. 8: Moses Leads God's People

- a. God called Moses to free his people.
- b. Moses asked Pharaoh to free God's people.
- c. God sent ten plagues upon Egypt as a sign of his power.
- d. The tenth plague was the death of the firstborn.
- e. The Israelites celebrated the Passover, which protected them from the tenth plague.
- f. The Israelites fled Egypt and God saved them by opening the Red Sea.

Ch. 9: The Forming of God's People

- a. The Israelites complained and God provided manna, quail, and water for his people.
- b. God established a covenant with the Israelites at Mt. Sinai.
- c. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.
- d. God gave the Israelites an earthly king.

Week 7: Prophets / Isaiah / Jeremiah

Ch. 10: The Words of the Prophets

- a. The prophets spoke God's words to the Israelites and called on them to be faithful to their covenant.
- b. The prophets helped the Israelites to prepare for the coming of the Savior.
- c. Isaiah and Jeremiah were two of these prophets.

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Part II: God the Son, the Redeemer

Week 8: John the Baptist / Jesus

Ch. 11: In the Fullness of Time

- a. Elizabeth and Zechariah were blessed in their old age with their child, John the Baptist.
- b. Gabriel announced to Mary that she was chosen to be the mother of the Savior.
- c. Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth.
- d. Mary was conceived without original sin and her soul was filled with grace as a special gift from God.

Week 9: Nativity / Incarnation / Magi / Holy Family

Ch. 12: Born in the City of David

- a. An angel came to Joseph to tell him to take Mary as his wife and that she has conceived by the Holy Spirit.
- b. Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- c. Jesus is both God and man.
- d. The Magi came to give homage to Jesus
- e. The flight into Egypt.

Ch. 13: The Holy Family

- a. Jesus' early life is called 'hidden' because we do not know much about it.
- b. The Holy Family followed and obeyed the laws of the Jewish religion.
- c. The Holy Family is a model for all families.

Week 10: Baptism of Jesus / Parables / Twelve Apostles

Ch. 14: The Kingdom of Heaven

- a. Jesus began his public ministry at age thirty with his baptism in the Jordan.
- b. Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray for forty days.
- c. Jesus was tempted by the devil.
- d. Jesus taught with parables.
- e. Jesus chose twelve apostles.

Week 11: Messiah / Miracles / Transfiguration

Ch. 15: The Father and I Are One

- a. Jesus is the Messiah.
- b. Jesus is both human and divine.
- c. Jesus performs many miracles.
- d. Jesus revealed his divinity in the Transfiguration.

Week 12: Forgiveness

Ch. 16: Your Sins Are Forgiven

- a. Only God can forgive sins.
- b. Jesus heals people physically and spiritually.
- c. Jesus leads many to conversion.
- d. We are called to forgive others, even our enemies.

Week 13: True God and True Man

Ch. 17: True God and True Man

- a. Jesus is both true God and true man.
- b. Jesus is a Divine Person.
- c. The union of God and man in Jesus is called the hypostatic union.
- d. Jesus is our model and the mediator between God and man.

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Part II: God the Son, the Redeemer (Continued)

Week 14: Accepting Jesus

Ch. 18: Rejected by the Proud

- a. Many people do not accept the truth spoken by Jesus.
- b. When we commit sin, we turn away from God.

Week 15: The Father's Will

Ch. 19: The Acceptance of the Father's Will

- a. Jesus knew and proclaimed that he will suffer and die.
- b. Jesus gives himself to us in the Holy Eucharist.
- c. Jesus accepted the will of the Father and was obedient unto death on the Cross.

Week 16: Crucifixion / Resurrection

Ch. 20: The Perfect Sacrifice

- a. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice.
- b. Jesus opened heaven and redeemed man.
- c. Jesus was sacrificed once for all on the Cross.
- d. The Sacrifice of the Mass is the same as the Sacrifice of the Cross.
- e. The Mass is the greatest form of worship.

Ch. 21: He Is Risen

- a. Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.
- b. Jesus appeared to people after the Resurrection.
- c. We hope for the resurrection of our bodies at the end of time.
- d. In Baptism, we die with Christ and rise with him, sharing in his life by grace.

Week 17: Forgiveness of Sins / Great Commission / Ascension

Ch. 22: Jesus Sends the Apostles

- a. Jesus commissioned the apostles to continue his work through the Church.
- b. Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Penance, giving the apostles the power to forgive sins.
- c. Jesus made Peter the visible head of the Church.
- d. Jesus sent his apostles to baptize and teach all nations.
- e. Jesus ascended into heaven.

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Part III: God the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier

Week 18: Holy Spirit / Pentecost / Communion of Saints

Ch. 23: The Giver of Life

- a. The Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the apostles in the upper room on Pentecost.
- b. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity.
- c. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son.
- d. The Holy Spirit fills our souls at Baptism and pours out his gifts at Confirmation.

Ch. 24: The Mystical Body

- a. Jesus founded the Catholic Church.
- b. Jesus built the Church upon Peter.
- c. Jesus promised to keep the teachings of his Church free from error.
- d. The communion of saints includes souls on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven.

Week 19: Catholic Church / Precepts of the Church

Ch. 25: The Identity of the Church

- a. The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Ch. 26: The Church Rules

- a. The Church is human and divine.
- b. The Church has a hierarchy of authority.
- c. We must follow the precepts of the Church.

Week 20: Revelation / Magisterium / Evangelization / Seven Sacraments

Ch. 27: Teach All Nations

- a. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to the Church to preserve her from error.
- b. The Church has the duty of preaching the good news to all nations and all peoples.

Ch. 28: Called to Holiness

- a. There are seven sacraments instituted by Christ.
- b. Jesus gives us the sacraments as a sure way of receiving his grace.

Week 21: Blessed Virgin Mary

Ch. 29: The Mother of God in Our Lives

- a. Jesus gave Mary to us to be our mother and model.
- b. Mary is the New Eve.
- c. Mary was assumed bodily into heaven.
- d. Mary intercedes for us.

Week 22: Death / Particular Judgment / Heaven / Purgatory / Hell / General Judgment / Resurrection

Ch. 30: Unto Everlasting Life

- a. Each of us will die, be individually judged, and will receive our eternal reward.
- b. If we are in a state of grace, but not completely perfect, we enter a state of purification called purgatory.
- c. Jesus will return at the end of time to judge all men.
- d. At the end of time, our souls will be reunited with our bodies at the resurrection.