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BOOK FOUR

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Jacob (Israel) & Esau / Joseph & His Brothers

■ PREPARATION

Prayer: Glory Be -
ST p. 161

Scripture: Genesis 35:10-
12 - ST p. 28 / Genesis
39:2 - ST p. 33

Sacred art: *Isaac Blessing
Jacob* - ST p. 29

■ PROCLAMATION

God is sovereign over everything. He even brings good out of evil.

■ EXPLANATION

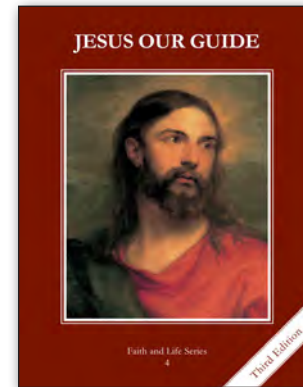
- Jacob tricked Esau for his birthright and Isaac for his blessing. Laban tricked Jacob into marrying Leah.
 - God’s will: *Begin* - **TM p. 54**
 - Activity - **AB p. 18**
 - Birthright: *Develop* # 2, 7 - **TM p. 54**
 - Blessing: *Begin & Develop* # 2, 4, 5 - **TM p. 56**
 - Trickery: *Develop* # 6 - **TM p. 58**
- God changed Jacob’s name to symbolize the new life he would begin.
 - Name change: *Develop* # 4 - **TM p. 60**
 - Name change: *God Changes Our Names* - **TM p. 61**
- Joseph’s brothers were jealous of him and sold him into slavery.
 - Jealousy: *Begin & Develop* # 2 - **TM p. 66**
 - Revenge: *Develop* # 4 - **TM p. 66**
- God brought good out of the brothers’ jealousy.
 - Providence: *Begin & Develop* # 4 - **TM p. 68**
 - Value of suffering: *Develop* # 5 - **TM p. 68**
 - Joseph prefigures Jesus: *Joseph the Dreamer and Jesus the Christ* - **TM p. 69**

■ APPLICATION

- Remember a time when something bad happened to you, but God brought something good out of it. Thank God for his blessings.
- When things do not turn out the way you had hoped, what should you do? How can you show that you accept it as God’s will for you?
- If someone is left out of a game or a group, make an effort to include him.
- The next time you get in an argument with a sibling do something nice for your sibling to show that you are sorry.

■ CELEBRATION

- Blessing: *Reinforce* # 2 - **TM p. 56**
- Song: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* - **Adoremus Hymnal # 621**
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapters 6 & 7 - **ST pp. 34-39** (Begin with ‘The Great Famine’)
- Concluding prayer: Thank God for his many blessings. Pray the Our Father and ask the students to add their own petitions. - **ST p. 161**



- Teacher’s Manual (TM):**
Chapter 5, pp. 53-64
(Lessons 1-4) / Chapter 6,
pp. 65-69 (Lessons 1-2)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 5, pp. 28-34 /
Chapter 6, pp. 32-34
(Up to and including ‘God
Protects His Child’)
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 5, pp. 17-20 /
Chapter 6, pp. 21-22

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Samuel / Saul / David

■ PREPARATION

Prayer: Hail Mary - ST p. 161

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:7 - ST p. 56 / 1 Samuel 16:1 - ST p. 60

Sacred art: *The Anointing of David by Samuel* - ST p. 57

■ PROCLAMATION

God calls each one of us and desires that we follow his will in all things.

■ EXPLANATION

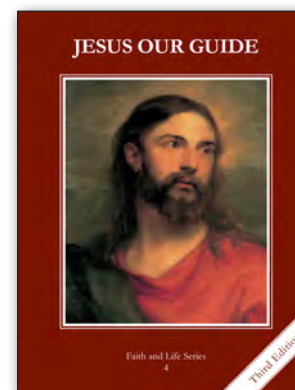
- Samuel was called by God and followed his will.
 - The call: *Begin* - **TM p. 140**
 - The response: *Develop # 4* - **TM p. 140**
 - Faith: *Begin* - **TM p. 142**
 - Ark of the Covenant stolen: *Develop # 3* - **TM p. 142**
- The Israelites asked God for a king and by doing so rejected God as their king.
 - Asking for a king: *Develop # 2, 3* - **TM p. 144**
 - Activity - **AB p. 47**
- Saul was made king, but later stopped following God's will. God rejected him as king and gave the kingdom to David.
 - Saul: *Develop # 2, 4, 6* - **TM p. 146**
 - David: *Develop # 2, 5* - **TM p. 154**
 - David and Saul: *Develop # 2* - **TM p. 158**
- David loved God, followed his will, and defeated Goliath, but he sinned greatly. David repented of his sin and God forgave him.
 - David and Goliath: *Develop # 2* - **TM p. 156**
 - Providence: *Begin* - **TM p. 158**
 - David's sin: *Develop #4, 5* - **TM p. 160**

■ APPLICATION

- When it is difficult to follow God, should we turn to him for help?
- Jesus is our king, now and for eternity. Be sure always to put him first in your life.
- God desires that we follow his will. Is it important to desire to follow God's will in everything we do? Why?
- Give up something that you desire to show God that you desire him more than these good things.
- Tell someone you know that Christ is your King.

■ CELEBRATION

- Saint: *Saint Cuthbert* - **TM p. 155**
- Song: *All glory, laud and honor* - **Adoremus Hymnal # 383**
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapters 14 & 15 - **ST pp. 65-71 (Up to and including 'A Time of Waiting')**
- Concluding prayer: Pray that we may know and accomplish God's will in our lives. Pray the Act of Contrition. - **ST p. 162**



- Teacher's Manual (TM):**
Chapter 12, pp.139-152 (Lessons 1-4) /
Chapter 13, pp. 153-164 (Lessons 1-4)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 12, pp. 56-59 /
Chapter 13, pp. 60-64
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 12, pp. 45-48 /
Chapter 13, pp. 49-52

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Solomon / Isaiah / Captivity

■ PREPARATION

Prayer: Hail Mary -
ST p. 155

Scripture: Luke 2:29 -
ST p. 53

Sacred Art: Holy Family -
ST p. 54

■ PROCLAMATION

God is the giver of all gifts. We should always strive to use our gifts for the glory of God.

■ EXPLANATION

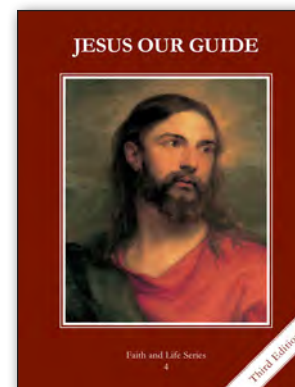
- Solomon was granted great wisdom by God, and with it he was able to judge rightly.
 - Solomon: *Begin* - **TM p. 166**
 - Wisdom: *Develop* # 2, 3 - **TM p. 166**
- Solomon built a great Temple to God, but as he grew older he let his many wives draw him into idolatry.
 - Temple: *Begin & Develop* # 2, 4 - **TM p. 168**
 - Jesus is the new Temple: *Develop* # 6 - **TM p. 168**
 - Solomon's foolishness: *Develop* # 3, 4, 5 - **TM p. 170**
- Isaiah used his gift of prophecy to warn God's people to repent and to tell them about the Messiah.
 - Activity -**AB p. 56**
 - Prophets: *Begin* - **TM p. 172**
 - Prophecy of a Messiah: *Develop* # 2, 5 - **TM p. 172**
- Israel became divided because of sin and was invaded by foreigners. They were taken into captivity but were eventually released and returned to Israel, awaiting their Savior.
 - Consequences of Solomon's sin: *Develop* # 2 - **TM p. 178**
 - Exile: *Develop* # 4 - **TM p. 178**

■ APPLICATION

- Think about the gifts God has given you. How can you use your gifts for God's glory?
- Think about whether your friends help you to follow God or if they pull you away.
- How can you prepare for the return of Jesus at the end of time?
- Use the gifts God has given you to help someone else.
- Talk about Jesus and the Catholic Church to any of your friends who don't know Jesus.

■ CELEBRATION

- Song: *Crown him with many crowns* - **Adoremus Hymnal # 481**
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapters 15 & 16 - **ST pp. 71-77 (Begin with 'John the Baptist')**
- Concluding prayer: Pray for the Jewish people, that they will come to know Jesus as Christ. Pray the Our Father and ask the students to offer their own petitions. - **ST p. 161**



- Teacher's Manual (TM):**
Chapter 14, pp. 165-176 (Lessons 1-4) /
Chapter 15, pp. 177-179 (Lesson 1)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 14, pp. 65-68 /
Chapter 15, pp. 70-71 (Up to and including 'A Time of Waiting')
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 14, pp. 53-56 /
Chapter 15, p. 57

Notes: _____

John the Baptist / Jesus / Baptism / Free Will / Commandments

■ PREPARATION

Prayer: Hail Mary
- ST p. 161

Scripture: Luke 3:4
- ST p. 71 / Mark 16:16
- ST p. 74

Sacred art: *The Baptism of Christ* (detail) - ST p. 70
The Baptism of Christ - ST p. 72 / *The Last Supper* (detail) - ST p. 75

■ PROCLAMATION

God desires that everyone go to heaven. He sent his only Son so that we can choose to follow him to heaven.

■ EXPLANATION

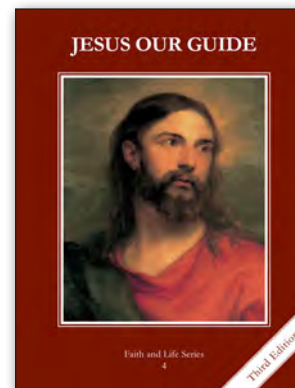
- God sent John the Baptist to preach repentance and to announce the coming of Jesus.
 - Prophet: *Develop # 4 - TM p. 180*
 - Incarnation: *Develop # 2, 3 - TM p. 180*
 - Baptism of Jesus: *Begin & Develop # 3, 4 - TM p. 182*
- Jesus invites us to heaven by being baptized into his Church.
 - Kingdom of God on earth: *Develop # 3, 4 - TM p. 184*
 - Sacrament of Baptism: *Develop # 4 - TM p. 190*
 - Activity -**AB p. 61**
- God gives us the gift of free will to choose to love him and follow his Commandments.
 - Free will: *Develop # 2, 3, 4 - TM p. 192*
 - God's laws: *Develop # 3, 6 - TM p. 192*
 - Law of love: *Develop # 2, 3 - TM p. 194*

■ APPLICATION

- When you become aware that you have sinned, immediately ask God to forgive you. If the sin is mortal go to Confession as soon as possible.
- God calls us to forgive others as he has forgiven us. When someone acts unjustly against you how can you forgive as God does?
- What can you do to be more forgiving to others when they offend you?
- Jesus died so that your sins can be forgiven and so you can be with him in heaven. Spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and thank him for his sacrifice.
- The next time your friends want you to join them in doing something wrong, put your faith in action by doing the right thing.

■ CELEBRATION

- Invitations to heaven: *Begin - TM p. 190*
- Song: *To Jesus Christ, our sov'reign King - Adoremus Hymnal # 480*
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapter 17 - **ST pp. 78-83**
- Concluding prayer: Thank God for the gift of the Catholic Church and for our Faith. Pray the Apostles' Creed - **ST p. 161**



- Teacher's Manual (TM):**
Chapter 15, pp. 180-188 (Lessons 2-4) /
Chapter 16, pp. 189-202 (Lessons 1-4)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 15, pp. 71-73 (Begin with 'John the Baptist') / Chapter 16, pp. 74-77
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 15, pp. 58-60 /
Chapter 16, pp. 61-64

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1st-3rd Commandments

PREPARATION

Prayer: Morning Offering - ST p. 161

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:5 - ST p. 79

Sacred art: *Adoration of the Magi* - ST p. 78

PROCLAMATION

God desires that we each love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

EXPLANATION

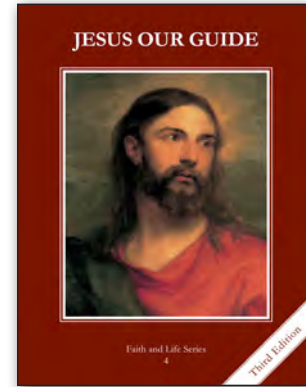
- There is one true God and we are to worship him alone.
 - Why God made us: *Begin* - **TM p. 204**
 - False gods: *Develop # 2, 3* - **TM p. 204**
 - Prayer: *Begin & Develop # 3, 4, 5, 6* - **TM p. 206**
 - Mary: *Do Catholics Worship Mary?* - **TM p. 209**
- We should use God’s name with reverence.
 - Proper use of God’s name: *Begin & Develop # 3, 4* - **TM p. 208**
 - Activity -**AB p. 67**
- We should keep holy the Lord’s Day.
 - Sunday: *Begin & Develop # 6* - **TM p. 210**
 - Obligation: *Develop # 3* - **TM p. 210**
 - Participation in Mass: *Develop # 4* - **TM p. 210**
 - Worthy reception of Communion: *Develop # 5* - **TM p. 210**

APPLICATION

- Think of some times that you have put people or things above God. Make a commitment to strive to put God first from now on. Remember that this will help you love everyone and everything in the best way possible.
- Every Sunday, spend some time thanking God for the Resurrection.
- What are some of the ways you can keep Sunday holy in addition to going to Mass?
- Must we attend Mass every Sunday? What are some of the ways we can make sure that we are able to go to Mass on Sunday?
- If someone you know uses the Lord’s name in vain, ask them not to do so.

CELEBRATION

- Saint: *Saint Thomas More* - **TM p. 211**
- Song: *Be thou my vision* - **Adoremus Hymnal # 623**
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapter 18 - **ST pp. 84-87**
- Concluding prayer: Ask God to help us grow in reverence. Pray the Prayer of Reparation. - **TM p. 205**



- Teacher’s Manual (TM):**
Chapter 17, pp. 203-214
(Lessons 1-4)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 17, pp. 78-83
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 17, pp. 65-68

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4th-5th Commandments

■ PREPARATION

Prayer: Morning Offering - ST p. 161 | Scripture: Matthew 22:39 - ST p. 84 | Sacred art: *The Flight into Egypt* - ST p. 85

■ PROCLAMATION

God loves us all, so we are to love ourselves and our neighbors as ourselves.

■ EXPLANATION

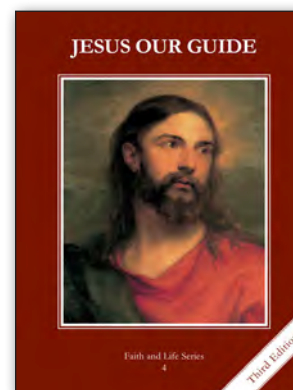
- We should love ourselves and others, because of God's love for us.
 - God's love: *Begin & Develop # 2, 3 - TM p. 216*
 - Pride: *Develop # 4 - TM p. 216*
- We should honor our parents and other authorities.
 - Parents' love: *Develop # 2 - TM p. 218*
 - Respect and honor family: *Develop # 4, 5 - TM p. 218*
 - Activity -AB p. 70
 - Respect authority: *Develop # 7 - TM p. 218*
- We should take care of our bodies and souls.
 - Caring for our bodies: *Develop # 2, 3 - TM p. 220*
 - Corporal Works of Mercy: *Develop # 5 - TM p. 220*
 - Caring for our souls: *Begin & Develop # 2 - TM p. 222*
 - Injuring souls: *Develop # 3, 4, 5 - TM p. 222*
 - Spiritual Works of Mercy: *Develop # 6 - TM p. 222*

■ APPLICATION

- When someone offends you, ask God to give you the grace to forgive and love that person.
- Think of some of the authorities in your life. What are ways that you can submit to their authority in love?
- How can you incorporate Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy into your life?
- Make a special effort to obey your parents out of love.

■ CELEBRATION

- Have the students make cards for their parents to show their love.
- Song: *O Lord, the Giver of all life - Adoremus Hymnal # 609*
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapter 19 - ST pp. 88-93
- Concluding prayer: Pray for the students' families and for the repose of the souls of their deceased family members. Pray the Prayer of Fatima. - ST p. 165



- Teacher's Manual (TM):**
Chapter 18, pp. 215-226
(Lessons 1-4)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 18, pp. 84-87
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 18, pp. 69-72

Notes: _____

6th-10th Commandments

■ PREPARATION

Prayer: Morning Offering - ST p. 161 | **Scripture:** John 13:34 - ST p. 89 | **Sacred art:** *Flight into Egypt* (detail) - ST p. 88

■ PROCLAMATION

God is faithful, generous, and truthful. We should strive to be holy as God is holy, especially by being faithful, generous, and truthful.

■ EXPLANATION

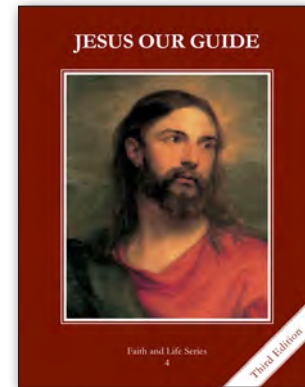
- We should keep our minds and bodies pure.
 - Families: *Begin* - **TM p. 228**
 - Purity: *Develop # 2* - **TM p. 228**
 - Marriage: *Develop # 3* - **TM p. 228**
- We should be content with what we have and not desire other people's property.
 - Activity - **AB p. 74**
 - Stewardship: *Begin* - **TM p. 230**
 - Thankfulness: *Develop # 5* - **TM p. 230**
- We should always be truthful.
 - What is the truth: *Begin* - **TM p. 232**
 - Why do we lie: *Develop # 2* - **TM p. 232**
 - Types of lies: *Develop # 3, 4, 6, 7* - **TM p. 232**
- We should make reparations when we have sinned.
 - Reparation for property: *Develop # 4* - **TM p. 230**
 - Group penance: *Develop # 4* - **TM p. 234**

■ APPLICATION

- Is it important to make sure that the movies, books, and music that we own or use are beneficial to our soul?
- Why must we dress in a way that shows that we respect our bodies?
- Give something that you own to someone in need.
- If you are ever tempted to lie about something, ask God for the grace always to be truthful.
- Ask God to help you make reparations for the times you have sinned.

■ CELEBRATION

- Purity: *Conclude # 1* - **TM p. 228**
- Song: *There's a wideness in God's mercy* - **Adoremus Hymnal # 613**
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapters 20 & 21 - **ST pp. 94-103**
- Concluding prayer: Thank God for the gift of our vocations and ask him for the strength to live them in a holy state of life. Pray the Our Father. - **ST p. 161**



- Teacher's Manual (TM):**
Chapter 19, pp. 227-238
(Lessons 1-4)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 19, pp. 88-93
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 19, pp. 73-76

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Who Jesus Is / Passion, Resurrection, & Ascension

■ PREPARATION

Prayer: Morning Offering
- ST p. 161

Scripture: Matthew 27:54
- ST p. 95 / 1 Corinthians
15:22 - ST p. 99

Sacred art: *The Transfiguration of Christ* (Icon) - ST p. 94 /
The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes - ST p. 96 / *Resurrection of Christ* - ST p. 100

■ PROCLAMATION

Jesus became man, suffered, died, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven so that we too can go to heaven.

■ EXPLANATION

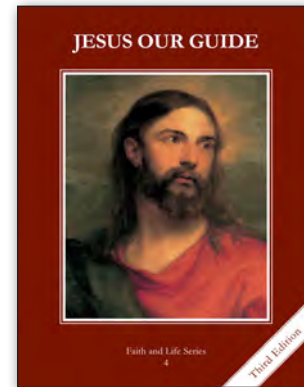
- Jesus is true God and true man with power and authority.
 - Incarnation: *Develop # 2 - TM p. 240*
 - Personhood and natures: *Develop # 3 - TM p. 240*
 - Jesus bridges the gap: *Develop # 6 - TM p. 240*
 - Power and authority: *Develop # 2 - TM p. 242*
 - Miracles: *Develop # 4 - TM p. 244*
- God is ever merciful and he sent Jesus to suffer for us.
 - Activity - **AB p. 81**
 - Can God will evil?: *Develop # 2 - TM p. 254*
 - Suffering of Jesus: *Develop # 2 - TM p. 256*
 - Suffering in union with Christ: *Develop # 5 - TM p. 256*
- Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven.
 - Resurrection: *Develop # 2, 3, 5 - TM p. 258*
 - Ascension: *Develop # 2, 3 - TM p. 260*
 - Symbols: *Symbols for the Ascension - TM p. 261*

■ APPLICATION

- What things can you do to be more like Jesus?
- God's mercy is very great. How can you be more merciful?
- Why should you pray for a happy death?
- In your night prayers, thank Jesus for becoming man and suffering for us so that we can go to heaven.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross with your family this week.

■ CELEBRATION

- Consecration: *Reinforce # 2 - TM p. 199*
- Song: *Christ is made the sure foundation - Adoremus Hymnal # 561*
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapter 22 - **ST pp. 104-107**
- Concluding prayer: Thank Jesus for becoming man and redeeming us. Pray the Prayer of Fatima. - **ST p. 165**



- Teacher's Manual (TM):**
Chapter 20, pp. 239-252 (Lessons 1-4) /
Chapter 21, pp. 253-264 (Lessons 1-4)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 20, pp. 94-98 /
Chapter 21, pp. 99-103
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 20, pp. 77-80 /
Chapter 21, pp. 81-84

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Conscience / Sin / Confession

■ PREPARATION

Prayer: Our Father
- ST p. 161

Scripture: Psalm 50:1
- ST p. 113 / Joel 2:12-13
- ST p. 117

Sacred art: *Christ and the Virgin* - ST p. 114 / *The Return of the Prodigal Son* - ST p. 118

■ PROCLAMATION

God desires that we repent when we sin. He can forgive any wrong we have done and he wants us to be reconciled with him.

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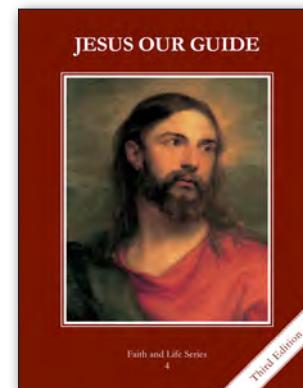
- The effects of Original Sin are still with us and we must form our conscience to judge correctly what is right and wrong.
 - Effects of Original Sin: *Develop # 3, 6 - TM p. 290*
 - Activity - **AB p. 93**
 - Conscience: *Begin & Develop # 2 - TM p. 292*
- There are two types of actual sin: mortal and venial.
 - Sin: *Develop # 3 - TM p. 292*
 - Mortal vs. venial sin: *Develop # 4, 5, 6 - TM p. 294*
 - Worthy reception of Communion: *Develop # 7 - TM p. 294*
 - Actual sin: *Actual Sin - TM p. 297*
- God desires our repentance and that we confess our sins so that we can be forgiven.
 - Turn to God for forgiveness: *Develop # 3, 4 - TM p. 304*
 - Prodigal son: *Develop # 3, 4 - TM p. 306*
 - Reconciliation: *Develop # 2, 3, 4, 5 - TM p. 308*
 - The Sacrament of Penance: *Develop # 2 - TM p. 310*

■ APPLICATION

- What are some of the ways that we can form our consciences?
- If you are tempted to do something wrong, have you already committed a sin? When does it become a sin?
- Think about how wonderful it is to have the Sacrament of Penance and to know that your sins are forgiven.
- Make a sacrifice of something that will help you not to sin.
- Set some time aside to make an in depth examination of conscience before the next time you go to confession.

CELEBRATION

- Have a priest come in and explain how to go to Confession.
- Song: *Lord Jesus, think on me - Adoremus Hymnal # 364*
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapter 26 - **ST pp. 122-125**
- Concluding prayer: Ask God for the grace to overcome temptations. Pray the Act of Contrition. - **ST p. 162**



- Teacher's Manual (TM):**
Chapter 24, pp. 289-302 (Lessons 1-4) /
Chapter 25, pp. 303-314 (Lessons 1-4)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 24, pp. 113-116 /
Chapter 25, pp. 117-121
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 24, pp. 93-96 /
Chapter 25, pp. 97-100

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Grace & the Sacraments

■ PREPARATION

Prayer: Our Father
- ST p. 161

Scripture: John 1:16
- ST p. 133

■ PROCLAMATION

God gives us his grace as a gift. The Sacraments are the normal means by which we receive God's grace.

■ EXPLANATION

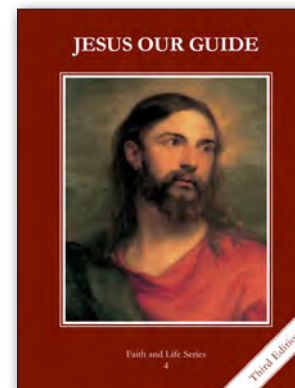
- Grace is a gift from God to help us love him and our neighbors and get to heaven.
 - Grace: *Develop # 2, 3* - TM p. 340
 - Activity -AB p. 109
 - Kinds of grace: *Develop # 6* - TM p. 340
- The normal way we receive grace is through the Sacraments.
 - Sacrament: *Begin* - TM p. 342
 - Sacramental life: *Develop # 3* - TM p. 342
- There are seven Sacraments.
 - Baptism: *Develop # 2* - TM p. 344
 - Holy Eucharist: *Develop # 3* - TM p. 344
 - Penance: *Develop # 4* - TM p. 344
 - Confirmation: *Develop # 2* - TM p. 346
 - Matrimony: *Develop # 3* - TM p. 346
 - Holy Orders: *Develop # 4* - TM p. 346
 - Anointing of the Sick: *Develop # 5* - TM p. 346

■ APPLICATION

- Is it important to receive the Sacraments regularly? What are some of the fruits that we can bear by receiving the Sacraments regularly?
- What are some examples of ways that God's grace can transform us?
- What are some things you can do to show God your gratitude for his grace?
- Do something in union with Jesus to grow in grace.
- Give up something that is hindering you from growing in God's grace.

■ CELEBRATION

- Sacrament questions: *Reinforce # 4* - TM p. 344
- Song: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* - Adoremus Hymnal # 621
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapter 29 - ST pp. 138-140
- Concluding prayer: Pray for the grace to overcome sin, persevere in faith, and for a happy death. Pray the Prayer of Fatima. - ST p. 165



- Teacher's Manual (TM):**
Chapter 28, pp. 339-354
(Lessons 1-4)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 28, pp. 132-137
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 28, pp. 109-117

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The Blessed Virgin Mary

PREPARATION

Prayer: Hail Mary
- ST p. 161

Scripture: Revelation
12:1 - ST p. 139

Sacred art: *Mary, Queen of Heaven* - ST p. 138 /
Adoration of the Magi (detail) - ST p. 140

PROCLAMATION

Mary wants to bring us to her Son and counsels us to do whatever Jesus tells us to do.

EXPLANATION

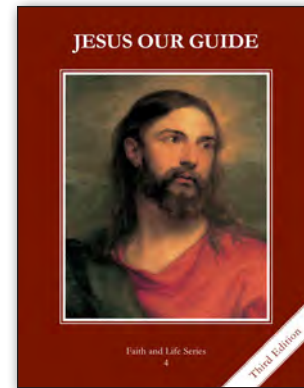
- Mary is the New Eve.
 - New Eve: *Begin & Develop # 2* - **TM p. 356**
- Mary was conceived without Original Sin, did not sin during her life, and was taken, body and soul, into heaven.
 - Immaculate Conception: *Develop # 4, 5* - **TM p. 356**
 - Assumption: *Develop # 2, 3, 4* - **TM p. 358**
- Mary is our mother and intercedes with her Son for us so that we will follow Jesus.
 - Jesus gives Mary to us: *Develop # 2* - **TM p. 360**
 - Honor our parents: *Develop # 3* - **TM p. 360**
 - Honor vs. worship: *Begin* - **TM p. 362**
 - Do whatever Jesus tells us: *Develop # 2, 4* - **TM p. 362**
 - Activity -**AB p. 122**

APPLICATION

- Take the time to speak to Mary in your heart.
- To whom is Mary always leading you?
- Mary was sinless. Spend some time in prayer asking God for the grace to be like Mary.
- Jesus honored his mother perfectly. Imitate our Lord by finding some way to honor our heavenly mother.
- Think of something with which you are particularly struggling. Bring this to Mary in prayer and ask her to intercede with her Son on your behalf.

CELEBRATION

- Have the students pray a decade of the rosary at home.
- Song: *Ave, Regina caelorum* - **Adoremus Hymnal # 538**
- Student reading for next lesson: Chapter 30 - **ST pp. 141-144**
- Concluding prayer: Thank Jesus for the gift of his mother. Pray the Memorare - **ST p. 164**



- Teacher's Manual (TM):**
Chapter 29, pp. 355-366
(Lessons 1-4)
- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 29, pp. 138-140
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 29, pp. 119-122

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The Last Things

■ PREPARATION

Prayer: Apostles' Creed - ST p. 161

Scripture: Revelation 21:2 - ST p. 141

Sacred art: *Triptych with the Ascension of Christ, Last Judgment and Pentecost* - ST p. 142

■ PROCLAMATION

At the end of our lives God will judge us and we will finally end up in either heaven or hell.

■ EXPLANATION

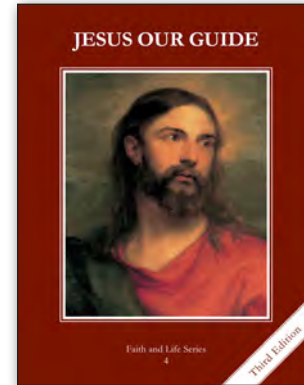
- We will be individually judged at the end of our lives.
 - Death: *Develop # 2 - TM p. 368*
 - Particular Judgment: *Develop # 3 - TM p. 368*
 - Mercy: *Develop # 5 - TM p. 368*
- At the end of time there will be the resurrection of the body and the General Judgment.
 - Particular vs. General Judgment: *Develop # 2 - TM p. 370*
 - General Judgment: *Develop # 3 - TM p. 370*
 - Purgatory: *Develop # 4 - TM p. 370*
 - Resurrection and the glorified body: *Develop # 3, 4 - TM p. 372*
- Our goal is to be in heaven with God forever.
 - Communion of Saints: *Begin & Develop # 2 - TM p. 374*
 - Heaven: *Develop # 5 - TM p. 370*
 - Heaven: *Develop # 4, 5 - TM p. 374*
 - Indulgences: *Develop # 6 - TM p. 374*

APPLICATION

- Spend time thinking about the last things. How can we incorporate the last things into our daily prayer?
- In what ways does our hope of a future home in heaven affect how we act here on earth?
- Give up something you enjoy as reparation for your sins.
- Choose a saint to be the patron saint of your particular need. Ask that saint to intercede for you.
- Offer a Mass for someone you know who has died.

CELEBRATION

- Have a priest come in and discuss the funeral Mass liturgy.
- Song: *All the world is God's own field - Adoremus Hymnal # 570*
- Concluding prayer: Pray for the souls in purgatory and for the grace of a happy death. Pray the Apostles' Creed. - **ST p. 161**



- Teacher's Manual (TM):**
Chapter 30, pp. 367-378
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- Student Textbook (ST):**
Chapter 30, pp. 141-144
- Activity Book (AB):**
Chapter 30, pp. 123-126

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