

## GRADE 4 CONDENSED CURRICULUM



### God, Creator

**Sanctus** – prayer praising God for His goodness

### Creation

Reflection of God's goodness

Respect for creation acknowledges God's goodness

### The Human Person

God's image: ability to think, choose freely, love

Gen. 1:27, 31; 2:4b – 25

**Lent** – season of renewal leading to Easter

Prayer, penance & fasting ways to be renewed

### Conscience Formation

Called to know the good & love unselfishly

### Steps for making a good moral choice:

Prayer to Holy Spirit

God's law and Church teachings

Consequences of choice (outcome)

Seeking advice

Prayer to Jesus

Effect on relationships with God and other people

Deut. 30:16 (choose good)

### Teach: Stations of the Cross

Conscience – judgement about whether an action is right or wrong

Scripture

Church's interpretation of Scripture

Catholic teaching

Example of good people

Temptation – attraction to selfish choices, *not* sin

Feelings don't necessarily determine right or wrong

Development of conscience enables a person to take responsibility for choices

### Teach practice of examination of conscience

Habits and attitudes of Prayer:

Gratitude for blessings, assistance

Petition for forgiveness

**Sin** – disobeying God and His law by thought, word, action or omission

Mortal sin – serious harm to relationship with God and/or other people

Venial sin – that which weakens one's relationship with God and/or other people

Choice of Evil – Gen. 3:1-24, Gen. 4:1-16

### Covenant

God revealed Himself through His action in human history

Covenant with the Chosen People: God wishes to make people His own

Abraham Gen. 12:1-3

Covenant Promise Exodus 19:3-6

### Prayer: Act of Faith

Covenant – how to live; how to find happiness

**Two Great Commandments (Lk. 10:27)**

**MEMORIZE THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS**

**10 Commandments (Ex. 20:1-17) – obliged to live by them always & everywhere**  
**MEMORIZE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS**

Jesus, the revelation of God (Jn. 1:17-18)

Teach about the season of Advent (Advent Wreath, Jesse Tree)

**The New Commandment (Jn. 15:12)**  
**MEMORIZE THE NEW COMMANDMENT**

Freedom – following Jesus' law of love

The more one does good, the freer one becomes  
Gal. 5:1                      Jn. 8:32

Final Judgement (Mtt. 25: 31-46) – emphasizes response to the needs of one's brothers and sisters as the standard by which one will be judged

**Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy**  
**MEMORIZE**

Sermon on the Mount – God's plan for our happiness  
Beatitudes (Matt. 5:1-12)

Communal practices of works of mercy – collection at Mass  
Lenten almsgiving

**Holy Spirit**

Enables us to enter into covenant with God by helping us to live as Jesus did  
Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5b, Gal. 5:25)

**Catholic Christian Community**

Guided by the Holy Spirit

Imp. of community: where we are taught God's commandments by word and action  
teach students about patron saints, Jesus, Mary, those who suffered  
Holy Days or Church Feasts

**All Saints – Nov. 1**

**All Souls – Nov. 2**

Apostles Creed – teach the **communion of saints**

**Eucharist**

the Eucharist as an ever-present renewal of God's covenant with us  
Eph. 5:1  
1 Cor. 11:23-26

Provide for the opportunity for students to experience a communal Penance Service

**WORDS TO BE TAUGHT**

absolution	Contrition	Old Testament	Beatitudes	Corporal Works of Mercy
Saint	Commandment	Covenant	Sanctus	Communion of Saints
Holiness	Conscience	New Testament	Temptation	Spiritual Works of Mercy

**LITURGICAL SYMBOLS AND GESTURES TO BE TAUGHT**

Give Sacred Scripture a special place in the classroom.

Encourage a reverent and prayerful attitude in the place of worship.

Foster the children's participation in the prayer and worship of the parish community.

**PRAYERS TO BE TAUGHT**

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary    Sanctus

**PRAYERS TO BE ENCOURAGED**

Act of Faith                      Stations of the Cross

**REVIEW PRAYERS OF THE PREVIOUS GRADES**

Sign of the Cross    Our Father    Hail Mary    Glory to the Father (Doxology)    Act of Contrition    Simple Responses at Mass  
Morning and Evening Prayer                      Grace at Meals                      Spontaneous Prayer                      Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament