  
4th Grade   
Learning goals for this year

**Bible & Scripture**

* Basic understanding of the structure and books of the Bible
* Understands what a parable is, and can retell a story
* Can recite one or more scripture verse(s)

**Creed – What we believe**

* Understands the Trinity as one God, three persons; identifies this in the creed
* Understands how someone becomes a saint; can name some saints

**Mass & Sacraments – How we celebrate**

* Knows the parts of the Mass; and the Eucharist as central to our Catholic faith
* Identifies and describes liturgical seasons, their traditions and colors, and feast days
* Understands the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist; Adoration
* Understands the categories, symbols, and the purpose of, the 7 sacraments

**Values – How we live**

* Defines what faith is
* Identifies examples of corporal and spiritual works of mercy
* Understands the meaning of the Ten Commandments
* Has basic understanding of the Beatitudes
* Demonstrates Christian values through words and actions, and care for God’s creations

**Prayer – How we pray**

* Can make, and recite the words to, the Sign of the Cross
* Can recite the Glory Be, Angel of God, Hail Mary prayer, Our Father, and Act of Contrition prayers
* Understands and can participate in various forms of prayer; recite, scripture, meditation, free form
* Learns the Confiteor prayer
* Learns the Nicene Creed prayer
* Learns the Holy, Holy, Holy prayer
* Learns the Lamb of God prayer
* Learns the Hail Holy Queen prayer

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4th Grade – A Family of Faith  
Lesson focus by month

**SEPTEMBER: Getting Started**

*Bible & Scripture*

* Bible basics
* Jesus the Christ
* Parables that Jesus told

**OCTOBER: Getting to Heaven**

*Journey with Jesus  
Saint: Margaret Mary Alacoque  
Saint: All Saints & Communion of Saints*

* Heaven is Our Final Destination
* God’s Plan For Us
* Signs & Symbols & Saints

**NOVEMBER: Grace and Holiness**

*God’s gift of free will  
Saint: Martin De Porres*

* Making choices
* Sanctifying Grace
* Liturgical Year

**DECEMBER: Christian Values**

*Living a moral life  
Saint: Lucy*

* Cardinal and Theological Virtues
* Advent and Christmas

**JANUARY: God and Church**

*We are children of God  
Saint: Elizabeth Ann Seton*

* First Three Commandments
* Fourth Commandment and Domestic Church
* The Great Commandment

**FEBRUARY: God’s Laws**

*Living faithful to the truth  
Saint: Paul Miki and Companions*

* Fifth and Sixth Commandments
* Ash Wednesday and Lent
* Seventh through Tenth Commandments

**MARCH: Acts of Kindness**

*What it means to be happy  
Saint: Katherine Drexel*

* Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
* A New Commandment
* First through Fourth Beatitudes

**APRIL: Christ and Community**

*Our mission in the world  
Saint: Mark*

* Easter and Pentacost
* Fifth Through Eighth Beatitudes
* Social Justice and Christian Discipleship

**St. John Neumann – Youth Faith Formation**  
A Family of Faith – Volume 3: Life in Christ  
 *A Family of Faith: Catechesis for the Whole Family at* [*https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/familyoffaithvol3supplements*](https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/familyoffaithvol3supplements)