

2019-20 Junior High
Grade 8 – Catechist Lesson Guides
Text: Life in Christ Jesus

Activities and Assessment Tools: There are two books of reproducible masters containing activities and assessments for every chapter with chapter reviews and unit reviews.

The teacher manual is organized organizes lessons into three steps:
Explore, Discover, Decide

- Review Pages 6-24 which includes an introduction to the book and guide to being a catechist
- The Scope and Sequence section (pages 25-28) will give you an outline of each chapter.
- See the lesson planner in each chapter to help you define the focus of the chapter.
- See the “Enriching the Lesson” at the end of each chapter for more interactive ideas such as Role play, posters and discussion topics.
- Encourage students to explore the back of their books; the glossary, prayers and the key teachings of the Church.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Focus</u>
10/20	Introduction & Overview Unit 1: Our Call to Moral Living Chapter 1: The Universal Mission	Introduce Textbook and Chapter 1. Use weekly Chapter assessments before, during or after the chapter as a focus guide or review. See prayer service page 6 to begin or end session. Focus of the Chapter: Discover how the Apostles spread the gospel message. Explore: What it means to be a missionary Discover: The mission of the church to spread the gospel message Decide: What it means to be a witness of faith Conclude: Page 19 review the concepts of the chapter
10/27	Chapter 2: Human Dignity	Focus of the Chapter: Discover the true meaning of happiness Explore: How grace sanctifies us Discover: That Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Church guide us to happiness and holiness. Decide: How to show respect and reverence for all human life Conclude: Page 31 review the concepts of the chapter
11/3	NO CLASS	Fairfax County Holiday
11/10	Chapter 3: To Follow Jesus	Focus of the Chapter: To learn the core values of the teachings of Jesus and how to live them Explore: How to live as a disciple - Discuss their NG Global Projects. Discover: Living for the Kingdom of God and the concepts of forgiveness, mercy and dignity

		Decide: to recognize the demands of love Conclude: Page 43 review the concepts of the chapter
11/17	Chapter 4: Guided by Conscience	Focus of the Chapter: Free will and the moral Christian life as a path to freedom Explore: To follow one's conscience means to do what is right Discover: That Christian Morality is a daily and lifelong journey Decide: To choose to develop a well-formed conscience Conclude: Page 55 review the concepts of the chapter
11/24	Chapter 5: The Exercise of Virtus	Focus of the Chapter: Practicing virtue helps us grow in living "The Great Commandment" Explore: How to exercise virtues like charity Discuss: Poverty here in Northern VA and around the world (Potential Discussion Point: Catholic Charities and their work around the globe). Discover: We are called to work for a common good and help one another Decide: To work for social justice Conclude: Page 67 review the concepts of the chapter
12/1	NO CLASS	Thanksgiving
12/8	NO CLASS	Large Group on Monday Night
12/15	Chapter 6 The Grace of the Holy Spirit Catholic Social Teaching Page 132 Unit I Review Page 134	Focus of the Chapter: To learn to use the guidance of the Holy Spirit to make decisions. Explore: Examples of commitment to living out our faith. Discover: Grace requires a free response. Baptism gives us new life. Decide: Our actions reflect the Gift of The Holy Spirit in our lives. Conclude: Page 79 review the concepts of the chapter Unit 1 Review: Page 134
12/22	NO CLASS	Christmas
12/29	NO CLASS	Christmas
1/5	NO CLASS	Christmas
1/12	Unit 2: The Way to Moral Living: Chapter 7 A Pilgrim Church	The Commandments guide us to a life of morality Focus of the Chapter: To learn how the Church is engaged with the world Explore: The Holy Spirit raises up our leaders to help the Church Discover: The Second Vatican Council Decide: To identify ways the Church works for human dignity Conclude: Page 95 review the concepts of the chapter
1/19	NO CLASS	Martin Luther King
1/26	NO CLASS	Fairfax County Holiday
2/2	NO CLASS	Superbowl
2/9	NO CLASS	Large Group on Monday Night
2/16	NO CLASS	President's Day

2/23	NO CLASS	Basketball Tournament – February Frenzy
3/1	Chapter 8 To Love God Above All	<p>Focus of the Chapter: To learn how God wants us to live through Church Laws and precepts</p> <p>Explore: The core precepts of the Church Discover: The Ten Commandments and how they summarize the laws of God. Focus on the first, second and third commandments. Decide: To put God at the center of our lives Conclude: Page 107 review the concepts of the chapter</p>
3/8	Chapter 9 A Community for Life	<p>Focus of the Chapter: To learn how the commandments strengthen our Families through respect and love.</p> <p>Explore: The work of the community of Sant’Egidio Discover: The daily meaning of the fourth and fifth commandments Decide: To build a culture of respect and peace Conclude: Page 119 review the concepts of the chapter</p>
3/15	Chapter 10 Integrity of Heart	<p>Focus of the Chapter: To understand the meaning of the sixth, seventh and ninth commandments. To treat ourselves and others with respect, integrity and justice.</p> <p>Explore: To explore the ways that faith can strengthen relationships. Discover: The daily meaning of the sixth, seventh and ninth commandments Decide: To make a choice to live God’s laws. Conclude: Page 131 review the concepts of the chapter</p>
3/22	Chapter 11 People of Truth	<p>Focus of the Chapter: To learn how the eighth and tenth commandments guide us to be courageous, honest and generous.</p> <p>Explore: Following Jesus Discover: How these two commandments guide our daily lives. Decide: To stand up for justice and against negative peer pressure. Conclude: Page 143 review the concepts of the chapter.</p>
3/29	Chapter 12 The Lord’s Prayer <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> Page 234 <u>Unit Review</u> Page 236	<p>Focus of the Chapter: The Lord’s Prayer is the blueprint for <u>Live Jesus</u>.</p> <p>Explore: Sainly lives Discover: How the Lord’s Prayer summarizes the Gospel. Decide: To set aside time for prayer and to balance prayer and action. Conclude: Page155 review the concepts of the chapter</p> <p><u>Unit 2 Review</u> Page 236</p>
4/5	NO CLASS	Holy Week
4/12	NO CLASS	Easter
4/19	NO CLASS	Large Group on Monday Night
4/26	Review- Final	Review previous lessons – allow for student Q&A on themes of Call to

	Class	Moral Living and Way of Moral Living Review Diocesan Standards of Learning – interactive quiz/jeopardy
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