

UNIT THEME	WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE	HOW CATHOLICS WORSHIP	HOW CATHOLICS LIVE	HOW CATHOLICS PRAY
<p>UNIT 1 GOD'S LOVE CREATES THE UNIVERSE Children will realize that all of creation is a gift from God, who created all things out of his deep and abiding love for us.</p> <p>1. God Creates the Skies 2. God Creates the World 3. God Creates the Animals 4. God Creates People</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God always sees the good in creation. • The beauty God created exists everywhere. • God created animals to be our friends. • We are made in God's image and likeness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water is a sacramental sign of God's presence with us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are responsible for caring for all created things. • We believe that God created everything we need to be happy. • The saints teach us how to care for God's gifts. • God wants us to love one another. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We thank and praise God for his wonderful gifts to us. • Halleluia! All of creation gives praise to God!
<p>UNIT 2 GOD'S LOVE MAKES ME WHO I AM Children will learn that their bodies, talents, feelings, and senses are gifts from a loving God.</p> <p>5. God Creates Me 6. God Gives Me Feelings 7. God Creates My Senses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our loving God created our bodies. • God's love for us makes us special. • Our five senses are gifts from God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Mass, we use our five senses to worship God. • Sacramentals enhance our worship by engaging our senses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We recognize our talents as gifts from God. • Feelings are good. We must learn to identify our feelings and share them with others. • We use our senses to discover the world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We thank God that we are wonderfully made. • Litanies and hymns are forms of prayer.
<p>UNIT 3 GOD'S LOVE GIVES ME PEOPLE TO LOVE Children will learn that God gives them many people to love—families, friends, and neighbors.</p> <p>8. God Gives Me a Family 9. God Gives Me Friends 10. God Gives Me Teachers 11. God Gives Me Neighbors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God has given us special people who love and care for us. • God wants us to be good friends to one another. • We develop our skills and talents with the help of our teachers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can give love as well as receive it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many ways that we can help others. • We cooperate with one another as friends. • We learn about the saints, who teach us how to be good Christians. • When we help others, we are good neighbors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We thank God for our families and friends. • We can ask God to help us be good friends. • We can pray, using movements and gestures.

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<p>UNIT 4 GOD’S LOVE GIVES ME JESUS Children will learn that God gives them his Son, Jesus, who teaches them to love God, themselves, and others.</p> <p>12. Jesus Comes to Us 13. We Are God’s Children 14. Jesus Gathers Friends 15. Jesus Tells Stories 16. Jesus Gives Thanks 17. Jesus Celebrates 18. Jesus Lives God’s Love</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is the greatest sign of God’s love. • We are all God’s children and are both alike and different. • Jesus told stories to tell us about God’s love. We read these stories in the Bible. • Through the Incarnation, Jesus reveals God’s love to us. • When we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus is present. • The Mass helps us to be faithful followers of Jesus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Mass, we use special prayers, signs, and objects to worship God. • At Mass, we listen to stories about Jesus. (The Gospel Acclamation is introduced.) • The Mass is a prayer of thanks for God’s love. (The word Eucharist is introduced.) • At Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can be signs of God’s love. • Jesus is present to all people. • We gather with our parish community to listen to God’s Word in the Bible. • We offer prayers to God in Jesus’ name. • We show our love for Jesus by loving others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We learn to pray the Sign of the Cross. • We learn to pray the Mass responses. • Prayer is words put into action.
<p>UNIT 5 GOD’S LOVE TEACHES ME TO LOVE The children will celebrate God’s love for them and their love for God and others.</p> <p>19. God Loves Us 20. We Love Jesus 21. We Love Others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sacrament of Baptism makes us children of God and members of the Church for all eternity. • Jesus is the Son of God. • Mary, the Mother of Jesus, loves us. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we become members of the Catholic Church. • We tell Bible stories to remind us of how Jesus wants us to live. • We follow the example of Jesus and Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is the Light of the World. • We pray with joy and give thanks for all God’s blessings. • We learn the Hail Mary.