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## **Preschool Program for 3 and 4 year olds and Kindergarten Program**

- Children must be 3 by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Preschool and Kindergarten program "Allelu" helps young children take their first steps on the journey of faith.
- "Allelu" delivers a unique, multisensory experience.
- Christ-centered and age appropriate, "Allelu" offers lessons featuring Bible stories, music, crafts, prayer, games, and more. Kids engage all their senses as they gain the building blocks for a lifetime of Catholic Faith.
- Cleverly designed (like a placemat) activity sheets come home each week. These sheets provide engaging and understandable prayers, activities, and saint stories, as well as brief, teachable insights for the entire family.

## **1<sup>st</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> Grades Program**

- The "We Believe Catholic Identity" parish edition by Sadlier is used by the 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade. You can go to [www.webelieveweb.com](http://www.webelieveweb.com) to review what your child is learning.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Children focus on the themes of God loves us and the Holy Trinity.**

Unit 1- Jesus teaches us about God's Love.

1. God is our Father.
2. We believe in the Blessed Trinity.
3. Jesus grew up in a family.
4. Jesus works among the people.
5. Jesus teaches us about love.

Unit 2- We are followers of Jesus.

1. Jesus had many followers.
2. Jesus died and rose to new life.
3. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit.
4. The Holy Spirit helps the Church grow.
5. The Church serves.

Unit 3- We belong to the Church.

1. We belong to a parish.
2. We celebrate the sacraments.
3. The Church welcomes new members.
4. We are followers of Jesus.
5. We celebrate God's forgiveness.

Unit 4- We celebrate and live our faith.

1. Jesus gives us the Eucharist.
2. We celebrate the Mass.
3. We share God's love.

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4. We honor Mary and the Saints.

5. We care for the gifts of God's creation.

Seasonal Chapters- The church year, Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Three days, Easter

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Children focus on the theme of Jesus shares God's Life. The children prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.**

Unit 1- Jesus Christ is with us always.

1. Jesus is the Son of God.
2. Jesus gives us the Church.
3. We celebrate God's love.
4. We celebrate Baptism.
5. We celebrate Confirmation.

Unit 2- Jesus calls us to Penance and Reconciliation.

1. We learn about God's love.
2. God gives us Laws.
3. We follow God's Laws.
4. We prepare for the Sacrament of Forgiveness.
5. We celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness.

Unit 3- Jesus gives himself in the Eucharist.

1. Jesus gives us the Eucharist.
2. We gather for the Celebration of the Eucharist.
3. We celebrate the Liturgy of the Word.
4. We celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
5. We go in peace to share God's love.

Unit 4- We live our Catholic Faith.

1. God calls us to love and serve.
2. The Church lives today.
3. We pray.
4. We honor Mary and the Saints.
5. We show love and respect.

Seasonal Chapters- Church Year, Ordinary Times, Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Three Days, Easter

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Children focus on the theme of we are the Church. Here they will study the Apostle's Creed and the 7 sacraments.**

Unit 1- Jesus gives us the Church.

1. God sends us his own Son.
2. Jesus teaches us about God's love.
3. Christ will come again.
4. The Church begins.
5. We learn about early the Church.

Unit 2- We are members of the Church.

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1. The Church has four Marks.
2. The Church teaches us.
3. The Church prays.
4. The parish is our home.
5. God calls us to Holiness.

Unit 3- The Church leads us in worship.

1. We celebrate the Sacraments.
2. Celebrating Eucharist the Mass
3. We worship at Mass.
4. Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation
5. We pray for healing and eternal life.

Unit 4- We are called to discipleship.

1. We continue the work of Jesus.
2. The Church respects all people.
3. The Church is worldwide.
4. We are God's holy people.
5. The Kingdom of God continues to grow.

Seasonal Chapters- Church Year, Ordinary Times, Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Three Days, Easter

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Children will focus on the theme of God's Law guides us. Here the focus is on morality and the Beatitudes as well as the 10 Commandments.**

Unit 1- Growing in Jesus

1. Jesus-the Way, the Truth, the Life
2. Jesus leads us to happiness.
3. Sin in our world
4. Our conscience, our guide
5. Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation

Unit 2- The Commandments help us to love God.

1. Learning about God's Law
2. The First Commandment
3. The Second Commandment
4. The Third Commandment
5. Strengthened by the Eucharist

Unit 3- The Commandments help us to love others.

1. The Fourth Commandment
2. The Fifth Commandments
3. The Sixth Commandment
4. The Seventh Commandment
5. The Eighth Commandment

Unit 4- We are called to Holiness.

1. The Ninth Commandment
2. The Tenth Commandment
3. We grow in Holiness.

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4. We are the Church.

5. We are called to discipleship.

Seasonal Chapters- the Liturgical Year, Ordinary Times, Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Three days, Easter

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Children will focus on the theme of we meet Jesus in the Sacraments.**

Unit 1-Jesus Christ shares his life with us.

1. Jesus shares God's life with us.
2. Jesus shares his mission with the Church.
3. The Church celebrates 7 sacraments.
4. New Life in Christ
5. The celebration of Baptism

Unit 2- Confirmation and Eucharist complete our initiation.

1. The Coming of the Holy Spirit
2. The Celebration of Confirmation
3. Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life
4. The Celebration of the Eucharist
5. Living as prayerful people

Unit 3- The Sacraments of Healing restore us.

1. We turn to God.
2. The celebration of Penance and Reconciliation
3. Jesus, the Healer
4. The Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick
5. Mary, Model of Discipleship

Unit 4- We love and serve as Jesus did.

1. Faith, Hope and Love
2. Called to give as Jesus' disciples
3. Matrimony: A promise of faithfulness and love
4. Holy Orders: A promise of service for the people
5. One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

Seasonal Chapters- the Liturgical Year, Ordinary Times, Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Three days, Easter

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Children will focus on the theme of we are God's people.**

Unit 1- Forming the Covenant

1. God's Revelation
2. Creation

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3. People turn from God
4. God promises to help people
5. Patriarchs: God chooses a people

## Unit 2-Building the Covenant Nation

1. An enslaved people
2. A free people
3. A conquering people
4. A regal people
5. A prosperous people

## Unit 3- Redefining the Covenant People

1. A divided people: Israel, the Northern Kingdom
2. A divided people: Judah, the Southern Kingdom
3. The exile and the journey home
4. A strong people
5. God fulfills his promise.

## Unit 4- The Covenant fulfilled in Jesus

1. Jesus, Teacher, and Healer
2. Jesus, Redeemer, and Savior
3. The Church begins
4. The Bible and the Church today
5. The Church in the world

Seasonal Chapters- the Liturgical Year, Ordinary Times, Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Three days, Easter

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Children will focus on the theme of as disciples of Jesus**

### Unit 1- Who is God?

1. The source of all life
2. The truth revealed
3. The Blessed Trinity
4. God, our loving Father
5. Jesus Christ, the good news
6. Holy Spirit, helper and guide

### Unit 2- Who is Jesus?

1. The promise of salvation
2. Jesus, the promised Messiah
3. The coming of God's kingdom
4. Jesus the healer
5. Jesus, the bread of life
6. Jesus Christ the Savior

### Unit 3- How is Jesus Christ alive in the Church today?

1. The seven sacraments
2. Baptism
3. Confirmation
4. Eucharist
5. Penance and Anointing of the Sick

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6. Holy Orders and Matrimony

Unit 4- How does the Church live as the Body of Christ?

1. We live out our vocation
2. We gather as Christ's Disciples
3. We perform the works of mercy
4. We work for justice and peace
5. We are a Communion of Saints
6. We rejoice in God's Kingdom

Seasons and Celebration- the Liturgical Calendar, the Liturgical Year, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Easter, Ascension, Ordinary time

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Children will focus on the theme of Confirmation**

- Our program this year is from Dynamic Catholic called Decision Point.
- Confirmation students are required to complete 20 hours of service, a saint report, write a letter to Bishop Choby and Father Mark, complete a sponsor interview and a parent interview and attend our retreat as well as class attendance.