

Saint Theresa of Avila School- West Roxbury, MA

Curriculum Maps

Subject: Religion	Grade: Four
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Time Frame	Essential Question(s)	Topic	Content	Resources	Assessments	Standards
September	Who is Jesus, and what do we believe about him?	Understand, believe, and proclaim the Triune God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulate the Holy Trinity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. • Describe the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit embodied in one person. Identify different ways God chooses to reveal Himself. • Identify the belief of the Holy Trinity as unique to Christian faith. Describe symbols of the Holy Trinity. State why the Church uses these symbols. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blest are We</i> Textbook • <i>Blest are We</i> Teacher book • Take Home Pages • Supplemental Online Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Tests • Chapter Review 	4.01.01 4.01.02 4.01.03
October	How does living a moral life help us to live a life of discipleship in Jesus?	Understand and live the moral teachings of the Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recite the Ten Commandments. Identify which commandments refer to loving God. Identify the commandments that refer to loving others. • Identify the Beatitudes and their origin (Mt. 5: 3–10). State why I think Jesus taught the Beatitudes. • Define “social teaching.” Name the first social teaching: dignity of the human person. Identify which of the Ten Commandments relate to this teaching. Identify which of the Beatitudes reflects respect for the dignity of the human person. Describe how this teaching of the Church is social 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blest are We</i> Textbook • <i>Blest are We</i> Teacher book • Take Home Pages • Supplemental Online Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Tests • Chapter Review 	4.03.05 4.03.06 4.03.07

<p>November</p>	<p>How does understanding scriptures help us grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus?</p>	<p>Read, comprehend, and articulate salvation history</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define “covenant.” Recount the story of Abraham and God’s promise to Abraham as father of many people (Gen. 12:1–9, 17:1–9). Describe the relationship God and Abraham had. Identify what God promised to Abraham. Explain why God used the word covenant with Abraham • Define “patriarch.” Identify Abraham as a patriarch • Define “descendants.” Recount the story of Abraham and Sarah, and the birth of Isaac (Gen. 18:1–15, 21:1–8, 22: 1–19). Recount the story of Isaac and Rebekah, Esau and Jacob (Gen. 25:19–34, 27:1–45). Identify the sons of Jacob (Gen. 35:23–26). Show understanding that Jacob’s 12 sons became the 12 tribes of Israel. Identify that God changes Jacob’s name to Israel (Gen. 35:1–13). Show from these stories how God kept his promise to Abraham. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blest are We</i> Textbook • <i>Blest are We</i> Teacher book • Take Home Pages • Supplemental Online Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Tests • Chapter Review 	<p>4.04.02 4.04.03 4.04.04</p>
<p>December</p>	<p>How do sacraments and liturgy help us grow in our relationship with Jesus?</p>	<p>Understand and celebrate the liturgical rites of the Church</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe significance of Sunday in relationship to the Third Commandment. Describe the importance of celebrating the Mass with the assembly on Sunday. Describe the Lord’s day as the Sabbath. • Identify the holy days in the liturgical calendar that require attendance at Mass. • Identify the parts of the liturgical calendar, what is celebrated, and the colors/symbols that characterize each part. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blest are We</i> Textbook • <i>Blest are We</i> Teacher book • Take Home Pages • Supplemental Online Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Tests • Chapter Review 	<p>4.02.08 4.02.09 4.02.10</p>

			Describe how and why the feasts and seasons of the Church year are repeated. Demonstrate how the life of Jesus is remembered in the Church year.			
January	Who is Jesus, and what do we believe about him?	Understand, believe, and proclaim the Triune God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a paragraph describing the role of the Holy Spirit and how I can rely on the Holy Spirit's help. • List the ways that God is loving and forgiving. Write a prayer thanking God for His love and forgiveness. • Describe a situation in which I was challenged to forgive someone else. State why it may be important to forgive someone even though they might not accept my forgiveness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blest are We</i> Textbook • <i>Blest are We</i> Teacher book • Take Home Pages • Supplemental Online Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Tests • Chapter Review 	4.01.07 4.01.08a 4.01.08b
February	How does prayer deepen our relationship with the Holy Spirit and draw us closer to Jesus?	Understand and experience the difference forms of prayer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulate relationship with God as a loving relationship. Identify ways in which God shows love and faithfulness to me. • Identify prayers of praise, thanksgiving, petition, and forgiveness in the liturgical prayers of the Mass. • Describe how we raise our hearts and minds to God in prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blest are We</i> Textbook • <i>Blest are We</i> Teacher book • Take Home Pages • Supplemental Online Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Tests • Chapter Review 	4.05.01 4.05.02 4.05.03
March	How does prayer deepen our relationship with the Holy Spirit and draw us closer to Jesus?	Understand and experience the difference forms of prayer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Mary as important in our life of prayer. Use Marian prayers as part of class prayer. • Locate section of the Creed for each Person of the Holy Trinity. State how the Nicene Creed is prayer. Memorize the Nicene Creed. • Describe the communion of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blest are We</i> Textbook • <i>Blest are We</i> Teacher book • Take Home Pages • Supplemental Online Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Tests • Chapter Review 	4.05.06 4.05.07 4.05.08

			saints. Discuss the benefits of belonging to the communion of saints. Describe how the communion of saints helps me to live the Christian life.			
April	How does knowledge of the mystical body of Christ and participation in the life of our parish help us carry out Jesus' mission in the world?	Understand the Church as the mystical body of Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define "assembly." Recognize how the Catholic Church is an assembly of people gathered to worship God and live the Christian way of life. Describe the People of God as those who believe in God and follow God's commandments. Give examples of belonging to a group of people who believe in God. Define "holy." Define "catholic." Demonstrate how we are called to holiness. Describe how the Catholic Church welcomes everyone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Blest are We</i> Textbook <i>Blest are We</i> Teacher book Take Home Pages Supplemental Online Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter Tests Chapter Review 	<p>4.06.01</p> <p>4.06.02</p> <p>4.06.05</p>
May	How does knowledge of the mystical body of Christ and participation in the life of our parish help us carry out Jesus' mission in the world?	Understand the Church as the mystical body of Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define "parish." State how I know that I am a member of the Catholic Church. Define "pastor." State the name of the pastor of my parish. Define "member." Describe how I know that I am a member of a parish. Define "bishop." Define "catechist." Identify how the pastor teaches the community. Identify how teachers and catechists teach the faith. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Blest are We</i> Textbook <i>Blest are We</i> Teacher book Take Home Pages Supplemental Online Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter Tests Chapter Review 	<p>4.06.06</p> <p>4.06.07</p> <p>4.06.08</p> <p>4.06.11</p>

<p>June</p>	<p>What is Jesus calling each one of us to do in the life of the Church?</p>	<p>Understand and embrace discipleship in Christ.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define “Christian discipleship.” Name some of the disciples of Jesus. Discuss why they followed Jesus. Describe Christian discipleship as a way of life. State why I am a disciple of Jesus. • Define “vocation.” Name people who serve the Church today. Identify what they do. • Discuss what “holiness” means. List the attributes of a holy person. • Describe vocations of marriage, priesthood, religious life, and single life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blest are We</i> Textbook • <i>Blest are We</i> Teacher book • Take Home Pages • Supplemental Online Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Tests • Chapter Review 	<p>4.07.01 4.07.02 4.07.03 4.07.04</p>
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