

Lesson	Lesson Concepts	Sacred Scripture	Catechism of the Catholic Church	Tasks of Catechesis	Catholic Faith Words	People of Faith	Catholic Social Teaching
1 The Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus, the Son of God, became man to show us how to live and to share his divinity with us. Because he is true God and true man, Jesus Christ is “the way” to the Father. Jesus is the Substantial Image of the Father because he is a visible image of the true nature of God. When we seek the Lord and live as disciples of Christ, following his example, we will experience the fullness of life. Happiness comes from becoming the people God created us to be. 	Plea for Unity and Humility Philippians 2:5–8; Last Supper Discourses John 14:6; Prayer and Conduct 1 Timothy 2:5–6	456–460, 480, 467, 604, 605, 27–30	Promoting Knowledge of the Faith Moral Formation	Visitation, Mediator	St. Maximilian Kolbe	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
2 Model of Wisdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus’ wisdom came from being the Son of God; he looked at the world with that perspective and challenged some of the commonly accepted understandings of his time. Jesus taught through his words and actions. He used parables to teach us about the coming of God’s Kingdom. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave specific directions for living, honoring God, and making our actions reflect our beliefs. The Beatitudes challenge us to live by the values of God’s Kingdom and to understand that true happiness comes from the hope of eternal life with God. 	The Boy Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:46–52; Nicodemus John 3:2	574–576, 546, 1966–1971, 1716–1719	Moral Formation, Teaching to Pray	wisdom, Kingdom of God, parable, Sermon on the Mount, Beatitudes	St. Gerard Majella	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
3 Encountering Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus met many people in different circumstances. He welcomed them, urged them to believe, and encouraged them to change their lives. As the Apostles’ friendship with Jesus deepened, so did their understanding of who he was and what he taught them. After Jesus’ Ascension and then Pentecost, the early Christians gained the courage to witness to others. The first members of the Church demonstrated Christian friendship in how they worshipped together, followed Jesus’ example, and cared for each other. 	The Prayer of Jesus John 17:20–24; The Call of Levi Mark 2:16; The Blind Bartimaeus Mark 10:51; The Pardon of the Sinful Woman Luke 7:47	871, 787, 788, 126, 1226, 751, 849	Promoting Knowledge of the Faith, Education for Community Life	disciple, Apostles, Ascension	Sts. Prisca and Aquila	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person
4 Life in Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is the Light of the World, who offers eternal life to those who accept God’s grace and follow Jesus, our model of holiness in faith. Justification is the forgiveness of sins and the return to the goodness for which humans were created. Baptism offers us a share in the Divine Life, to live in “right” relationship with God because of the sacrifice of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. We respond to the life that Jesus offers by doing what is just and right. Conversion is a continual turning away from sin and the things that keep us from growing in God’s love. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is an experience of conversion. 	The Rejection at Nazareth Luke 4:18–19; Duty to Live in the Light Ephesians 5:8–9; Faith, Hope, and Love Romans 5:1	458, 459, 1987–1995, 1226, 1227, 1778, 1426–1429	Promoting Knowledge of the Faith, Moral Formation	justification, eternal life, righteous, conversion	Bl. Victoria Rasoamanarivo	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
5 We Are Christ’s People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God invites everyone to be part of his family, the Church. All Church members have an important relationship with God. We belong to the People of God through Baptism and belief in Christ, which matures as we grow, learn, and experience more. The Church exists to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. God uses each member’s gifts and talents in the Church to help others come to know and love him. Through Baptism, each of us shares in Christ’s mission as priest, prophet, and king. We offer our lives and prayer to God, show others the Good News through our words and actions, and serve others with joy as we lead them to Christ. 	The Parable of the Tenants Matthew 21:42; God’s House and People 1 Peter 2:9–10	1, 4, 851, 752, 1937, 783, 1546–1547	Education for Community Life, Missionary Initiation	salvation, <i>ekklesia</i> , domestic Church, offices of Christ	St. Angela Merici	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
6 The Christian Faithful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All baptized Catholics are called to share in Jesus’ mission as priest, prophet, and king to serve the mission of the Church. All lay people are called to be “like leaven” in the world. Lay people support the life of the parish community and the parish’s mission to serve others in Christ’s name. The evangelical counsels are chastity, poverty, and obedience. Those in consecrated religious life take vows to live the evangelical counsels and serve an important role in the Church’s mission. 	The Similes of Salt and Light Matthew 5:13–16	783, 1591, 898–906, 871–873, 915–916	Promoting Knowledge of the Faith, Missionary Initiation	clergy, laity, consecrated religious life, evangelical counsels	Bl. Edmund Ignatius Rice	Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, Care for God’s Creation