

Lesson	Lesson Concepts	Sacred Scripture	Catechism of the Catholic Church	Tasks of Catechesis	Catholic Faith Words	People of Faith	Catholic Social Teaching
1 The Mystery of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can come to know God in many different ways: through all he has created, through the voice of conscience, and through human intellect and reason. Although God reveals himself in many ways, we will not fully understand the mystery of God until we know him completely in Heaven. God planned from the beginning to give his only Son, Jesus Christ, to reconcile all of creation to himself. Many Old Testament accounts speak of God's faithfulness to his promise of salvation. From the Genesis creation accounts and the world around us, we get a sense of the attributes of God—eternal, truth, love, merciful, and holy. 	Praise of God the Creator Wisdom of Ben Sira (Sirach) 39:16–21; The Story of Creation Genesis 1:1–2	31–35, 46, 1027, 1,422, 652, 212–221	Promoting Knowledge of the Faith, Moral Formation	Divine Revelation, eternal, mystery, image of God	Our Lady of Fátima	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Care for God's Creation
2 The Word of God in Sacred Scripture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is the author and inspiration of the Sacred Scripture that humans have recorded under his guidance and direction. Scripture can be read and interpreted in a literal sense and a spiritual sense, providing a richness to the living reading of Scripture in the Church. The Gospels are the center of the Bible because they record the truth of the life and ministry of Jesus. God continues to speak to us through the Scriptures, as we proclaim them at Mass, reflect on them personally, and study them to learn more about Jesus. Moral conscience is present at the heart of every person, but we must assimilate it through the Word of God. 	The Sabbath Rest Hebrews 4:12; The Similes of Salt and Light Matthew 5:14–16	105, 106, 115–117, 75–76, 81, 1153, 1776–1782, 1802	Promoting Knowledge of the Faith, Moral Formation	Sacred Scripture, Divine Inspiration, canon of Scripture, Gospel, Evangelists	St. Matthew	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
3 Faith and Tradition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God's revelation is contained in his written word of Scripture and in the Sacred Tradition of the Church passed down from Jesus; entrusted to the Apostles; and safeguarded by them and their successors, the bishops. Together, they make up one source of Divine Revelation. Faith is both a gift from God and a free human choice and action. It is an individual act and an act of the Church; the faith of the Church nourishes and strengthens the faith of each of us. The three Theological Virtues help us to believe in God, trust in his plan for us, and love him as he loves us. 	Faith and Works James 2:14–17; Prayer and Conduct 1 Timothy 2:3–4; Saying of Faith Luke 17:5–6	75–80, 84, 153, 176, 181, 1812–1813	Promoting Knowledge of the Faith, Moral Formation	Sacred Tradition, faith, Church, councils, virtue, Theological Virtues	St. Thomas	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
4 In God's Image	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God made humans in his image and likeness so we could be in relationship with him. With a soul, reason, and free will, humans can set their priority and direction in life toward friendship with God. Jesus is the model for living out this relationship. Through the accounts of creation and the establishment of the covenant, we learn that God is faithful to all humans, even when they sin. Natural and revealed law helps us live out the covenant and grow closer to God. 	The Story of Creation Genesis 1:27–28, 31; Dependence on God Matthew 6:26–33	35, 45, 356, 357, 346, 1954–1974	Promoting Knowledge of the Faith, Moral Formation	soul, free will, covenant, Ten Commandments, Decalogue	St. Marcella	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
5 Christ Our Savior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sin and suffering came into the world because of human action, but God sent leaders, prophets, and, ultimately, his Son to guide us back to him. Jesus is sometimes called the new Adam, because his saving action is the only means by which we are saved from the Original Sin of Adam and Eve and our own personal sin. The Paschal Mystery is Christ's work of Redemption through his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Jesus' saving actions continue through his Church. We can experience new life in Christ in the Seven Sacraments. 	The Preeminence of Christ Colossians 1:15, 19–22; God's Love and Christian Life John 4:10–11	218, 402–406, 410, 411, 430–431, 517, 1708, 738–740, 1136–1139	Promoting Knowledge of the Faith, Missionary Initiation	Original Holiness, Original Sin, personal sin, salvation, Paschal Mystery	St. Madeleine Sophie Barat	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person
6 Holy Spirit, Comforter and Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to be our Guide and Comforter and the source of our gifts and talents. The members of the Catholic Church are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus; we are the Body of Christ in the world. Just as the Saints often prayed to God for help, we call on the Saints to pray or intercede for us. The Holy Spirit guides the Church in her Sacred Tradition and her prayer. The Holy Spirit helps us pray in different ways and indifferent circumstances. 	Faith, Hope, and Love Romans 5:1–5; The Advocate John 14:15–17	243, 1830–1832, 776–780, 956, 2683, 2625–2649, 2661	Promoting Knowledge of the Faith Teaching to Pray	Advocate, Saints, intercession	St. Rafqa (Rebecca)	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person