

# SIXTH GRADE

## Theme

God, our Creator, loves us deeply and interacts in our lives. The saving actions of God throughout history are most completely revealed in Jesus. God's loving relationship with the chosen people is recorded in the Old and New Testaments (Hebrew and Christian scriptures) written by persons of faith under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Church is responsible for safeguarding and interpreting the truth we find in the Scriptures. All Christians continue the work of building the Kingdom of God.

## Knowledge of the Faith

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| ✠ The Scriptures are the inspired Word of God.   | CCC 105; GDC 94, 96, 128; NDC 16.A, 24.B, 28                            |
| ✠ Written Scripture developed from an oral tradition of the lived experience of God's presence.  | CCC 76, 80-84, 95, 126; GDC 96; NDC 29.A                                |
| ✠ There are different literary forms found in the Scriptures.  | CCC 110; NDC 67.A   |
| ✠ The Catholic Church in its Magisterium has the final authority to interpret the truth we find in the Scriptures.   | CCC 85-87, 88-93, 100, 119, 120-133; NDC 16.A-B, 18                     |
| ✠ Through the unfolding of the Old Testament, we come to know Jesus as one prefigured and foretold; we understand Him as a member of the Jewish community. | CCC 121-122, 128-130; GDC 9; NDC 16.A, 28.A.2                           |
| ✠ The major themes that are present throughout the Scriptures are Revelation, Covenant, Redemption, Salvation, and Sanctification.                         | CCC 50-58, 60, 1105; GDC 1, 102, 108, 115; NDC 16, 25.B, 25.E, 28.A.1-3 |
| ✠ The stories of Creation and the Fall help us to understand who we are and what God wants for us.   | CCC 55; NDC 16.A, 41.A  |
| ✠ Stories of Abraham, Moses and other ancestors in faith give us examples of how to respond to God in faith.   | CCC 56-64, 144-147; NDC 16.A  |
| ✠ The Exodus event is the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom.   | CCC 62; GDC 108; NDC 16.A   |
| ✠ The Scriptures contain stories of how God reveals Himself through the lives of men and women.  | CCC 64; NDC 16.A  |
| ✠ The Scriptures help us understand why God created us and how we are to live.   | CCC 104, 117, 131, 143, 222-227; NDC 16, 24.B                           |
| ✠ The Scriptures reveal that angels are spiritual beings who honor God at all times and act as His messengers.   | CCC 328-332; NDC 24.B   |
| ✠ Kings Saul, David, and Solomon help us to understand why the people of Jesus' time were waiting for the "Anointed One."                                  | CCC 709-720; NDC 16, 25.E   |

- ✠ God sent prophets such as Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and others to call people back to a faithful way of living. CCC 711-720; NDC 16, 25.E
- ✠ Christians understand Jesus as Messiah; He is true God and true man. CCC 240-242 253-255; NDC 28.A
- ✠ The New Testament continues to unfold salvation History through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. CCC 124-127; NDC 28.A.2, 25.E
- ✠ The mission of Jesus is kept alive in the Catholic Church by the presence of the Holy Spirit. CCC 737-741; NDC 16.B, 25.B

## Liturgy and the Sacraments

- ✠ The Eucharistic celebration (Mass) is the central act of worship for Catholics. CCC 1067-1070, 1082-1083, 1097, 1099, 1104, 1106, 1109; GDC 218; NDC 17.E, 25.A-G
- ✠ The Old and New Testaments are the source of our Eucharistic and sacramental liturgies as well as our personal prayer and meditation. CCC 1069-1070, 1073, 1077-1082, 1100, 1137; GDC 108; NDC 18
- ✠ The Eucharist is central to understanding the Passover, covenant, Last Supper, crucifixion, and Resurrection. CCC 1085, 1093-1094, 1096, 1103; NDC 20.2, 25.E
- ✠ The liturgical seasons are symbolic times to recall important events in the life of Christ. CCC 1095, 1163, 1168, 1172-1173; GDC 207; NDC 4.B, 29.F, 37.A
- ✠ Symbolism, art, environment, and music are human expressions in the worship of God, and have value in liturgy. CCC 1145-1152, 1153-1155, 1156-1162; GDC 160-162; NDC 19.D, 21.D

## Moral Formation

- ✠ Frequent examinations of conscience are necessary for a proper moral formation. CCC 1451, 1454, 1458; GDC 85; NDC 45.C-E, 45
- ✠ Service is ministry that goes beyond the parish community. CCC 768, 771, 776, 798, 1692; GDC 257-258; NDC 43
- ✠ Some forms of slavery still exist in our world: racism, sexism, hopelessness, abortion, pornography, addiction, and war. CCC 1886, 1888, 1971; GDC 157, 199; NDC 41
- ✠ We must understand and value the relationship between justice and peace. CCC 1733, 1738, 1740, 1807, 1878-1879, 1888-1889, 1912, 1916; GDC 102, 157; NDC 43
- ✠ Modesty means “refusing to unveil what should remain hidden.” CCC 2521

## **Worship/Prayer: GDC 85; NDC 20, 34**

- ✚ Show reverence for the Bible.
- ✚ Understand the Sign of the Cross as a public sign of our Catholic witness.
- ✚ Participate in prayer at every gathering.
- ✚ Show reverence during all forms of prayer.
- ✚ Participate in different forms of prayer, i.e., quiet reflection, guided meditation, song, spontaneous, petition, thanksgiving, praise, and sorrow.
- ✚ Participate in formal prayer, i.e., Our Father, Hail Mary, etc.
- ✚ Participate in prayer services celebrating God's creation and His forgiveness.
- ✚ Participate with all other Catholics in Sunday Mass (or the vigil of Sunday Mass on Saturday) and holy days of obligation.
- ✚ Understand the priest as a person chosen by God to represent Christ in the Church and to God's disciples. The priest leads us in prayer at Mass.
- ✚ Participate in activities for Advent and Lent to appreciate the significance of these liturgical seasons, e.g., the Advent wreath, Stations of the Cross.
- ✚ Memorize required prayers of grade level.

## **Community: GDC 86, 106; NDC 20**

- ✚ Be aware of God's creation, recognizing ourselves as unique and special parts of creation, waiting to be with God eternally.
- ✚ Understand ways that God has shown us love and to share God's love with others.
- ✚ Appreciate the different groups to which we belong: Church, parish, community, family, school.
- ✚ Value our own family and extended family and show love and respect to each member and God.
- ✚ Appreciate the Sacrament of Matrimony and the holiness of family life.
- ✚ Become aware that Baptism makes us part of the larger family of God, the Church.
- ✚ Develop a sense of belonging to our parish community.
- ✚ Participate in special events with the parish such as the feast of the parish's patron saint, holiday customs, blessings and social events.
- ✚ Become aware of ministries in the parish; i.e., pastor, deacon, catechist, lector, cantor, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, altar server.

- ✚ Recognize the Church as the people of God, composed of all those believers of every age, race, culture, sex, and ability who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- ✚ Know that the fullness of truth and life is in the Catholic Church, the living Body of Christ.
- ✚ Recognize and respect the elements of truth in the beliefs of other people: other Christians, Orthodox churches, and Judaism.
- ✚ Strive for the unity of the Church.
- ✚ Pray for the living and the dead.
- ✚ Be aware that we each have special gifts that will help us in our life's vocation.

### **Missionary Spirit: CCC 897, 1822-1829; GDC 86; NDC 20, 43.B-D**

- ✚ Become aware of the ways people care for us.
- ✚ Be able to perform good acts and give our best to others.
- ✚ Explore ways we can show that we care for all God's creation.
- ✚ Understand that we must love ALL people, even those different from us.
- ✚ Value Jesus as a model for the way we should live.
- ✚ Value all forms of life as a sacred gift.
- ✚ Understand saints as people who lived lives of holiness and service in God's name.
- ✚ Understand the men and women of Sacred Scripture as models of holiness and service.
- ✚ Participate in Advent and Lenten activities that reach out to the wider community.
- ✚ Develop ways to use your personal talents in the service of others.