

GRADE 2

I. Knowledge of the Faith

God the Son: Jesus Christ Scripture The Blessed Trinity The Church
The Last Supper The Resurrection The Virgin Mary

(2.1.1 M, T) ESSENTIAL...describes the three persons of the Holy Trinity

Examples: God the Father, Jesus the only Son of God, the Holy Spirit – advocate, CCC 684, 685, 687

- Identifies God the Father as the first person
 - Identifies Jesus as the only Son of God
 - Explains that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, who was sent to be with us always
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(2.1.2 S, M, T) ESSENTIAL...recognizes Jesus as a man, like us in every way but sin

Examples: Holy Trinity, Sign of the Cross, CCC 461-463, 470

- Recalls that Jesus was fully man and fully God
 - Explains that Jesus was born into a human family with Mary and Joseph
 - Recalls that Jesus had a real human body with real emotions and experiences
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(2.1.3 S, M, T)...tells the story of Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, and ascension

Examples: the 4 Gospels, Mass, CCC 559-560, 572, 610-611, 645-646, 659-664

- Associates Holy Week and Easter with the events of the Paschal Mystery
 - Recognizes that Jesus actually died on the cross and rose from the dead
 - Recalls that Jesus ascended body and soul to heaven and will come again
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(2.1.4 S)...identifies important men and women of Scripture

Examples: The Bible, Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Israel, Jonah, Jeremiah, David, Ruth, Rahab, Mary, Joseph, John, the 12 Apostles, Paul, Woman at the well, Mary and Martha, Mary of Magdala, Pilate

- Distinguishes between the characters of Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their stories
 - Recognizes Moses and his role in the stories of the 10 Commandments, Passover, and the Manna in the desert
 - Recognizes Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, and the 12 Apostles as Jesus' earliest disciples
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(2.1.5 M, T)...explains that the word Church refers to our local parish communities and the worldwide community of believers

Examples: Diocese, Parish, Pope, Bishop, Priest, Deacon, Laity, CCC 642, 886-887, 897

- Tells the difference between Pope, Bishop, Priest, Deacon, and Laity
- Discusses how the word “Church” can mean different things (your parish building, the members of that community, and the Catholic “Church” all over the world)

(2.1.6 S, M, T)...recognizes that Mary is the Mother of God, mother of Jesus, and mother of the Church

Examples: Mary’s Fiat – her yes, to God. Annunciation story, John 19:26-27, CCC 411, 466, 495, 484, 490, 963

- Recognizes that Mary’s “yes” to become Jesus’ mother, was a “yes” to God’s plan
- Explains since Mary is the Mother of Jesus, who is God, then Mary is the Mother of God
- Recalls that when Jesus gives Mary to John “behold your mother” she becomes mother of the Church

II. Liturgy and Sacraments

What is a Sacrament? Holy Orders Baptism The Mass Eucharist
Confession Liturgy of the Eucharist Liturgy of the Word

(2.2.1 S, M, T) ESSENTIAL...defines Sacraments as a means to receive God’s grace and show Jesus’ love for us

Examples: Holy Water, Bread & Wine, Mass, Oils, Candles, White Garment, Rings, Vows, Bishop, Priest, Deacon, CCC 1131-1134

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- Distinguishes sacraments as more than signs or symbols
- Expresses that frequently receiving the sacraments draws us closer to God and empowers us to live as missionary disciples

(2.2.2 S, M, T)...acknowledges that in Baptism we become new members of the Church, and through Baptism we are given new life in Christ.

Examples: Name, Godparents, Water, Chrism, Candles, White garment, priest, deacon, CCC 683, 977-978, 1265

- Identifies Baptism as making one a part of God’s family
- Explains that Baptism achieves the forgiveness of original sin and confers the first gifts of the Holy Spirit

(2.2.3 S, M, T)...explains that Deacons, Priests, and Bishops receive the same Holy Orders given by Jesus to the early Church

- Recognizes that Bishops are the successors to the 12 Apostles and are charged to protect the scriptures and teachings of the Church
- Recalls that priests and bishops are given the authority to forgive sins through the sacrament of Reconciliation

(2.2.4 S, M, T)...describes the function and purpose of the Priest.

Examples: Pastor, “Father”, celebrate sacraments, counselor, teacher, healer, CCC 1142, 1549

- Recognizes the unique gifts given to priests to administer the sacraments of Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, and Reconciliation
- Makes sense of the priest’s role as shepherd of their parish and minister to the faithful

(2.2.5 S, M, T) ESSENTIAL...identifies the two coessential parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and explains the meaning of participation

Examples: We engage with the Scriptures through listening, song, and responses in the Liturgy of the Word; Bodily participation in the Mass; reverence, CCC 1141, 1324-1329, 1332, 1348

- Recalls the significance of how we worship with our whole person, body, mind, and spirit
- Explains the meanings of our bodily participation through Speaking, Singing, Silence, Genuflection, Standing/Procession, Sitting, and Kneeling
- Recognizes that the Homily breaks open the meaning of the Scriptures and calls us to action

(2.2.6 S, M, T) ESSENTIAL...defines the Eucharist as a Sacrament where Jesus is truly present

Examples: Mass, the Blessed Sacrament, Bread and wine, Body and Blood of Jesus, a sacrifice from Christ, Jesus’ gift of himself, Jesus

truly present in the bread and wine as his body and blood, CCC 1210-1211, 1324

- Explains that The Eucharist is Jesus’ loving gift of himself to God and his Church
 - Identifies The Eucharist as both spiritual food and saving sacrifice
 - Demonstrates how to receive the Eucharist on either the tongue or in the hand
 - Tells how Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist at Mass, in Adoration, and in the Tabernacle
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(2.2.7 M, T) ESSENTIAL...recalls that the Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and the summit of Christian life

Examples: Mass, true presence, bread, wine, water, priest, words of consecration, stewardship, CCC 1324-1327, Col. 1:24, *Lumen Gentium*, 34

- Recognizes that at Mass we gather as God's family to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus
 - Notes the role of the Holy Spirit in changing the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ
 - Expresses that everyone at Mass offers up their work, struggles, and prayers as a sacrifice to God
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(2.2.8 S, M, T) ESSENTIAL...describes the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a sacrament of conversion and healing of our relationship with God, the Church, and others

Examples: Confession, Penance, Act of Contrition, change our vision, become healed from sin, CCC 1435, 1486, 1491

- Recognizes Reconciliation as a sacrament of Jesus' love, mercy, and forgiveness
 - Recalls the elements of Confession, Absolution, Act of Contrition, and Penance in the sacrament of Reconciliation
 - Understands that frequent reception of Reconciliation is encouraged and is essential in living as a disciple of Christ
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III. Life in Christ and Discipleship

Conscience Formation Love of God & Love of Neighbor Sin Freedom

(2.3.1 S, M, T)...relates how we learn more about ourselves through our relationships with others

Examples: CCC 1730-1728, TOB 9:4

- Recites the 10 commandments
 - Discusses how living the Christian faith means to imitate how Jesus treated other people, especially the poor and outcast
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(2.3.2 S, M, T) ESSENTIAL...defines sin as a refusal to love God, self, and neighbor

Examples: 10 Commandments, Venial and Mortal Sin, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Examination of Conscience, CCC 845, 953, 30

- Recalls the Parable of the Good Shepherd and the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats from Matthew 25
- Explains that sin pushes us away from God, the source of all life, and away from our neighbors, God's beloved creation

- Reviews how Reconciliation offers complete forgiveness of sins and strengthens us to make good choices
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(2.3.3 S, T) ...distinguishes how sin, temptation, accidents, & mistakes differ

Examples: 10 Commandments, Reconciliation, Venial and Mortal Sin, Losing your grip is an accident, Unintentionally pressing the wrong button is a mistake, CCC 164, 2846-2849, 1853, 1861-1862

- Gives examples of sin, temptation, accidents, and mistakes
 - Distinguishes between mortal sins and venial sins in terms of severity
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(2.3.4 S, M, T) ...recognizes that the Holy Spirit helps us to make good choices

Examples: 10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, Conscience, Free will, CCC 1742, 1784

- Recognizes the Holy Spirit's role throughout the Bible as a source of life, strength, and inspiration
 - Explains that the sacraments are ways we receive the Holy Spirit
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(2.3.5 S, M, T) ...identifies rights and responsibilities of members of family, neighborhood, parish, school, and civil society

Examples: 10 Commandments, The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37, Authority figures, CCC 1897-1904, 1905-1917

- Identifies the value and dignity of each person
 - Demonstrates understanding of the concept of stewardship and the responsibility to respect all of God's creation
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(2.3.6 S, M, T) ...identifies that our free will is a gift from God that comes from us being made in the image and likeness of God

Examples: CCC 343, 353, 355

- Illustrates God's gift of freedom to make choices and seek friendship with God
 - Recognizes the need to express sorrow for sinful choices
 - Identifies the Ten Commandments and Jesus' Great Commandment as guides for loving God and Neighbor
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IV. Prayer and the Life of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer What is prayer?

(2.4.1 S, M, T) ESSENTIAL ...explains that prayer is how we stay connected to and grow in our relationship with God

Examples: Praise, thanksgiving, petition, love, and contrition, Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Glory Be, prayers before & after meals, St. Michael, CCC 2626-2627, 2628, 2629, 2634, 2639

- Writes simple prayers from the heart
 - Practices memorized formal vocal prayers
 - Explains that the “Our Father” recalls our identity as children of God and reminds us how to be disciples of Christ
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(2.4.2 S, M, T)...distinguishes between the five types of prayer: Blessing & Adoration, Praise, Petition, Contrition, and Thanksgiving

Examples: Prayer journals, Heart Prayers, Rote Prayers, CCC 2623-2649

- Practices the five types of prayer in a variety of ways, written and spoken
 - Recognizes these types of prayers come from Scripture and are modeled most perfectly in the life and teachings of Jesus
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(2.4.3 M, T)...identifies the three distinct expressions of prayer: Vocal Prayer, Meditation, and Contemplative Prayer

Examples: 5-10 minute guided meditation, 5-10 minutes of Adoration, Meditation can be listening or reading and silent prayer

- Recognizes Vocal Prayer is prayer with our whole being where we connect with God using both our body and spirit
 - Describes Meditation as a journey to understand the Christian life and what the Lord asks of us
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(2.4.4 M, T)...recognizes the Rosary and other devotions to Mary, the saints, and sacramentals

Examples: Rosary, Hail Mary, Crucifix, bible, prayer cards, Prayer to Saint Michael, Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina CCC 1178, 1674-1676, 971, 2708

- Recites the Rosary and Act of Contrition as a group, and reviews previously learned prayers,(Sign of the Cross, Prayer before meals, Glory Be Prayer After Meals, Our Father, Hail Mary)
 - Recognizes sacramentals such as Holy Water, Crucifixes, Way of the Cross, prayer cards, and relics as opportunities to receive God’s grace and deserving of reverence
 - Distinguishes the intercession of saints from prayers and worship to God
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V. Community Life and Missionary Initiation

(2.5.1 M, T)...demonstrates recognition of the sacredness of time through the liturgical season and special feast days

Examples: Lighting of Advent Candles, Marking of foreheads with ashes, Decorating for Christmas, Nativity scenes, CCC 1163-1165, 1171

- Identifies Advent as a time of waiting and preparing for Jesus' birth
 - Names Lent as a period from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday
 - Identifies Easter as a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus
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(2.5.2 S, M, T)...identifies the call of all the faithful to missionary discipleship

Examples: Inviting friends to Mass, Making good choices, daily prayer, forgiveness, Acts of the Apostles

- Associates how our beliefs shape the way we interact with family & friends
 - Identifies ways to live as a disciple
 - Names saints and influential disciples from history as examples of missionary discipleship
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(2.5.3 S, M, T)...demonstrates an understanding and appreciation for active participation in a community of faith

Examples: Service to your parish, lectoring, serving at Mass, praying for Catholics around the world, Helping others in your community

- Recognizes that the Church is a global family
 - Identifies the work of the Church as continuing the work of Jesus through worship, community life, and service to our neighbor
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(2.5.4 S, M, T)...demonstrates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as the one who awakens us to faith and sends us forth to life in Christ

Examples: Gift of the Holy Spirit given at Baptism, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit at the Last Supper (Cf. Jn. 14:15)

- Recognizes that it was the Holy Spirit who came to the disciples on Pentecost
 - Gives examples of the fruits of the Holy Spirit in the Church (joy, peace, love, patience, and kindness)
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(2.5.5 S, M, T)...recognizes the Virtues as guiding principles for living authentic discipleship and witnessing to one's faith

Examples: Self-control, patience, courage, honesty, and compassion

- Describes that Christ's love and teachings are for all people
- Explains that virtues are moral habits that require practice

- Identifies the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love
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(2.5.6 S, M, T) **ESSENTIAL** ...recognizes that the heart of the Good News of God's saving plan is found within the Bible

Examples: Ascension's Great Adventure Bible Timeline, God's promise to Adam (Cf. Gen. 3:15)

- Draws a timeline of the basic history of the Bible
 - Summarizes that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to save us from sin and death
 - Identifies the call to share this good news through evangelization from Scripture (Mt. 25)
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VI. Christian Anthropology

(2.6.1 S, M, T)...recognizes that all creatures are a sign of God's gift in love

Examples: Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 339, 342, TOB 13:3

- Explains the enormous diversity of creatures on Earth are a reflection of God's immeasurable love
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(2.6.2 S, M, T)...identifies reasons why God made man male and woman female

Examples: Genesis 1 and 2, Image and likeness of God, CCC 371-372, TOB 2-3

- Provides reasons why God made human persons male and female in Gen. 1:27 and Gen. 2:18-22a
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(2.6.3 M, T) **ESSENTIAL** ...articulates how and why we are made for relationship with God (Communion)

Examples TOB 6:2; CCC 343, 356, 373, 378

- Recalls that God seeks everyone personally
 - Explains that through the Eucharist Jesus and his people meet
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(2.6.4 S, M, T) **ESSENTIAL** ...discusses how we are created in the image and likeness of the Trinitarian God

Examples: Gen. 1:26, TOB 9:2-9:3, 13:2, 19:1; CCC 355-357

- Distinguishes between the definitions of "image" and "likeness"
 - Identifies qualities of God's image and likeness that all people share by his design
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(2.6.5 S, M, T)...expresses that man is called to give himself through love as a "Gift"

Examples: TOB 15:1; CCC 357, 1878, 2196; *Gaudium et Spes* 24:3, TOB 90:5-6; CCC 519-520

- Discusses how Jesus is the model of what it means for a person to be a gift

- Expresses that respecting a gift shows respect for the giver
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(2.6.6 S, M, T)...analyzes how the body reveals that each person is made for a relationship with God, others, and the world

Examples: TOB 12:1, 13:4; CCC 340, 344, 371-373

- Recognizes that the Mass unites all persons of the Church
- Explains that God's created purpose for our bodies is to be a gift to others