

# SCOPE AND SEQUENCE • GRADE 8

Unit	Session	Session Theme	Scripture	CCC References	
<b>1</b> <b>The Early Church</b>	1 Jesus' Message	We are called to follow Peter's example by proclaiming the Good News to others.	John 21:15–19; Matthew 6:9–14; Acts of the Apostles 2:1–13	696, 731, 1287, 2623, 2769–2865	
	2 The Church Grows	Following the example of the Church leaders at the Council of Jerusalem, we are called to welcome all those who want to join the Church.	Acts 10:11–15, 44–48; Ephesians 4:1–6; Psalm 145:9–11; Isaiah 49:16	839–848	
	3 Witnesses to the Faith	The early Christian martyrs were faithful to Jesus, even in the face of adversity.	Acts of the Apostles 6:5, 7:60	946–962, 1173, 2113, 2473–2474	
	4 The Catechumenate in the Early Church	The Sacraments of Initiation welcome us into the community of believers known as the Church.	Matthew 28:19; John 3:5	1113–1134	
	5 Celebrating Ordinary Time	During Ordinary Time we reflect on our call to discipleship.	Luke 1:46–55	165, 272, 437, 456, 484–485, 490, 501	
<b>2</b> <b>We Belong</b>	6 We Believe	During the early ecumenical councils, Church leaders reflected on Jesus' relationship with God the Father. The fruit of their reflection is contained in the Nicene Creed, a prayer through which we profess our love and devotion to God.	Matthew 5:1–12, 28:1–10	464–478	
	7 Praise God in Worship	We grow in our relationship with God when we live by the first three commandments.	Genesis 1:28; Psalm 8:2, 4–10; Matthew 6:19–21	2084–2167	
	8 Monasteries and Community	Practicing the virtues of poverty, chastity, and obedience helps us follow Jesus' example and live peacefully with others.	Matthew 5:3; Ben Sira 6:14–16	914–927	
	9 Sent on a Mission	Just like early missionaries, we are called to spread the Good News to others.	Mark 4:21; John 4:4–42, 20:11–18	849–865	
	10 Celebrating Advent and Christmas	During Advent we prepare for Jesus' coming, which we celebrate during the Christmas season.	Romans 10:10–13; Book of Isaiah; Luke 1:26–38	522–530	
<b>3</b> <b>We Worship</b>	11 The Church and Society	The Marks of the Church are one way we express our unity as a community of believers.	Psalm 133:1, 100:2–3	813–865	
	12 The Great Cathedrals and Worship	For generations, Catholics have gathered in churches and cathedrals to celebrate the sacraments—the foundation of Catholic life.	John 1:1–5; 1 Corinthians 6:19	1113–1134	
	13 Nourished by the Eucharist	Participating in the celebration of the Eucharist unites us as members of the Body of Christ.	Acts of the Apostles 2:42–47, 4:32–37; Matthew 26:26–30	1322–1419	
	14 Serving Physical and Spiritual Needs	We care for people's physical and spiritual needs by following the example of the Church. The Sacraments of Service give people the grace to do so in unique ways.	1 Samuel 3:1–9; John 2:1–11	1554–1580, 1601–1632	
	15 Celebrating Lent	During Lent, we prepare for the coming of the Lord by asking for forgiveness and praying for strength to live as the People of God.	1 John 1:5–10	540, 1095, 1438	
<b>4</b> <b>We Are Called</b>	16 The Protestant Reformation	We find our calling from God by focusing our hearts and minds on listening to what God asks of us.	James 2:21–24, 26; Psalm 138:1, 3, 7, 8	1020–1050	
	17 Renewal in the Church	Making good, moral decisions is not always easy, but we can find support and forgiveness in God.	Matthew 5:23–24; Numbers 6:24–26	1420–1470	
	18 The Church Reaches Out	We cultivate our relationship with God by living his will every day.	Psalm 1:1–3	2258–2283, 2331–2400, 2514–2533	
	19 Faith and Reason	Faith is possible because we believe God is the truth, and we trust him wholeheartedly.	Exodus 20:1–17	1749–1761, 2401–2425, 2464–2499, 2534–2557	
	20 Celebrating Holy Week and Easter	The Church celebrates Jesus' life, Passion, Death, and Resurrection during Holy Week and Easter so that we may be reminded of Jesus' sacrifice for our Salvation.	Matthew 5:69–75, 25:35–40; 26:14–16, 47–56	1168–1171, 1813, 1817–1821	
<b>5</b> <b>We Are Sent</b>	21 Truth Revealed by God	In response to the modernism movement, the Church developed new ways to reach followers.	Matthew 9:16–17	2477, 2479, 2507, 2479	
	22 Acting on Behalf of Justice	We build up the Kingdom of God by working to end injustices and answering God's call to serve.	Matthew 5:3–12, 25:35–36, 40; John 13:1; Romans 5:5	1397, 1928–1942, 2425–2426	
	23 Called by God	We respond to God's call of holiness by serving others and spreading God's grace.	1 Peter 2:4–5; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; Matthew 9:35–38	9–10	
	24 People for Others	We respond to God's call using our unique talents.	Luke 4:18–19; Matthew 25:34–40	1458, 1473, 1815, 1879, 1853, 2044, 2447	
	25 Celebrating Pentecost	Pentecost reminds us that as members of the Church, we support one another in fulfilling the Church's mission.	Acts of the Apostles 2:2–4; John 10:10; Matthew 10:26–35; Isaiah 61:1–2	731–747	

An additional section, The Year in Our Church, includes sessions for these liturgical seasons and feast days: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, and All Souls Day. The Scope and Sequence for this section is on page 221a.