

Course Outline
Text: *We Believe* by Sadlier, © 2004
Grade 3 – We Are The Church
September 19, 2007 – April 16, 2008

All sessions will be held at St. Francis Borgia School
from 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM **or** 6:15 – 7:30 PM
unless otherwise indicated

Formational games and information from Sadlier for children and families can be found online at:
<http://www.webelieveweb.com/>.

September 19, 2007

Parent Meeting 7 PM – 8 PM North Church

Special Notes: *A required parent meeting for all programs, except confirmation.*

September 26, 2007

Introduction (pages 10-18)

Session Goal: Catechist welcomes students and parents to third grade Christian Formation.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the first session.

Special Notes: 1. Text books and folders are distributed to each child.
 2. Parents are encouraged to sign-up for the following:
 a. Substitute catechist
 b. Classroom aide

Chapter 1: **God Sends Us His Own Son (pages 19A-26)**

Session Goal: *To introduce that God the Son became one of us and taught us how to live as his followers.*

Key Words: *Blessed Trinity, Incarnation, prophet, public ministry, repent, disciples, apostles*

October 3, 2007

Chapter 2: **Jesus Teaches Us About God's Love (pages 27A-34)**

Session Goal: *To emphasize Jesus' teaching about God's love for us, about the Kingdom of God, and about the gift of faith.*

Key Words: *Bible, Kingdom of God, faith, crucified, Resurrection*

October 10, 2007

SFB Feast Day Liturgy 7 PM – 8 PM North Church

Special Notes: *A special family Mass will be celebrated on the Feast Day of our patron, St. Francis Borgia.*

October 17, 2007

Chapter 3: **Christ Will Come Again (pages 35A-42)**

Session Goal: *To introduce the concept that Jesus has power over life and death, and he will come again at the end of time.*

Key Words: *second coming, last judgment, heaven*

October 31, 2007

Chapter 4: **The Church Begins (pages 43A-50)**

Session Goal: *To highlight that Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit and that this promise was fulfilled at Pentecost, the day the Church began.*

Key Words: *mission, Ascension, Pentecost, Church, Christians*

November 1, 2007

All Saints' Day Liturgy **7 PM – 8 PM** **North Church**

Special Notes: *A special Mass for students in Grades 1-5 with their families.*

November 7, 2007

Chapter 5: **We Learn About the Early Church (51A-58)**

Session Goal: *To explain how the apostles led the early Church and how followers of Jesus stood up for their faith.*

New Words: *Acts of the Apostles, gospel, martyrs*

November 14, 2007

Chapter 6: **The Church Year (59A-64B)**

Session Goal: *To celebrate Jesus as we focus on the Church year.*

December 5, 2007

Chapter 13: **Advent (pages 115A-120)**

Session Goal: *To emphasize that the season of Advent helps us prepare for the coming of the Son of God.*

December 12, 2007

Chapter 14: **Christmas (121A-130)**

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Session Goal: *To introduce the Christmas season as a special time to celebrate that God is with us.*

December 19, 2007

Advent/Christmas Program **6:30 PM – 7:30 PM** **North Church**

Special Notes: *Grades 1-5 will perform an Advent/Christmas Program for their families.*

January 9, 2008

Chapter 10: **The Church Prays (pages 91A-98)**

Session Goal: *To present that Jesus taught his followers how to pray and to explore ways we can pray.*

Key Words: *prayer, synagogue, liturgy, pilgrimages*

January 16, 2008

Chapter 15: **We Celebrate the Sacraments (pages 131A-138)**

Session Goal: *To introduce the sacraments as the special signs that the Church celebrates.*

Key Words: *sacrament, grace, sacraments of Christian Initiation, original sin*

January 23, 2008

Chapter 18: **Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation (pages 155A-162)**

Session Goal: *To teach that we can choose to love God our forgiving Father.*

Key Words: *sin, conscience*

February 6, 2008

Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7 PM – 8 PM North Church

Special Notes: *A special Mass will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, including the distribution of ashes.*

February 13, 2008

Chapter 20: **Lent (171A-176B)**

Session Goal: *To present the season of Lent as a time of preparation for Easter.*

Safe Environment Education: Safeguarding All Gods Family

Session Goal: *For the children to identify bullying and know that he or she can talk to someone when not feeling safe.*

Special Notes: *This material will be presented within the first twenty minutes of class. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this part of the class. More information will be provided and is available from the Director of Child Ministry.*

February 15, 2008

Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM – 7 PM South Church

Special Notes: *Grades 1-5 will have the opportunity to lead the Parish community in the Stations of the Cross.*

February 20, 2008

Chapter 25: **We Are God's Holy People (pages 211A-218)**

Session Goal: *To present the communion of saints and the reasons we honor Mary and the saints.*

Key Words: *saints, communion of saints, Immaculate Conception, Assumption*

March 5, 2008

Chapter 8: **The Church Has Four Marks (pages 75-82)**

Session Goal: *To present the four marks of the Church – one, holy, catholic, apostolic.*

Key Words: *bishops, dioceses, pope, marks of the Church*

March 12, 2008

Chapter 9: **The Church Teaches Us (pages 83A-90)**

Session Goal: *To teach that the Church is the Body of Christ and the people of God and that the Holy Spirit guides the Church.*

Key Words: *Apostle's Creed, justice*

March 19, 2008

Chapter 21: **The Three Days (pages 177A-186)**

Session Goal: *To present the Three Days as a celebration of Jesus' passing from death to life.*

April 2, 2008

Chapter 27: **Easter (pages 227-232B)**

Session Goal: *To introduce the Easter season as the time we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.*

April 9, 2008

Chapter 22: **We Continue the Work of Jesus (pages 187A-194)**

Session Goal: *To explain Jesus' work and the way the Church continues his work.*

April 16, 2008

Chapter 12: **God Calls Us to Holiness (pages 107A-114)**

Session Goal: *To teach that God calls each one of us to be holy and serve him in a particular way.*

Key Words: *vocation, laypeople, vows*