

# Grade 4: Creed

## Parish Catechetical Programs

**Creed: What we believe...**

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

**Students will...**

**(4.1.1 NT) ... define the Holy Trinity as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They will explain how the Trinity is always with us.**

**Examples:** Sign of the Cross, Words of Baptism, Call on the Holy Trinity in prayer, Holy Trinity songs and hymns, CCC 234

**(4.1.2 OT) ... identify that God is the giver of all life, and all that God creates is good through the Genesis story of creation.**

**Examples:** Creation story from Genesis, family is good, CCC 279-280, 286-289

**(4.1.3 NT) ... recognize Mary's role within the Church as the Mother of God.**

**Examples:** Rosary and Memorare prayers, Immaculate Conception, Gospel Canticle of Mary, Beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, CCC 495, 829, 2677

**(4.1.4 NT) ... recognize Jesus came to bring God's forgiveness to everyone.**

**Examples:** Our Father prayer, Beatitudes, Sacrament of Reconciliation; Nicene Creed, Matthew 18 "seventy times seven times", CCC 312, 457-458

**(4.1.5 CH) ... explain that Mary and the saints offer us examples of good Christian lives and act as intercessors for us.**

**Examples:** Nicene Creed, Beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Lives of the Saints, Communion of Saints; Rosary, Marian Feasts, Personal prayer, Saints feasts days, All Saints and All Souls Days, CCC 829, 956, 2030

**(4.1.6 CH) ... explain that God created different personalities, races, and nationalities and explain why these are all good for the whole human family.**

**Examples:** Saint stories, Lives of the Saints, Isaiah 60:3; Liturgies from different countries, CCC 374, 361, 1939, 1934-1935

**(4.1.7 CH) ... explain that God created man and woman to exist in a family and to form a family in unitive and procreative love in the sacrament of holy matrimony.**

**Examples:** Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 2331-2336, 1601-1605

**(4.1.8 OT, CH) ... recognize the meaning of Genesis 2:18: It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper fit for him." God created both man and woman to live in communion with one another and God.**

**Examples:** Genesis 2, CCC 371-372, TOB 9:2

**(4.1.9 OT, NT, CH) ... explain that man is created in God's image through a communion of persons, the Holy Trinity.**

**Examples:** Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 355-357, TOB 9:3, 14:6

## Grade 4: Sacraments

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**Sacraments: How we celebrate and worship...**

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

**Students will...**

**(4.2.1 NT) ... explain how the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and that it is essential to the life and mission of the Catholic Church**

**Examples:** Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, Proclaiming God's Word in Liturgies, Adoration/Exposition/Benediction, Stewardship, CCC 1324-1327

**(4.2.2 NT) ... identify that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we receive God's grace and forgiveness and that Christian life is a journey of conversion.**

**Examples:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation, The 10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, CCC 1440-1445

**(4.2.3 NT) ... recognize the Marian feasts and other feast days of Saints.**

**Examples:** The Rosary, Communion of Saints, Liturgical calendar, Immaculate Conception, Mary, Mother of God, Assumption, Annunciation, Guadalupe, Fatima, Lourdes, Patron Saints of parish or school, Holy days of obligation/Solemnities, CCC 484, 490, 966, 495, 490-493, 956

**(4.2.4 NT) ... recognize that the Sacrament of Holy Orders for men is a participation in the love of the Divine Bridegroom – Christ, for the love of His Bride, the Church.**

**Examples:** The Sacrament of Holy Orders, Priesthood, Deacons, Bishops, CCC 1536, 772-773, Vocation Lessons 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Priesthood

**(4.2.5 NT) ... recognize that the Sacrament of Matrimony is a covenant between one man and one woman, sealed by God, a partnership between man and woman for life.**

**Examples:** The Sacrament of Matrimony, CCC 1601-1602, Vocation Lessons 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Marriage

**(4.2.6 NT) ... recognize that as the Church, the body of Christ, we celebrate the Eucharist which nourishes communion with one another and Jesus.**

**Examples:** The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, Parts of the Mass, Priesthood, Religious, Laity, CCC 2427-2428, TOB 99:1

## Grade 4: Morality

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**Morality: How we are to live as disciples of Jesus...**

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

**Students will...**

**(4.3.1 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize that when we sin it hurts our relationship with God, others, and ourselves.**

**Examples:** Holy Bible, 10 Commandments, Sacrament of Reconciliation, CCC 403, 980

**(4.3.2 OT, NT, CH) ... identify ways that they can live out the Great Commandment.**

**Examples:** Holy Bible, The Great Commandment, 10 Commandments, The Beatitudes, Mt. 25:31-46, Individual and communal prayer, love of God and neighbor, CCC 2052, 2055

**(4.3.3 OT, NT, CH) ... list ways they can practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy – knowing that when we show love for the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized we show love to Jesus.**

**Examples:** Holy Bible, Mt. 25:31-46, Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, “Least of these ...”, Ministry of Charity, Catholic Charities, Catholic Cemeteries, CCC 2443-2447

**(4.3.4 OT, NT, CH) ... explain the first three commandments teach us about loving God and last seven teach us about loving others.**

**Examples:** Holy Bible, 10 Commandments, Our Father, Hail Mary, CCC 2066-2067

**(4.3.5 NT, CH) ... recognize and recite the three Theological Virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity (Love), help us to live good lives.**

**Examples:** Theological Virtues, CCC 1812-1829

**(4.3.6 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize and respect the inherent differences between men and women and their bodies, created in God’s image.**

**Examples:** Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 369-373

**(4.3.7 CH) ... define venial and mortal sins.**

**Examples:** Cheating on a test is a venial sin, skipping Mass on Sunday for no good reason is a mortal sin, 10 Commandments, Confession, Examination of Conscience, CCC 1854-1864, 1452, 1456, 1458

**(4.3.8 CH) ... connect how virtues (which have to do with man’s inner life) are expressed through the body.**

**Examples:** 10 Commandments, Theological virtues, Cardinal virtues, CCC 2516, 2520-2524, TOB 51:5-6, 53:4, 54:2-55:7

**(4.3.9 OT, NT, CH) ... compare Adam’s joy at the creation of Eve to his response to the creation of the animals.**

**Examples:** Genesis 1 and 2, Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, CCC 371, TOB 10:1

**(4.3.10 NT) ... will learn the concept of a Circle of Grace in relation to the use of the internet on computers, phones, tablets, etc.**

**Examples:** Safe environment lesson

## Grade 4: Prayer

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**Prayer: What prayer is and how we pray...**

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

**Students will...**

**(4.4.1 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize that through prayer we as Christians are called to be thankful for the gifts we have been given.**

**Examples:** Prayer before Meals, Prayer after Meals, Guardian Angel, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Parts of the Mass, Our Father, Psalms, Stewardship, CCC 2637-2638, 224, 1328

**(4.4.2 NT, CH) ... identify the essential elements of the Stations of the Cross.**

**Examples:** Stations of the Cross, Lent, Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, Devotions, Sacramentals, CCC 1667-1676

**(4.4.3 OT, NT, CH) ... write a prayer on their own about a Catholic theme or doctrine, Liturgical Season, Saint, Thanksgiving, Petition.**

**Examples:** Write one prayer per quarter kept in prayer journal; Liturgical Year, Church doctrines, Saints, Adoration time, CCC 2663-2691

**(4.4.4 NT, CH) ... participate in the Rosary and learn the order and prayers.**

**Examples:** Rosary prayers and order, CCC 971, 2708

**(4.4.5 NT, CH) ... recognize the importance of having a prayer plan, and to make a daily/weekly prayer plan.**

**Examples:** Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration, Individual Prayer, Communal Prayer, CCC 1166-1167, 1174-1178, 2559, Vocation lessons 4<sup>th</sup> grade – God Calls

**(4.4.6 NT, CH) ... identify ways where God is, or was, present in their own life.**

**Examples:** Personal prayer, CCC 356-357, TOB 65:5

