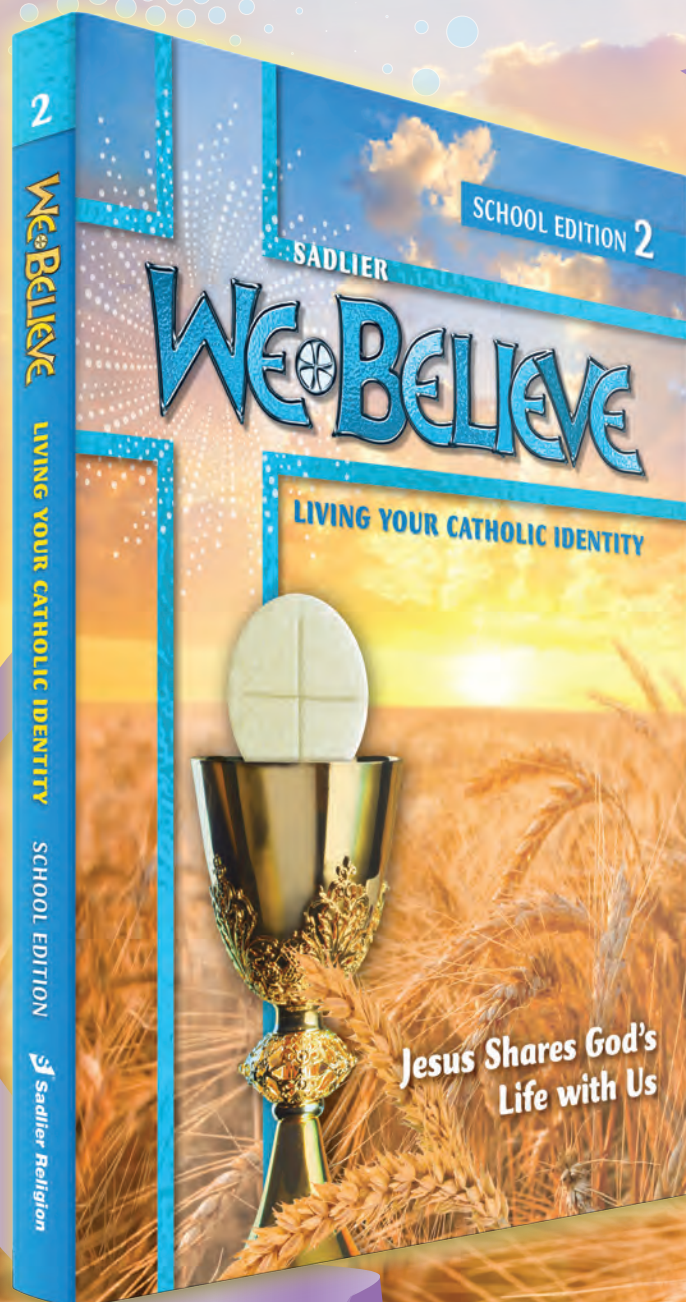


NEW!

We Believe™

Living Your Catholic Identity



**Forming the Next
Generation of Disciples!**

Grades K-8
School and Parish

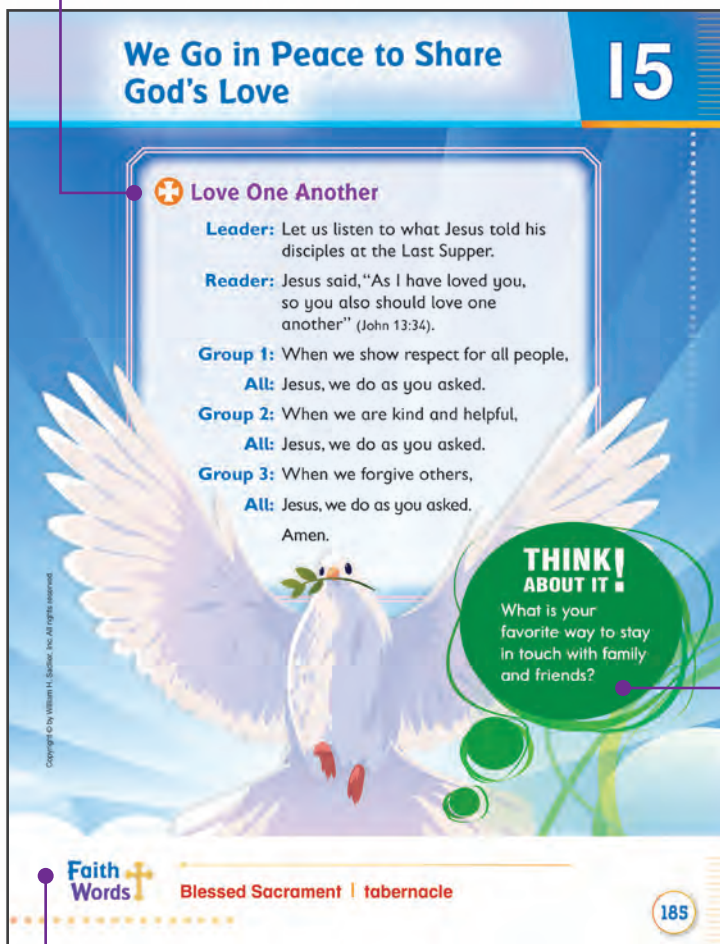
Timeless Catechetical Program

Lead Your Disciples w

Ignite the spark of faith in young hearts with the dynamic **NEW! We Believe: Living Your Catholic Identity**, tailored for today's generation of disciples. This program stays true to traditional catechesis while offering engaging lessons, interactive activities, and a nurturing environment. Children and young teens will learn about their faith as they develop a deep and personal relationship with Christ.

With the elements you trust and love PLUS new engaging features to enrich and enhance learning, **We Believe: Living Your Catholic Identity** provides a thematic exposition of the Church's teachings through:

Every lesson begins with **prayer**.



Grade 2 Student Edition, School Edition

- Thoughtfully designed School and Parish Editions
- Faithful adherence to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- Evangelizing catechesis that encourages students to wholeheartedly embrace the Gospel as missionary disciples of Christ
- A comprehensive catechesis to accommodate all learners
- An emphasis on nurturing Catholic identity

Plus, the Parish Edition has been adapted to meet the specific needs of today's catechists and students. View sample pages at www.SadlierReligion.com/ParishWB.

Reflection questions start each lesson.

Faith vocabulary is highlighted up front and defined at point of use in each lesson.

Look for **✝** throughout to learn about the **NEW** features of **We Believe: Living Your Catholic Identity**.

With the **NEW!** We Believe

FOLLOW AN EASY 3-STEP INSTRUCTIONAL PROCESS GUIDED BY THE ROOTS OF FAITH

The cornerstone of the updated School and Parish editions lies in their sound catechetical content, which offers a structured and cohesive pedagogical approach of the rich tapestry of Church teachings. The tried-and-true three-step instructional process—**We Gather, We Believe, We Respond**—mirrors the effective teaching model employed by Jesus himself. Within this teaching model, each lesson is organized into four faith statements.

1
In **WE GATHER**, students **pray** and **reflect**.

2
In **WE BELIEVE**, students **encounter** faith content.

3
In **WE RESPOND**, students apply knowledge through personal **reflection** and engaging on-page activities.

Faith statements introduce and summarize core content.

Jesus is with the Church as we share God's love.

WE GATHER

+ *Jesus, help us to love and serve others as you did.*

Think about your good friends. How do other people know you are good friends?

WE BELIEVE

The early Christians were friends and disciples of Jesus. They celebrated the Eucharist often. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist united them with Jesus and with one another. They were able to share God's love with others. The early Christians learned and prayed together. They shared what they had with each other and with those who were needy. They tried to help those who were sick or in need of healing.

When people looked at the way the early Christians lived, they wanted to live that way too. They wanted to become a part of Jesus' community, the Church.



When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, our friendship with him grows. Receiving Holy Communion helps us to love God and others. It helps us to be followers of Jesus. It helps us to be part of our parish. Together we show others what God's love is like.

WE RESPOND

The early Christians showed God's love to others. Who shows you what God's love is like? How?

Match the ways we can follow the example of the early Christians.

What the early Christians did	What we can do today
They fed those who were hungry.	We can try to be good and kind at home and at school.
They tried to live in peace with their families and others.	We can share the Good News.
They praised and thanked God often.	We can take part in the Mass and celebrate the other sacraments.
They preached the Gospel.	We can give and collect food for those in need.



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Strengthen Faith Fundam

We Believe: Living Your Catholic Identity includes exceptional features that support students as they build Catholic identity, grow in human dignity, and follow in the footsteps of the saints. These enhancements link learning in class with at-home faith formation and provide interactive learning experiences for today's disciples that leap off the pages of student editions and guides.


Reinforce the Principles of Faith

Innovative **NEW!** features and sidebars expand on what students are learning in each lesson, linking the student pages to engaging digital resources via QR codes.


Scripture is prominent in every lesson.

Jesus wants us to follow his teachings.


WE GATHER

 **God, we want to follow you.**

Imagine you are having a fire drill in school. Why does your teacher tell you to listen carefully to the directions?

WE BELIEVE

Jesus teaches us about loving God and loving others. He teaches us how to live as God the Father wants. Jesus told us that it is very important to listen to his teachings. One day Jesus had been teaching for a long time. He had taught people about believing in God. He reminded them to pray to God. Jesus ended by telling this story.




A man built his house on rock. When storms came, the wind blew. The rain beat against the house. But the house did not fall. It had been built on rock.


Jesus told the people, "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock" (Matthew 7:24).

—Based on Matthew 7:24–25

WE RESPOND

When we listen to God's Word in the Bible, we hear with our ears. We remember in our minds and hearts. We show we have listened by loving God and helping others.

 **How do you listen to Jesus' words and act on them? Draw a picture to show one way.**




Footsteps in Faith

How does God share his life with us?

Jesus Christ gave us the Church, the Body of Christ. He is the Head of the Body. The Church would not exist without Christ!


The liturgy is the official public prayer of the Church. When we pray, we participate in the prayer of the Church. God the Holy Spirit prepares us to meet Christ in the liturgy and to listen to God's Word.



DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus gave the Church seven special signs called sacraments. Through them, God shares his life and love, or grace, with us. Grace makes us holy. Sacraments are sacred signs of the Church. They remind us of God's presence and prepare us to receive God's grace. Sacraments may be blessings, actions, or objects, such as a crucifix.

People are God's most loved creations.



Grade 2 Student Edition, School Edition

NEW! FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

New for the School Edition, this feature engages students with a spiral review of the fundamental teachings of the faith. This interwoven on-page and digital feature connects learning with engaging video elements.

NEW! DID YOU KNOW?

This new feature provides a bite-sized faith fact that leads to an engaging video where students dive deeper into the lesson content.

entials of Catholic Identity

NEW! Live the Gospel

Innovative new School and Parish **Live the Gospel** pages invite students to live out Gospel values and Christian virtues and emulate the Catholic saints with dynamic new features.

NEW! PARTNERS IN FAITH

Presenting the saints as relatable role models for young hearts, this new feature allows students to explore their extraordinary lives and contemplate ways to apply them in their own faith journeys as they respond to writing prompts. This transformative and personalized encounter with the saints via integrated video fosters a deeper connection to each Saint's profound legacy.

NEW! GIFTED BY GOD

This new feature lays a foundation for students' spiritual enriched journeys toward understanding their unique calling in God's plan. Delve into the profound teachings of the **Theology of the Body**, tailored for young hearts and minds. Through age-appropriate lessons and interactive activities, children and young teens learn to embrace their God-given dignity.

LIVE THE GOSPEL

Partners in FAITH

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Teresa of Calcutta became a religious sister at age 18. She went to India to study. In India, she worked as a teacher. She also met people who were very poor. Many people were very sick. They were living on the streets. God told her to help them. Saint Teresa said "yes" to God! She started a new religious order. They are called the Missionaries of Charity. They are sisters, brothers, and priests. They share Jesus' love with all people, especially the poor.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta was devoted to the Eucharist. She said that she could not do all the hard work she did without Jesus' help. By serving people who are poor, she served Jesus. Her feast day is September 5.

How can you help people who are poor?

Partners in Faith

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Let Your Light Shine!

With a parent's help, start a canned food drive. The food will be for people who are hungry. Invite other family members, friends, and neighbors to join you. Donate the food to your parish's ministry for those in need. Pray for the people who will receive the food you collect.

For more, go to the Family Corner page.

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Gifted by God

We Act Like Jesus with Our Body and Soul

At the end of Mass, we are sent out to bring God's love to others. We can do simple things that show great love for others. We can share a kind word with someone, hold open a door, or visit someone who is sick. We can pray for someone in need or tell a friend God loves him or her. In each way, we are using our whole selves, body and soul, to reflect God's love.

Write or draw things you can do to bring God's love to others. Plan one thing to do at home, one thing to do at school, and one thing you can do in your community. ▼

At Home	At School	In My Community

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Grade 2 Student Edition, School Edition

NEW! LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

This new feature identifies different ways and ideas for students and their families to put faith into action.

Journaling activities provide powerful integrated reflection opportunities.

Support Students and



Lead Disciples with Ease and Confidence

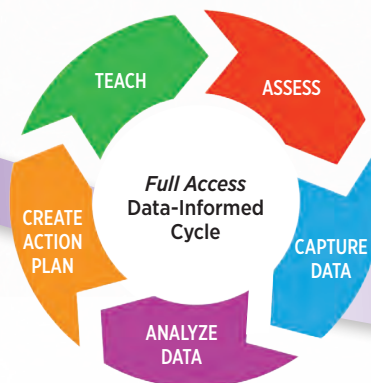
Catholic school teachers and catechists benefit from new ***We Believe: Living Your Catholic Identity*** features in the Guides. Step-by-step teaching instructions and clear background details make preparation and presentation simple and flexible and provide a strong structure for teaching the faith.

For Teachers—Find additional activities, reproducible activities, and QR codes to directly access resources to expand and enhance lessons.

For Catechists—Adapted for today's Parish needs, catechists will find concise background and step-by-step instructions to successfully implement lessons in a single weekly session with options to implement multiple faith formation models and approaches, including school, parish, home, and summer.

Fully Form and Personalize Faith Formation

Enrich learning for your students with ***Full Access™ for We Believe***. The perfect complement to ***We Believe: Living Your Catholic Identity***, it provides assessments, Proficiency and Growth Reports, and personalized recommendations to measure student learning and reach each student.

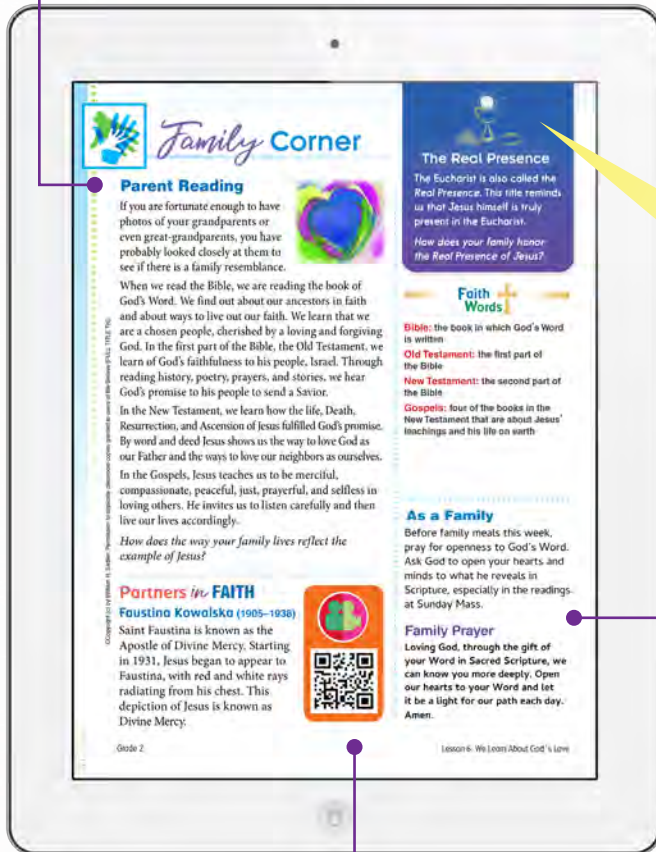


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Families in Their Faith Journey



Families connect around the key learning from the lesson.



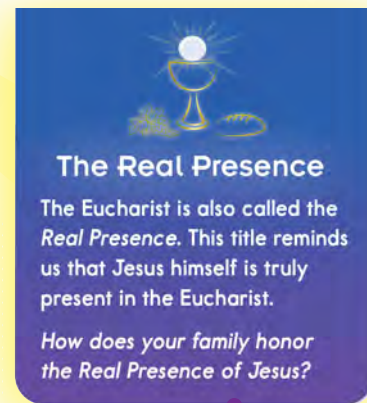
Online Resources, Family Corner



Families can stream inspiring saint biographies.

Show Families You Are in Their Corner

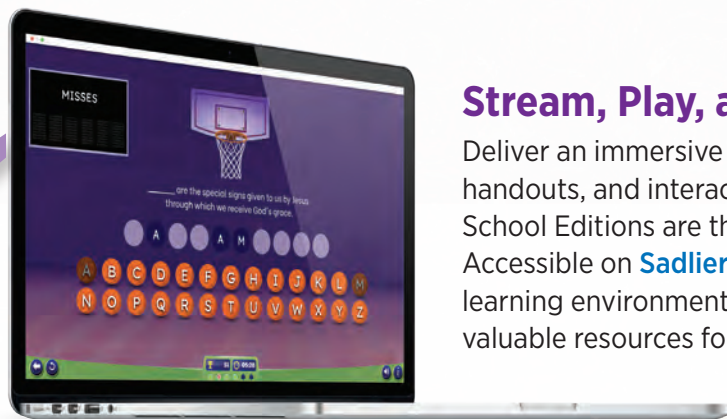
Fortify school, parish, and home connections with online **NEW! Family Corner** pages for each lesson online at [SadlierConnect.com](https://www.sadlierconnect.com). Bridge classroom teachings to at-home family catechesis, fostering collaboration in faith formation. Empower families to engage in their children's and young teens' spiritual growth for a holistic understanding.



Features build faith through action and support family prayer.



Connections to the Eucharist are highlighted throughout the program.



Online Resources, Interactive Games

Stream, Play, and Connect with Digital Resources

Deliver an immersive digital experience featuring compelling videos, handouts, and interactive games. The new digital resources for Parish and School Editions are thoughtfully organized by lesson for easy integration. Accessible on [Sadlier Connect™](https://www.sadlierconnect.com), these multimedia elements enhance the learning environment. Student Edition QR codes provide instant access to valuable resources for on-the-spot support.

WE BELIEVE

LIVING YOUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

At-a-Glance: What's **NEW!** for *We Believe!*

Embark on a journey of faith formation with the updated *We Believe: Living Your Catholic Identity*, K-8 featuring newelements crafted for today's disciples!

Connections to the **Eucharist** and **Sacraments**

Reflection and **journaling** in every lesson

Partners in Faith, an inspirational story about the life of a saint in every lesson

Footsteps in Faith, a spiraling review of the Catechism in every lesson*

Let Your Light Shine!, activities and ideas for putting faith into action

Gifted by God, focusing on Theology of the Body and morality

Full Access for We Believe, assessments and personalized reports to measure and accelerate faith formation growth

Adapted Parish Edition to meet the needs of today's catechists and students

Teacher and Catechist Guides with background information and step-by-step instructional support

Easy access to engaging **digital resources** at point-of-use

Multimedia components, including videos, games, and more

* School Edition only

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