

We Believe™

Living Your Catholic Identity K-8

Gifted by God: Christian Anthropology Standards,
A Correlation to The Theology of the Body



“The body, in fact, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and the divine. It has been created to transfer into the visible reality of the world the mystery hidden from eternity in God, and thus to be a sign of it” (TOB, 19:4).



The Theology of the Body “seeks to educate man by setting the requirements before him, giving reasons for them, and indicating the ways that lead to their fulfillment” (TOB, 59:2).



“Man, whom God created ‘male and female,’ bears the divine image impressed in the body ‘from the beginning’; man and woman constitute, so to speak, two diverse ways of ‘being a body’ that are proper to human nature in the unity of this image” (TOB, 13:2).



These opening quotes summarize Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body and highlight its crucial role as we catechize in our modern world. In many ways, our quest for happiness and a connection with God in this life has led many to forget who we are and why we exist. We ask ourselves, what is the Theology of the Body and how can it help the world and each and every person in need?

What is popularly referred to as the “Theology of the Body” is Pope John Paul II’s work, *Man and Women He Created Them: A Theology of the Body*. His work was originally written as a book but was never published and then when elected pope, Pope John Paul II was able to deliver his work as 129 live talks at Wednesday Papal Audiences in the Vatican from 1979 to 1984. Pope John Paul II was responding to a world already experiencing the fall-out from the empty promises of a sexual revolution and particularly to the Church, comprised of many members who had largely rejected Pope Paul VI’s encyclical, *Humane Vitae*, in 1968.

Pope John Paul II boldly went back to the “beginning,” stressing the importance of seeing all creation as a gift from God, that the human person is made in the image and likeness of God, that humans are made male and female, that humans are made to give and receive love, and that humans are a perfect unity of body and soul. Everything about the human person stems from these core beliefs. Pope John Paul II referred to his work as an “adequate anthropology” because it presents a comprehensive and holistic understanding of human nature; defines what it means to be human; and integrates the physical, spiritual, and existential aspects in a way that aligns with Christian theology.

In Pope Paul VI’s *Humane Vitae*, there was not a “total vision of man and of his vocation” but more a focus on reaffirming the Church’s teaching on the sanctity of marriage and its purpose. Theology of the Body (TOB for short) is truly Christian anthropology; studying the human person through the Christian lens and understanding God through the very way he made us; body and soul. It gives us a path to freedom and happiness as we learn what it means to be human and how to live rightly as man and woman and with other people.

A new Gifted by God section appears in each lesson of our updated *We Believe: Living Your Catholic Identity* and seeks to cover the main themes of the Theology of the Body while seamlessly weaving them into the existing and fundamental content of our series. In each lesson, students will be prompted to dive into the work of Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body in a grade-appropriate way. Lessons and years build upon one another to give the student a strong foundation in Christian anthropology and our Catholic Faith, which is based on faith and reason. The summaries and Theology of the Body references that follow provide context and a basis for the content.



Gifted by God

THEMES/STANDARDS

Grade	Sadlier Book Title	TOB Theme/Standard
K	God Made the World	All of Creation Is a Gift/The Human Person Is Made in the Image of God (Creation/Image of God/Gift)
1	God Loves Us	Love: Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful (Love: Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful)
2	Jesus Shares God's Life	The Incarnation/Unity of Body & Soul (Jesus/Incarnation/Unity of Body & Soul)
3	We Are the Church	Giving & Receiving Love (Christ - Male/Church - Female & Gift as Giving & Receiving)
4	God's Law Guides Us	Natural Law & Objective Truth Natural Law/Objectivity
5	We Meet Jesus in the Sacraments	Sacrament as Sign (Sacrament as Sign)
6	We Are God's People	The Three Original Experiences: Solitude, Unity, & Nakedness (Three Original Experiences: Original Solitude/ Original Unity/Original Nakedness & Review)
7	We are Disciples of Jesus	Love & Chastity (To love not use)
8	We are Members of the Church	Vocation & Modesty (Who are you called to be in the Church)

Standards Key:

Grade-Unit-Lesson: Lesson Title
(Sources)

Example:

K-1-1: All of Creation Is a Gift
(Gen 1:31; CCC, 282; TOB, 13:3)

Sources, Church Documents Key:

CL = Christifideles laici

DD = Dies domini

DCE = Deus Caritas Est

DIM = Divinum illud munus

DN = Dilexit Nos

DV = Dei Verbum

EV = Evangelium Vitae

FR = Fides et Ratio

GD = Gaudium et Spes

LF = Lumen fidei

LR = Love and Responsibility

LS = Laudato Si'

MD = Mulieris Dignitatem

MM = Mater et magistra

NMI = Novo Millennio Ineunte

RM = Redemptoris missio

SC = Sacrosanctum concilium

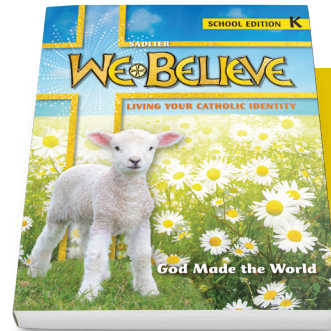
SS = Spe salvi

TOB = Theology of the Body

Kindergarten: God Made the World

TOB Theme/Standard = All of Creation Is a Gift/The Human Person Is Made in the Image of God

The material in the Gifted by God section for Kindergarten provides the foundational concept of the “Gift.” When all of God’s creation is seen as a gift, it changes everything. Gifts are meant to be given and received. There is a giver and a receiver. God is the original giver and the human person is the receiver. Then the human person in turn should act like God and not only care for the gifts God has given but also give gifts to other humans. Gifts must be good. Each human person is made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:27) and should always be treated as a gift from God.



UNIT 1 God Gives Us Many Gifts

K-1-1: All of Creation Is a Gift
(Gen 1:31; CCC, 280, 282, 299; TOB, 13:3, 13:4, 15:4, 16:3)

K-1-2: Light Is a Gift
(Gen 1:3; CCC, 296; TOB, 13:3, LF, 4)

K-1-3: Water Is a Gift
(Gen 1:6; CCC, 319; TOB, 13:3)

K-1-4: Land Is a Gift
(Gen 1:9; CCC, 320; TOB, 13:3)

K-1-5: Animals Are a Gift
(Gen 1: 20-21, 24-25; CCC, 2417; TOB, 13:3)

UNIT 2 God Is Our Creator

K-2-6: God Made Us Special
(Gen 1:27, Gen 1:31; CCC, 2519; TOB, 5:4, 9:4, 10:1, 15:4, 19:4)

K-2-7: You Are Unique
(Jer 1:5, Psalm 139:13; CCC, 1701-1702; EV, 81, LR, p. 24, TOB, 6:2, 15:4)

K-2-8: Thank You, God, for the Gift of Me!
(Gen 1:27, Jer 1:5, Psalm 139:13; CCC, 1700; TOB, 15:1, 5:4, 19:4)

K-2-9: Families Are a Gift
(Josh 2:13; CCC, 564, 1666, 2373; FC, 17; TOB, 88:4)

K-2-10: Friends Are a Gift
(Jn 15:15; CCC, 2347; LR, p. 92; TOB, 13:4)

UNIT 3 Jesus Shows Us God’s Love

K-3-11: Mary Said “Yes”
(Lk 1:38; CCC, 964; Angelus Prayer)

K-3-12: Jesus Was Born to Mary
(Lk 2:1-20; CCC, 422; LF, 18; Angelus Prayer)

K-3-13: Jesus Had a Family
(Lk 2:22-40; CCC, 1655; TOB, 88:4; GS, 52; LF, 23)

K-3-14: Jesus Is a Teacher
(Mt 26:55, Mk 10:1; CCC, 2607; MM, 262)

K-3-15: God Is Love
(1 Jn 4:8, Jn 15:12; CCC, 214; TOB, 14:4)

UNIT 4 Jesus Wants Us to Share God’s Love

16: You Are the Church
(Eph 5: 22-33; CCC, 771, 775; LS, 237; TOB, 90:5)

K-4-17: Prayer Is a Gift
(Mt 6: 9-13; CCC, 2567, 2742; LF, 46)

K-4-18: Jesus Is a Gift
(Lk 22: 19-20; CCC, 1357; LF, 1)

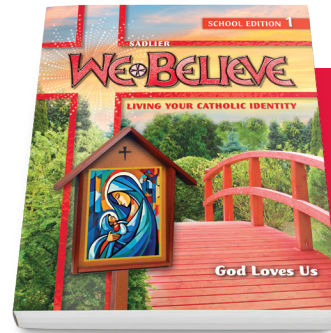
K-4-19: Love Like Jesus
(Jn 15:12-13; CCC, 2742; TOB, 15:1, FT, 106)

K-4-20: Jesus Is Our Friend
(Jn 15:15; CCC, 2347; DN, 5)

Grade 1: God Loves Us

TOB Theme/Standard = Love: Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful

These Gifted by God sections build on the theme of “Gift” and highlight how God’s love is always free, total, faithful, and fruitful. If God loves in these ways, then that is how we are to love others in this life, even when it is difficult to do so. Love is a gift first given by God himself for He creates out of nothing and creates out of love. He has created us to be loved and to love others. There is no amount of money one can pay to receive God’s love, He loves until the end, He will never leave us, and His love always bears fruit. This is how we are to love others.



UNIT 1 Jesus Teaches Us about God’s Love

1-1-1: The Bible Is God’s Love Story
(1 Cor 13, 1 Jn 4:8; CCC, 104; TOB, 13:4, 65:3)

1-1-2: The Trinity Shows God’s Love
(Mt 28:19; CCC, 221, 234, 254; DIM, 3)

1-1-3: Family Is a Gift
(Josh 2:13; CCC, 1666; TOB, 19:1, 88:4; LF, 23)

1-1-4: Work Is a Gift
(Gen 2:2-3; CCC, 378, 1897, 1913; LS, 98)

1-1-5: Love as God Loves
(Jn 15:12, 1 Cor 13; CCC, 214; TOB, 13:4)

UNIT 2 We Are Followers of Jesus

1-2-6: Love as Jesus Loves
(Jn 15:12, 1 Cor 13; CCC, 387; TOB, 90:6)

1-2-7: God’s Love Is Total
(Jn 15:13; CCC, 219; GS, 22)

1-2-8: Love Is Faithful
(Mt 26:39; CCC, 729; GS, 24)

1-2-9: God’s Love Bears Fruit
(Mt 7:15-20; CCC, 1604; TOB, 15:1, 51:6)

1-2-10: Loving Like God
(Jn 15:12, 1 Cor 13; CCC, 293; TOB, 14:4)

UNIT 3 We Belong to the Church

1-3-11: Our Parish Church Is Our Home
(Mt 18:20; CCC, 2179; TOB, 43:7)

1-3-12: Sacraments Are Signs
(Acts, 2:43, 5:12; CCC, 1084, 1116, 1146; TOB, 57:3, LS, 235)

1-3-13: Water Washes Us Clean
(Gen 1:6, Jn 3:5; CCC, 2842; TOB, 17:2, 43:7)

1-3-14: Be Like Jesus
(Jn 15:12; CCC, 2765; TOB, 13:4, 23:4)

1-3-15: God’s Love Never Ends
(2 Thess 2:16-17; CCC, 220; TOB, 43:7)

UNIT 4 We Celebrate and Live Our Faith

1-4-16: Jesus’ Greatest Gift
(Jn 15:13; CCC, 1324-1327; TOB, 90:6)

1-4-17: The Mass Is a Gift
(Lk 22:19; CCC, 1382; TOB, 17:4, 43:7)

1-4-18: A Heart Filled with Love
(1 Cor 13; CCC, 1706; TOB, 17:4)

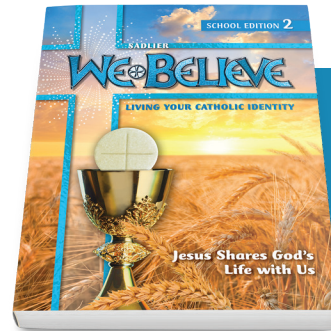
1-4-19: Mary Said “Yes” to God
(Lk 1:38; CCC, 968; TOB, 13:4, Angelus Prayer)

1-4-20: All That God Created Is a Gift
(Gen 1:31; CCC, 280, 299; TOB, 13:3, 13:4, 16:3)

Grade 2: Jesus Shares God's Life

TOB Theme/Standard = The Incarnation/Unity of Body & Soul

The Gifted by God sections in second grade focus on Jesus as the Incarnation and how the flesh is the “hinge of salvation” (CCC, 1015). Jesus is like us in all things but sin and therefore he is a body as we are each a body. We don’t have a body, we are a body. And we are fully united body and soul. It is this unique unity of body and soul that makes us human. It is through the unity of body and soul that we experience the world and are in relationship with God. The single nature of the body and soul enables us to love and to be loved in return. Jesus is the greatest gift God could give us and each person made in the image and likeness of God is a gift to one another.



UNIT 1 Jesus Christ Is with Us Always

2-1-1: Jesus Shows Us the Face of God
(Jn 1:14, Phil 2:18; CCC, 1015; TOB, 23:4, 87:5)

2-1-2: We Are the Church
(Eph 5:23, Col 1:24, 1 Cor 12:27, 1 Cor 12:12; CCC, 771, 775; LG, 1)

2-1-3: We Receive the Sacraments
(Acts, 2:43, Acts 5:12; CCC, 1084, 1116, 1131; TOB, 57:3, LS, 235)

2-1-4: Water Washes Us Clean
(Gen 1:6; CCC, 1996; TOB, 43:7)

2-1-5: Oil Heals
(Mk 16:17-18, Jam 5:14-15; CCC, 1294; TOB, 58:5)

UNIT 2 Jesus Calls Us to Penance and Reconciliation

2-2-6: You Are Body and Soul
(1 Cor 6:19-20; CCC, 365-366; TOB, 19:4, 14:4, 45:2, 57:2, 66:6)

2-2-7: God Commands Us to Love
(Jn 15:12, 1 Cor 13, 1 Jn 4:8; CCC, 1766; TOB, 68:3)

2-2-8: Our Choices Affect Our Body and Soul
(1 Cor 6:19-20; CCC, 1731; TOB, 7:4, 19:4, 45:2, 66:6)

2-2-9: God Guides Our Choices
(Gen 2:17; CCC, 1777-1778, 1784; TOB, 51:6, 57:3)

2-2-10: God Heals Our Souls
(Mk 16:17-18, Jn 20:21-23; CCC, 365-366, 1424; TOB, 7:4, 45:2, 58:5, 66:6)

UNIT 3 Jesus Calls Us to Penance and Reconciliation

2-3-11: God Knows What We Need
(Jn 20:29; CCC, 1376; TOB, 13:4)

2-3-12: We Worship God as a Whole Person
(1 Cor 6:19-20; CCC, 364; TOB, 9:4, 57:2)

2-3-13: God Engages Our Senses
(1 Cor 12:12; CCC, 2500; TOB, 43:7)

2-3-14: We Receive Jesus with Our Body
(1 Cor 6:19; CCC, 364, CCC, 1324-1327; TOB, 19:4, 57:2)

2-3-15: We Act Like Jesus with Our Body and Soul
(1 Cor 6:19-20; CCC, 365-366; TOB, 45:2, 57:2, 66:6)

UNIT 4 We Live Our Catholic Faith

2-4-16: Our Body Is a Gift
(1 Cor 6:19-20; CCC, 364; TOB, 9:4, 14:4, 15:1, 19:3, 19:4, 57:2, 87:5)

2-4-17: In the Person of Christ
(John 20:21-23, Lk 22:19; CCC, 369; LG, 10, TOB, 59:5)

2-4-18: Praying with Our Body and Soul
(1 Jn 4:16; CCC, 365-366, 2559, 2742; TOB, 45:2, 66:6)

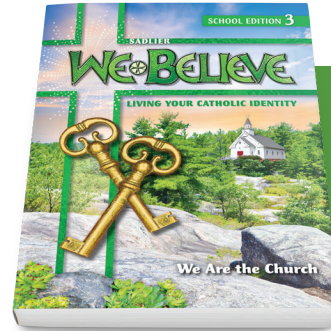
2-4-19: Saints Are Our Models
(2 Tim 4:7; CCC, 957, 366, 962; TOB, 57:3)

2-4-20: Love Like Jesus
(Gen 1:27, Lk 6:31, Jn 13:34-35; CCC, 1766; TOB, 58:5)

Grade 3: We Are the Church

TOB Theme/Standard = Giving & Receiving Love

The third grade Gifted by God sections return to the theme of “Gift” from Kindergarten, in that all gifts are meant to be given and received. It connects the theme of “Gift” with “Love” from first grade but now specifically highlights the male/female dynamic of Christ (male) and His Church (female). God creates each person in His image and likeness distinctly as male or female. The relationship between Christ and His Church lays the foundation for a proper relationship between males and females, the Church, and the whole world in which we live.



UNIT 1 Jesus Gives Us the Church

3-1-1: Jesus Is God and Man
(Jn 1:14, Phil 2:18; CCC, 463; TOB, 23:4)

3-1-2: We Are Made Male and Female
(Gen 1:27; CCC, 369, CCC, 371; TOB, 8:1, 9:3, 10:1, 10:3, 13:1, 14:4, 15:1, 19:1)

3-1-3: Our Heavenly Home
(Rev 21:4, 1 Cor 2:9; CCC, 1026; TOB, 67:5)

3-1-4: Men and Women Serve the Church
(Gen 1:27; CCC, 369; LF, 19, TOB, 8:1)

3-1-5: Give and Grow
(Jn 15:13; CCC, 2473; TOB, 13:4)

UNIT 2 We Are Members of the Church

3-2-6: The Priesthood
(Mt 19:12, Jn 13:5, 12-15, Acts 1:15-26, 6:6; CCC, 1548, 1551, 1579; TOB, 79:9, 80:6)

3-2-7: All People Are Special
(Gen 1:27, Jer 1:5, Jer 29:11; CCC, 2258; TOB, 6:2)

3-2-8: The Bride of Christ
(Ephesians 5:25-27; CCC, 1821; LF, 19, TOB, 89:7)

3-2-9: Being Christ for Others
(Jn 15:12; CCC, 1551, 1554; TOB, 19:3, 59:5)

3-2-10: Called by God
(Jer 29:11; CCC, 1533; VC, 22, FR, 12)

UNIT 3 The Church Leads Us in Worship

3-3-11: Sacraments Are Signs
(Acts, 2:43, 5:12; CCC, 1084, 1116; TOB, 57:3, LS, 235)

3-3-12: The Eucharist Is the Real Presence of Christ
(Jn 6:35, 15:13, 6:35; CCC, 1324-1327; MD, 26)

3-3-13: We Participate Fully, Body and Soul
(Eph 4:5; CCC, 365-366; EV, 81, TOB, 45:2, 66:6)

3-3-14: To Miss the Mark
(1 Jn 5:17; CCC, 1695; TOB, 43:7, 51:6, 58:5)

3-3-15: Heaven Is Our Goal
(Rev 19:7, 1 Cor 2:9; CCC, 1050; TOB, 67:5)

UNIT 4 We Are Called to Discipleship

3-4-16: We Are the Body of Christ
(1 Cor 12:14-18, 12:28-30; CCC, 787-791; GS, 24)

3-4-17: God Loves All People
(Jn 15:12; CCC, 1702; TOB, 15:4)

3-4-18: The Church Is Universal
(Mt 18:19; CCC, 830; TOB, 90:5)

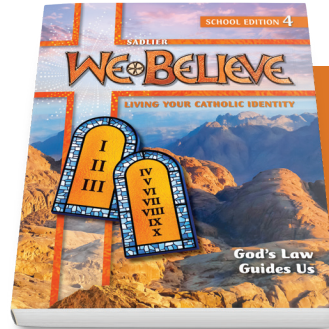
3-4-19: Mary, Joseph, and All the Saints
(Heb 12:1; CCC, 564, 962, 1045; TOB, 57:3)

3-4-20: The Bible: The Book of God's Love
(1 Cor 13, 1 Jn 4:8; CCC, 103-104; TOB, 65:3)

Grade 4: God's Law Guides Us

TOB Theme/Standard = Natural Law & Objective Truth

The fourth grade's Gifted by God sections build upon prior material, specifically about the nature of the human person and the complementarity of being male and female. It delves into the important concepts of Natural Law and Objective Truth. Without these foundational concepts in theology, we risk falling further into a world of relativism where subjectivity rules. God's creation is always good and the way that God creates is perfect. By appreciating these facts, we get to participate in the very life of God. When we follow God, we know what we must do and what we must avoid.



UNIT 1 Growing in Jesus Christ

- 4-1-1: Jesus is Part of Human History
(Jn 1:14, Phil 2:18; CCC, 463; TOB, 16:3, 23:4)
- 4-1-2: God Makes Us Happy
(Heb 13:8; CCC, 1718; LR, p. 145, TOB, 15:5, 16:3)
- 4-1-3: Hitting the Bullseye, or Not
(Mt 19:16; CCC, 1777, 1784; TOB, 51:6)
- 4-1-4: The Natural Law
(2 Tim 4:3, Mt 19:16; CCC, 1954, 1955; VS, 4)
- 4-1-5: Objective Truth
(Jn 14:16; CCC, 107, 215-217; VS, Intro, TOB, 19:5)

UNIT 2 The Commandments Help Us to Love God

- 4-2-6: From "Womb to Tomb"
(Gen 1:27; CCC, 2258, 2319; EV, 81)
- 4-2-7: Facing Temptation
(Mt 4:1, Lk 4:13; CCC, 457; TOB, 43:7)
- 4-2-8: Giving and Receiving Love
(1 Cor 6:19, 13; CCC, 221; TOB, 57:2, EV, 81)
- 4-2-9: Holy Rest
(Gen 2:1-3, Ex 20:8; CCC 2175-2176; DD, 4)
- 4-2-10: A Glimpse of Heaven
(Deut 26:15, Mt 6:9; CCC, 1025, 1326, 2794; MD, 26)

UNIT 3 The Commandments Help Us to Love Others

- 4-3-11: Families Are Communities of Love
(Josh 2:13, 1 Cor 13:13; CCC, 1666, 2373, 2685; TOB, 88:4)
- 4-3-12: Made in the Image of God
(Gen 1:27, Jer 1:5; CCC, 357, 1701-1702; TOB, 13:4, 15:4, 19:3)
- 4-3-13: Focusing on God
(Mt 22:37; CCC, 216; LR, p. 169)
- 4-3-14: Giving and Receiving Gifts
(Gen 2:15; CCC, 221; TOB, 13:3, 16:3)
- 4-3-15: Expressing Your True Self
(Mt 26:48; CCC, 2472-2473; TOB, 103:4)

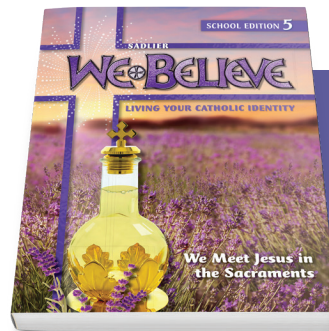
UNIT 4 We Are Called to Holiness

- 4-4-16: Honoring Human Dignity
(Gen 1:27; CCC, 2521, 2524; TOB, 13:1, 16:3, 49:7)
- 4-4-17: God Gives Us Many Gifts
(Jam 1:17; CCC, 2539; TOB, 16:3)
- 4-4-18: Open to God's Grace
(Mt 19:16-17; CCC, 1997; TOB, 16:3)
- 4-4-19: You Are Not Alone
(Gen 2:18; CCC, 771, 775; NMI, 43)
- 4-4-20: Love Is the Greatest Gift
(1 Cor 13:13; 1 Jn 4:8, Jn 15:13 CCC, 1804; LR p. 82-83)

Grade 5: We Meet Jesus in the Sacraments

TOB Theme/Standard = Sacrament as Sign

Each fifth grade Gifted by God section focuses on the sacraments as signs from God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions” (CCC, 1131). The body is not a sacrament but it is like a sacrament because a human person is fully united body and soul: the body is the visible and the soul is the invisible.



UNIT 1 Jesus Christ Shares His Life with Us

5-1-1: The Trinity: A Relationship of Love
(Mt 28:19; CCC, 221, 234, 254; DIM, 3)

5-1-2: You Have a Mission!
(Mk 16:15; CCC, 3, 1025; MD, 26)

5-1-3: Signs that Help Us Get to Heaven
(2 Cor 5:2; CCC, 1084, 1116; TOB, 57:3, LS, 235)

5-1-4: Saints Show Us the Way
(Heb 12:1, 2 Tim 4:7; CCC, 477, 962; TOB, 57:3)

5-1-5: The Start of Our Journey
(Mt 28:19; CCC, 1617; VS, 21)

UNIT 2 Confirmation and Eucharist Complete Our Initiation

5-2-6: Moved by the Spirit
(Acts 2:3; CCC, 1287; VS, 21)

5-2-7: Experiencing Confirmation
(Jn 14:26; CCC, 1288; (To Autolycus, 1:12)

5-2-8: Jesus Sustains Us
(Jn 6:35; CCC, 1324; MD, 26)

5-2-9: Food for the Journey
(Mt 16:26; CCC, 1336; SC, 7)

5-2-10: The Power of Sacramentals
(Acts 19:11-12; CCC, 1667, CCC, 1677; SC, 60)

UNIT 3 The Sacraments of Healing Restore Us

5-3-11: Turning toward God
(Joel 2: 12-13; CCC, 1770; TOB, 58:5)

5-3-12: The Solid Ground of God's Mercy
(Lk 1:78; CCC 1846-1848; TOB, 57:2)

5-3-13: Caring for Body and Soul
(Mk 6:13, Jas 5:14-15; CCC, 365-366, 1511, 2449; TOB, 45:2, 66:6, Origen, Homilies on Leviticus 2:4)

5-3-14: A Gift of Peace
(Mk 6:13, Jas 5:14-15; CCC, 1501, 1511, 2449; Origen, Homilies on Leviticus 2:4)

5-3-15: Mary's Fiat
(Lk 1:38; CCC, 968; Angelus Prayer)

UNIT 4 We Love and Serve as Jesus Did

5-4-16: Practicing Faith, Hope, and Love
(Heb 6:19, 1 Cor 13:13; CCC, 1804; DCE, 42)

5-4-17: Living the Gift
(Ecc 3:1; CCC, 3; TOB, 5:4, 6:2, 15:4)

5-4-18: Serving God in Marriage
(Mt 22:30; CCC, 1604, 1642; TOB, 13:1, 90:2, 90:4, 98:2, LF, 12)

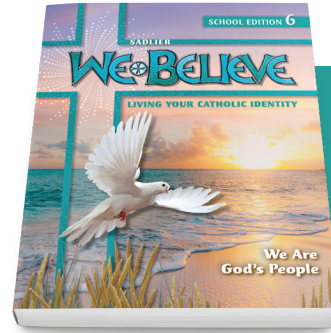
5-4-19: Serving God in Holy Orders
(Jn 13:5, 12-15, Acts 1:15-26, 6:6; CCC, 1551; TOB, 78:2, 79:9)

5-4-20: Living a Sacramental Life
(John 17:21-23; CCC, 811; TOB, 57:3, Pope Benedict XVI, Roman Curia Christmas Greetings, 12/22/05)

Grade 6: We Are God's People

TOB Theme/Standard = The 3 Originals: Solitude, Unity, & Nakedness

The sixth grade Gifted by God sections put what Pope St. John Paul II calls the three “Originals”—Original Solitude, Original Unity, and Original Nakedness—into language younger minds can appreciate and understand. In each “Original” we gain further appreciation of what it means to be human made in the image and likeness of God; the importance of there being two ways of being a body: male and female; the beauty of the unity of man and woman; and the perfect vision that Adam and Eve had before the Fall. In this life and in our quest for heaven, the three Originals give us a vision of our shared humanity, an understanding of where we are now, and the hope for what is to come in Eternal Life.



UNIT 1 Forming the Covenant

6-1-1: Handed Down through Sacred Tradition
(2 Thess 2:15; CCC, 77-78; DV, 9, TOB, 65:3)

6-1-2: The Image and Likeness of God
(Gen 1:27; CCC, 357, 1701-1702; TOB, 15:4, 19:3)

6-1-3: Original Solitude
(Gen 2:7; CCC, 1705; TOB, 5:2, 6:2)

6-1-4: Original Unity
(Gen 2:18, Gen 2:23-24; CCC, 369-373; TOB, 8:1, 10:1, 13:1, 14:4, 19:1, 20:5)

6-1-5: Original Nakedness
(Gen 2:25; CCC, 375-376; TOB, 11:2, 13:1, 19:1)

UNIT 2 Building the Covenant Nation

6-2-6: Grasping at the Gift
(Gen 2:16-17; CCC, 396-397; TOB, 15:1)

6-2-7: True Freedom
(Jn 8:32; CCC, 1731; GS, 24, TOB, 15:2, LR, p. 24, Pope Saint John Paul II, Homily given to Americans in Baltimore, 1995)

6-2-8: Promises of Love
(Mt 5:37, 1 Cor 13; CCC, 1632; LR, p. 172)

6-2-9: You Are Good!
(Mt 5:37; CCC, 2521, 2524; TOB, 13:1, 49:7)

6-2-10: Making Wise Decisions
(Gen 2:17; CCC, 1777, 1784, 1805; FR, 1)

UNIT 3 Redefining the Covenant People

6-3-11: Respect for All
(Gen 1:27; CCC 356-361; TOB, 66:6)

6-3-12: Be Who God Is Calling You to Be
(Jer 29:11, Jer 33:3; CCC, 308; LG, 11)

6-3-13: United Body and Soul
(Gen 1:27; CCC, 365-366; TOB, 45:2, 66:6)

6-3-14: A Wedding Wonder
(Jn 2:1-11; CCC, 1604, 1642; TOB, 10:3)

6-3-15: A “Yes” Like Mary’s
(Lk 1:38, Mt 26:42; CCC, 968; TOB, 23:4)

UNIT 4 The Covenant Fulfilled in Jesus

6-4-16: True Happiness
(Lk 10:7; CCC, 1731; TOB, 15:5, 16:3)

6-4-17: A Eucharistic Life
(Jn 6:35; CCC, 1324-1327; MD, 26)

6-4-18: Standing Up for Our Faith
(Mt 16:18; CCC, 771, 775; LG, 42)

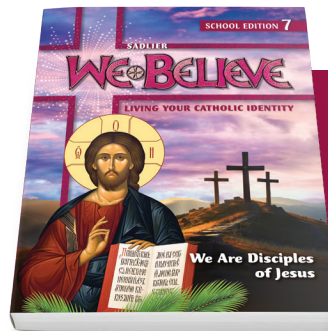
6-4-19: Truly Catholic
(Gen 1:27; CCC, 1928; TOB, 6:2, 15:4)

6-4-20: A Saint in the Making
(John 17:21-23, Heb 12:1, 2 Tim 4:7; CCC, 811, 962; TOB, 66:6, 67:5)

Grade 7: We Are Disciples of Jesus

TOB Theme/Standard = Love & Chastity (To Love Not Use)

Seventh Grade's Gifted by God section highlights the relationship between love and chastity. As St. John Paul II so beautifully said, "Chastity can only be thought of in association with the virtue of love." (LR, p. 169). We are called to love and not use others, and we are called to always look at a person as someone and not something. Love and chastity can only be understood when the dignity of the human person is first realized; the human person is unique and unrepeatable, made in the image and likeness of God. We are "very good" and are called to love as God loves.



UNIT 1 Who Is God?

7-1-1: In God's Image and Likeness

(Gen 1:3, 1:27, 1:31; CCC, 357, 1701-1702; LR, 22, TOB, 15:4, 19:3)

7-1-2: A Yearning for Truth

(Jn 14:6; CCC, 107, 215-217; VS, 1, FR, 25, TOB, 19:5)

7-1-3: An Exchange of Love

(Mt 28:19; CCC 221, 234; DIM, 3)

7-1-4: A Father's Love

(Luke 15:11-32; CCC, 219; LR, p. 16, Saint Pope John Paul II, World Youth Day Toronto, Homily, July 28, 2002)

7-1-5: Fully Human and Fully Divine

(Jn 1:14, Phil 2:18; CCC, 464-469; LR, p. 22)

7-1-6: A True Gift

(Jn 14:26; CCC 683-686; DV, 8, DV, 67)

UNIT 2 Who is Jesus?

7-2-7: Mary's "Yes" as Gift

(Lk 1:38; CCC, 968; LS, 241)

7-2-8: Consecrated to God

(Mt 19:12; CCC, 873; TOB, 79:9, 80:6)

7-2-9: True Happiness

(Mt 5:3-12; CCC, 1718; LR, p. 145; TOB, 15:5, 16:3)

7-2-10: The Gift of Rest

(Gen 2:1-3, Ex 20:8; CCC 2175-2176; DD, 4)

7-2-11: More Precious Than We Know

(Jer 1:5; CCC 2258, 2378; Pope Francis, Angelus, June 6, 2021)

7-2-12: Our Need for a Savior

(Jn 3:16; CCC, 51-53; SD, 6, Pope Benedict, Urbi et Orbi, 2006)

UNIT 3 How Is Jesus Christ Alive in the Church Today?

7-3-13: Sacraments Prepare Us

(Acts, 2:43, 5:12; CCC, 1084, 1116; TOB, 57:3, LS, 235)

7-3-14: To Be Loved

(Jn 3:16, 1 Cor 13; CCC, 68; LR, p. 39, p. 41)

7-3-15: To Love, not Use

(1 Cor 13; CCC, 1822-1829; LR, p. 21, p. 27)

7-3-16: The Greatest Gift

(Jn 6:1-14; Jn 6:35; CCC, 1324-1327; MD, 26, Pope Francis, Angelus, August 18, 2004)

7-3-17: Free Will: Gift and Responsibility

(Jn 8:11; CCC, 1731; LR, p. 24, TOB, 17:2, 58:5)

7-3-18: The Wedding Feast

(Mt 22:2; CCC, 1642; LR, p. 220)

UNIT 4 How Does the Church Live as the Body of Christ?

7-4-19: Called by God

(Mt 19:12, Jn 13:5, 12-15, Acts 1:15-26, 6:6; CCC, 873, 1533; GE, 14, TOB, 79:9, 80:6)

7-4-20: The Virtue of Chastity

(Ps 16:5-6; CCC, 2337; LR, p. 170, p. 171, TOB, 59:4)

7-4-21: Freedom to Love

(Mt 25:40; CCC, 1738; LR, p. 135, p. 256, TOB, 79:9)

7-4-22: Consistent Ethic of Life

(Gen 1:26-27; CCC, 2258; Pope Benedict, Address, February 27, 2006)

7-4-23: The Church Triumphant

(Rev 19:7; Heb 12:1, CCC, 962; TOB, 67:5, 68:3)

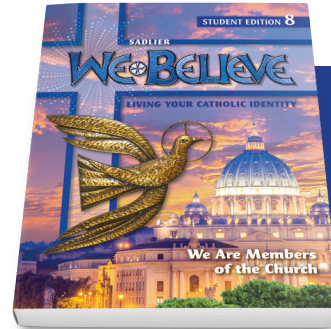
7-4-24: The Kingdom of God

(1 Jn 4:8, 1 Jn 4:19; CCC, 2046; LR, p. 41, TOB, 13:4, 68:3)

Grade 8: We Are Members of the Church

TOB Theme/Standard = Vocation & Modesty (Who Are You Called to Be in the Church)

Eighth Grade's Gifted by God section focuses on our vocation, our unique and personal calling from God, and on modesty and how it can free us to love like God. Serving as a capstone to the previous years' Gifted by God material, all is rooted in the dignity of the human person, God having a plan and purpose for each and every person's life, our goal being heaven, and the important yet difficult command to love like God in this fallen world. When these core teachings are not just known in the head but become a matter of the heart, we can be happy in this life and will yearn for the eternal happiness that awaits us in heaven when we see God face to face and enjoy communion with all the angels and the saints.



UNIT 1 How Do We Nourish God's Gift of Faith?

8-1-1: God Is Love

(1 Jn 4:8; CCC, 214; FC, 11, LR, p. 31)

8-1-2: To Do or Not to Do

(Jn 14:6; CCC, 1777, 1784; VS, 84, LR, p. 74)

8-1-3: A Call to Happiness

(Jn 13:34; CCC, 1718; TOB, 15:5, 16:3, Saint John Paul II, Homily, September 7, 1986)

8-1-4: The Challenge of Love

(Mt 22:36-40, Col 3:14; CCC, 1844; Pope Francis, Twitter, November 11, 2013)

8-1-5: Male and Female

(Gen 1:27; CCC, 369, 371; TOB, 10:1, 13:1, 15:1, 19:1, Pope Francis, General Audience, St. Peter's Square, February 12, 2015)

8-1-6: Modesty Is Beautiful

(Mt 5:37; CCC, 2521, 2524; TOB, 13:1, 49:7, 59:4)

UNIT 2 Who Are Our Ancestors in Faith?

8-2-7: I Am with You Always

(Mt 28:20; CCC, 787; Saint John Paul II, Homily, January 13, 1995)

8-2-8: The Seed of Faith

(Mt 13:31-32; CCC, 638; Saint John Paul II, Angelus, December 14, 1980)

8-2-9: A Divine Vocation

(Jer 29:11; CCC, 1533; VC, 22, GS, 22)

8-2-10: The Gift of the Eucharist

(Jn 6:35; CCC, 1324-1327; MD, 26)

8-2-11: A Place in God's Plan

(Jer 29:11; CCC, 306; Saint John Paul II, Homily, September 2, 1990, CL, 27)

8-2-12: That We May Be One

(Jn 17:11, Eph 4:5; CCC 815; "On Commitment to Ecumenism," 98)

UNIT 3 How Can the Church's Heritage Give Us Hope?

8-3-13: A New Evangelization

(Mk 16:15; CCC, 905; VS, 107, RM, 33)

8-3-14: Hope as an Anchor

(Heb 6:19, Rom 5:5; CCC, 1817-1821; SS, 2)

8-3-15: Proclaim the Gospel

(Mk 16:15; CCC, 1888; CL, 33)

8-3-16: Never Forget to Love

(Jn 15:13, 1 Cor 13, 1 Jn 4:8; CCC, 1822; Saint John Paul II, Homily, February 10, 1986)

8-3-17: Acknowledging Truth

(Jn 8:32; CCC, 107, 215-217; VS, 101, CL, 60, TOB, 19:5)

8-3-18: Light of Faith

(Jn 12:46; CCC, 298; CL, 60)

UNIT 4 What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?

8-4-19: Unique and Unrepeatable

(1 Cor 12:14, 21; CCC, 357, 2258; TOB, 6:2, 15:4, LR, p. 24)

8-4-20: No Coincidences

(Jer 29:11; CCC, 306; VS, 41, Saint John Paul II, Homily, May 13, 1982)

8-4-21: True Peace

(Job, 12:10, Mt 5:9; CCC, 2304-2305; TOB, 67:5)

8-4-22: Witness of God's Love

(Heb 12:1; CCC, 2472, 2692; Saint John Paul II, Angelus, September 7, 1997)

8-4-23: Vocation as God's Plan

(Jer 29:11; CCC, 1533; DA, 9, CL, 58)

8-4-24: A Whole Saint

(Heb 12:1, 2 Tim 4:7; CCC, 962; TOB, 67:5, 68:3)