



**Year of
WITNESS
Curriculum Connections
Elementary Religion Program**

Note to teachers:

Every theme is introduced with a scripture quote for the teacher as catechist. These quotes are meant to inspire teachers and to help them understand the underlying purpose of the lessons, songs, and activities they will be doing with the children.

Scripture is taught throughout the program through: story, song, gesture, drama, art, and symbols.

“Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me...”
~ Luke 9:48

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Kindergarten
In God's Image

The metaphor "TRACE OF GOD" is used throughout In God's Image, linking the resource to the activities, growth and very being of the young child.

- "TRACE OF GOD" describes the qualities of 4/5 year olds who are creating a space for themselves in God's world.

- In each Theme, the children naturally and playfully bear **Witness** to all that God has created.

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Grade 1—We Belong

Unit 1: Welcome! You belong

1. Welcome	p.39	A Different Kind of Magic	Hello! Hello!	Track #2
2. We belong	p.45	We Belong to a Circle of Friends	Circle of Friends	Track #3
	p.46	We Belong to a Family		

3. We celebrate	p.49-56	We Prepare to Celebrate Celebrating together Let's Remember our Celebration	Hello! Hello! Circle of Friends	Track #2 Track #3
Unit 2: Jesus welcomes us				
4. Jesus welcomes children	p.60-61 p.62-63	We Listen to a story about Welcoming Adults welcome Us	Circle of Friends Good News Let the Children Come to me	Track #3 Track #9 Track #5
5. We meet Jesus' friends	p.71 p.71-72	Jesus invites us to come to a wedding Jesus invites us to a feast	Shalom	Track #6
6. We are Jesus' friends	p.77-78 p.78-79	We appreciate Jesus as a Storyteller Jesus tells us how to be a friend	Who is this man?	Track #7
Unit 3: We hear the story of God through Jesus				
7. We hear Jesus' stories about God in the Bible	p.85-86	Jesus tells stories about God in Parables	Look what's growing!	Track #8
8. We celebrate the Bible as the Word of God	p.94-95	We Celebrate the Word of God	Hello! Hello! Good News Circle of Friends	Track #2 Track #9 Track #3
9. I am the Good Shepherd	p.101-103	God the Good Shepherd	I will Follow the Good Shepherd	Track #10
Unit 4: God dwells among us				
10. God chooses Mary	p.109-110	Mary Says Yes to God	Mary Of Nazareth	Track #12
11. We share Mary's Joy	p.118-119 p.119	We Wait with Mary We share in the Wonder and Joy of a Pregnant	Mary Of Nazareth	Track #12

		Woman		
12. We celebrate Advent	p.126-127 p.128	We celebrate Advent We Remember our Celebration	Walking Toward Christmas	Track #11
Unit 5: I'll always be with you				
13. God is with us	p.132-133 p.134-135	We Remember Christmas We Hear the Story of the Magi	Walking Toward Christmas	Track #11
14. God takes care of us	p.140-143	Others Care I Care Jesus Cares God Cares...We Care	God Cares	Track #14
15. God takes care of the world	p.150-152	God takes care of Us We Care for Our World	Look what's Growing God's World	Track #8 Track #16
Unit 6: Hallowed be your name				
16. God calls us by name	p.158-159	God Cares for us and Calls us by Name	Mary of Nazareth	Track #12
17. We call God by name	p.164-167	We explore Images of God We treasure the gift of Fathers	I Belong	Track #4
18 Jesus shows us how to talk to God our Father	p.174-175	We Learn from Jesus how to talk to God		
Unit 7: Your will be done				
19. Jesus invites his friends to a meal	p.180-181	We Hear about God's Will We Hear a Meal Story about Jesus	Everybody Come and Share God Cares	Track #15 Track #14
20. Jesus invites us to love others as he loves us	p.188-192	Jesus Shows us how he	God Cares	Track #14

		cares for others Caregivers show how they care for others We explore ways to care We Care for Others	Hello, Hello Let the children come to me Who is this man?	Track #2 Track #5 Track #7
21. Let God's will be done	p.196-197 p.198-199	We share Friendship Our Circle grows Wider	Circle of Friends	Track #3
Unit 8: We belong to God's family				
22. God wants a world of friends	p.205-207	Jesus loves a man named Zacchaeus		
23. Jesus invites us to forgive	p.213-214	Jesus Welcomes and Forgives		
24. Jesus gives his life for us	p.220-223	Jesus Shares His Last Meal with His Friends We Remember the cross of Jesus as a Sign of Love		
Unit 9: The Holy Spirit Gathers us into God's circle of friends				
25. Praise God for new life	p.230-232	We Hear an Easter Story We celebrate the new Life Of Easter	We Have Alleluia	Track #18
26. We are born of the Spirit	p.237-239	We remember our Baptism We Celebrate the Holy Spirit	Hello, Hello! I Belong	Track #2 Track #4
27. The Christian community welcomes us with great joy	p.246-247	We welcome a newly baptized Christian (Neophyte)	Hello, Hello	Track #2
Unit 10: We are born of the Spirit				
28. In the Spirit we belong	p.252	Families Share what is important	Circle of Friends	Track #3
29. The Holy Spirit helps us to remember	p.263	We proclaim what we	We Believe	Track #19

		believe		
30. Let's celebrate	p.271	We Celebrate that we belong to God	We Believe Good News We Have Alleluia Glory Be	Track #19 #9 #18 #20

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Grade 2—*We Belong to the Lord Jesus*

Unit 1: Let's be friends				
1. It's good to be here!	p.46	Getting Acquainted		
2. What a joy to have friends!	p.52 p.54-55	Friends are Fun A Friend is someone who...	Welcome My Friend	Track #1
3. Let's party	p.62-63	Let's remember our Celebration		
Unit 2: Let's come together				
4. I belong	p.68-70	Sharing My memories of Belonging I belong to...	Welcome My Friend	Track #1
5. We gather	p.74-75	Let's get together	Welcome My Friend	Track #1
6. We belong	p.82-84	God Calls us together as Friends God calls us together in the spirit	Taking Our Place	Track #3
Unit 3: Let's treasure God's word				

7. We celebrate the word				
8. We savour the word	p.103	We Hear how the Sunday assembly celebrates the word	Welcome My Friend	Track #1
9. We respond to the word	p.108-111	We enjoy our favourite stories about Jesus We share our favourite stories about Jesus We hear a story about Jesus and Peter	Feasting at the Table of the Word	Track #5
Unit 4: Let's treasure God's presence				
10. In Advent we listen	p.119	We savour the story of the Annunciation	God has come to me	Track #6
11. In Advent we treasure	p.122-123 p.124-125 p.126-127	Good news visits Yes to God's Word Open our hearts to the Word	God has come to me	Track #6
12. In Advent we respond	p.130-131 p.134-135	We hear a story about John the Baptist We savour God's Word	God has come to me	Track #6
Unit 5: Let's treasure God's gift				
13. Jesus is God's gift to us	p.142-143	We hear the story of the Magi		
14. We treasure the gift of God's story	p.149-152	The Gift of Jesus The Gift of the Spirit	We Believe	Track #8
15. With Jesus, we pray together	p.158-159	With Jesus we care for the World With Jesus we care for Others	Intercessory response	Track #9
Unit 6: Let's take				

16. We savour the gifts from the earth	p.168-169	Earth for all!	Song of the Earth	Track #10
17. We celebrate the work of human hands	p.175-177	Which Earth has given And Human hands have made	Song of the Earth	Track #10
18. We prepare the table of the Eucharist	p.180-181	Table talk		
Unit 7: Let's bless				
19. We lift up our hearts to the Lord				
20. Do this in memory of me	p.198-199	We savour the Sunday assembly	Litany Response	Track #11
21. May the Holy Spirit come upon these gifts	p.205-207	At whose command we celebrate this mystery We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.	Spirit of our God	Track #12
Unit 8: Let's break				
22. Give us this day our daily bread	p.214-217	Forgive us as we forgive one another	Jesus is our peace	Track #13
23. Bread broken for you, and cup poured out for you	p.220-225	We listen to the story of the passion of Jesus Christ		
24. You are invited to the table of the Eucharist	p.228-230	Our stories of caring May I help you? Getting ready to feast at the table	Taking Our place At the Table of our God Feasting at the table of the Word Ubi Caritas	Track #3 #14 #5 #15
Unit 9: Let's eat and drink				
25. Alleluia! He is risen	p.236-241	Hear my Story Hooray for Easter!	We Have Alleluia!	Track #16

		Alleluia, let us rejoice!		
26. Come, take and eat	p.244-247	We prepare a morning feast Breakfast on the shore with Jesus Jesus feeds us too!	At the Table of our God We have Alleluia!	Track #14 #16
27. Jesus is our food and drink	p.250-255	Jesus shares food with all who come to Him Jesus is the Bread of Life Jesus' friends share food with others We reach out to those in need	We have Alleluia!	Track #16
Unit 10: Let's go forth				
28. With God's blessing, we go forth	p.263	To love and serve the Lord		
29. We meet the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread	p.268-273	The risen Jesus walks together with his friends The risen Jesus shares good news with his friends Jesus breaks bread with his friends Jesus is with us!	Journey of Love	Track #18
30. Let's celebrate!	p.276-278	We remember our time together	Select favourite music from the year	

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Grade 3—*In the Spirit We Belong*

Unit 1: We welcome and gather in the Spirit				
1. Welcome!				
2. Dreaming with God	p.54-55	God's dream for us		
3. Let's Celebrate!	p.63-64	We celebrate the word of God	Song of Gathering Gospel Acclamation Eucharistic Acclamation	Track #1 #4 #7
Unit 2: The Holy Spirit gathers and feed us at Eucharist				
4. The Holy Spirit is at work among us	p.71-73	We remember St. Vincent de Paul The spirit of St. Vincent lives on	Song of Gathering	Track #1
5. The Holy Spirit is at work in the Eucharist	p.74-91	We prepare the gathering rite We prepare the Liturgy of the Word We prepare the Liturgy of the Eucharist We prepare the dismissal rite	Song of Gathering Gospel Acclamation Taking Our Place Intercessory Response Eucharistic Acclamation Taste and See Tell the World	Track #1 #4 #5 #6 #7 #8 #9
6. We celebrate Eucharist	p.98-99	We share bread and remember God, who	Song of Gathering	#1

		nourishes us		
Unit 3: The Holy Spirit calls and anoints us in Baptism and Confirmation				
7. We belong to the Sunday assembly	p.108-109	We remember our baptism	Taking our place	#5
8. We come together signed with God's Spirit	p.114-119	I Baptize you in the name of...	Song of gathering Initiation Acclamation We Believe	#1 #11 #10
9. We are called into service by the Spirit	p.125-128	Go in peace, to love and serve We hear stories about service We are called to serve	Initiation Acclamation With our Ears	#11 #3
Unit 4: The Holy Spirit comes upon Advent people				
10. In the Spirit we wait for God's coming	p.135	Here am I; send me!	Gentle Spirit, Gentle Dove	#14
11. In the Spirit we wait with Mary	p.141-142	Here am I, the servant of the Lord	Gospel Acclamation	#12
12. The Spirit is upon us in Advent	p.146-147	We remember the story of Joseph in Advent	Gospel Acclamation	#12
Unit 5: The Holy Spirit dwells in Jesus Gospel Acclamation				
13. God dwells among us	p.158-160	Christmas Light! Gathered in Love	Gospel Acclamation Gentle Spirit Gentle Dove	#13 #14
14. The Holy Spirit fills Jesus with God's power	p.164-167	The Holy Spirit fills Jesus with God's power What does God ask of us? Jesus reveals God's dream		

15. The Holy Spirit works in Jesus	p.172-176	Surprise! Sharing Our story memories Celebrate the Spirit!	The Spirit is upon me Eucharistic Acclamation	#15 #7
Unit 6: The Holy Spirit dwells in the followers of Jesus				
16. Jesus shares his mission with the disciples	p.180-183	Come Follow me	Two by Two	#17
17. The Spirit is upon us	p.186-190	The work of God's Spirit continues The Pentecost Story is alive in us! We grow in the Spirit	Gospel Acclamation With Our Ears Two by Two	#4 #3 #17
18 We meet people of the Spirit	p.194-199	The First Pentecost The Holy Spirit gives us Strength The Holy Spirit Fills us with Courage We give thanks for People of the "Spirit"	Two by Two	#17
Unit 7: The Holy Spirit fills the whole earth				
19. You stretch out the heavens like a tent	p.204-209	Lent is here! Now is the season to Sing! I will sing to the Lord!	Song of Creation	#18
20. Crowned with God's glory	p.215-217	A Delicate Balance!		
21. The earth shall yield its fruits	p.220-223	Earth counts on us!	Song of Creation	#18
Unit 8: The Holy Spirit reconciles people				
22. Jesus brings the spirit of forgiveness	p.228-233	Jesus welcomes and forgives sinners Jesus brings the spirit	Jesus is our Peace	#20

		of forgiveness We discover experiences of unfairness in the world We explore sin in our own lives		
23. In the power of the Spirit we forgive	p.238	God's love is everlasting! To forgive and to be forgiven We learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Intercessory response Jesus is our peace	#6 #20
24. In the death of Jesus we are reconciled	p.248-251	We listen to the story of the Passion of Jesus Christ		
Unit 9: The Holy Spirit gives new life				
25. Alleluia! He is risen	p.256-259	Easter Fire! Spring Burst	We Have Alleluia!	#22
26. The Holy Spirit renews the face of the Earth	p.264-267	We Begin Anew! We change and Grow We Have New Life in the Spirit		
27. We have new life in the Spirit	p.272-275	New Life in the Spirit We Meet an Easter Person		
Unit 10: The Holy Spirit is alive				
28. We are the Church	p.282-285	The Creed tells Us who We are	We Believe	#10

		We learn our Creed		
29. Spirit-filled, we reach out to serve	p.288-293	The Holy Spirit Made me do it Sent By Jesus Glad to Be of Help!	The Spirit is Alive Two By Two	#23 #17
30. We celebrate that we are the Church	p.296-299	We treasure who we are We Celebrate that we are the Church	The Spirit is Alive Taking Our Place	#23 #1

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Grade 4—Come and See

Unit 1: The Church hands on the good news				
1. New beginnings	p.40-44	We listen to a special story We make new beginnings in the power of the Holy Spirit	Part of a Circle Spirit Friend	Track#1 #2
2. The church hands on the story of Jesus	p.49-51	Our parish family passes on stories The Church treasures and hands on the stories of Jesus	The Church is Wherever God's People are Praising	#3

3. We explore the New Testament	p.60-63	A visitor shares with us the meaning of the good news We learn about the four gospels and the gospel writers	Good News	#4
Unit 2: The good news about Jesus Christ				
4. The Holy Spirit helps the disciples to remember Jesus	p.68-71	We remember people we love The early Christian community remembers	The Church is Wherever God's People are Praising	#3
5. First memories of Jesus: The call to "Come and See"	p.76-81	The joy of a friendly smile! We look at Jesus through John's and Matthew's eyes We listen to the invitation to follow Jesus	Follow Me	#7
6. And great crowds followed Jesus	p.84-87	We share stories of people who attract crowds Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"	Who do you say that I am?	#8
Unit 3: Jesus tells us about the reign of God				
7. Jesus is a storyteller	p.92-95	We talk about storytellers		

		Jesus is a story-teller		
8. Jesus the Parable	p.104-105	We share God's dream of the Kingdom	Follow Me	#7
9. Parables are kingdom stories	p.108-111	In search of more parables Jesus tells us about the good shepherd We Pray the Good Shepherd Psalm 23	The Sower May Your Word The Lord is my Shepherd	#9 #5 #11
Unit 4: A light shines in the darkness				
10. A light shines in the darkness	p.116-121	Light in Darkness A Message of hope from a great leader Celebrating Hope in Advent	Children of the Light	#12
11. John the Baptists bears witness to the light	p.124-128	What then shall we do? John came to bear witness to the Light Witnesses to the light	John Cried Out Children of the Light	#13 #12
12. We celebrate the light shining in darkness	p.134-137	A celebration of light and hope	Children of the Light Mary, Mary	#12 #14
Unit 5: Jesus, "born of a woman"				
13. Jesus, born of a woman	p.142-144	Christmas Light! Guided By A Star	Children of the Light	#12
14. Jesus is presented in the Temple	p.148-149	"My eyes have seen...a light"		

15. When Jesus was 12 years old	p.156-157	We go with Jesus to the Temple	Mary, Mary	#14
Unit 6: Jesus reveals the compassion of God				
16. Jesus announces the kingdom of God	p.172-173	Signs of God's kingdom in our community	Come and See	#16
17. Jesus goes about doing good	p.178-181	Jesus goes about doing good We tell stories of Jesus bringing the Good news	Come and See	#16
18. They were all astounded and praise God	p.184-185	Crowds of People responded to Jesus		
Unit 7: Jesus says "I am the way"				
19. Jesus is sent to bring God's love	p.196-	We see how God's spirit works in our lives We hear a conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus	Spirit Friend Follow Me	#2 #7
20. Jesus is the living water	p.204-205	We reflect on the nourishing qualities of water We listen to a scripture story about water		
21. Jesus show us the Father	p.211	Lord, show us the Father	Day by Day	#10
Unit 8: Jesus gives his life for us				
22. Jesus goes up to Jerusalem	p.220-223	The triumphant entry into Jerusalem We witness Jesus'		

		continued faithfulness		
23. Jesus gives himself	p.228-232	A life for others We remember Jesus' twofold command		
24. Jesus dies for us	p.236-241	The Stations of the Cross We gather in ritual	Keep in Mind	#6
Unit 9: "My Lord and My God!"				
25. He who was crucified is risen!	p.246-250	He is not here; he is risen! "Come and have Breakfast"	That Eastertide with Joy was Bright	#20
26. We have seen the Lord	p.254-259	Peter confesses his love The disciples come to believe in Jesus as Lord		
27. "Now at last they know "	p.264-265	We really know when we trust		
Unit 10: Jesus' Spirit is with us				
28. The Holy Spirit will bring us to Jesus Christ	p.274-277	We reflect on Promises The story of Jesus continues through the power of his Spirit	Spirit Friend	#2
29. You shall be my witness	p.282-287	We, too, are sent		
30. We celebrate our story—Come and See!	p.293	We celebrate our Story		

