

## **TEACHING THE CANADIAN CATECHETICAL SERIES IN COMBINED GRADES**

<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>GRADE 5 – MAY WE BE ONE</b>	<b>GRADE 6 YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES</b>	<b>CENTRAL CONCEPT</b>
SEPTEMBER	UNIT 1 – The Church proclaims the good news Theme 1 – We are God's work of art	UNIT 1 – You are my friends Theme 2 – You are the light of the world  Theme 3 – Lord, bless this fire and make it holy	Gathering and Community Building Establishment of key ongoing symbols (N.B. Both the rock from grade 5 and the lantern from grade 6 can be easily brought together by using a lantern in place of the usual candle in the prayer centre and in celebrations).
OCTOBER	UNIT 2 – The Church believes in the Lord Jesus Theme 4 – Peter shares his belief in the Lord Jesus  Theme 5 – Baptized in the name of Jesus Christ  Theme 6 – We proclaim the greatness of God		The early church  The first two sacraments of initiation – Baptism and Confirmation
NOVEMBER		UNIT 3 – I shall be your God; you shall be my people Theme 7 – I will make an everlasting covenant with you  Theme 8 – Love the Lord your God  Theme 9 – Love your neighbour  Unit 5 – I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life Theme 14 – Let justice flow like water.	Old Testament Covenant stories  The Ten Commandments  Introduction to justice issues

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DECEMBER	UNIT 4 – The Church expects the coming of the Lord. Activity Sheet #10 – Jesse Tree Project  Theme 10 – God will prepare a banquet for all people	UNIT 4 –God so loved the world Theme 12 – Let it be with me according to your word	The Jesse Tree Project makes a good link between the Old Testament figures students have been studying and New Testament witnesses. Begin Advent with this activity followed by Theme 10 of grade 5 and Theme 12 of grade 6.  Advent people and the spirit of hope.
JANUARY	UNIT 5 – The Church welcomes all nations Theme 13 – God chooses a people	UNIT 6 - Love your enemies Theme 16 – But I say to you  Theme 17 – Blessed are you  Theme 18 – Rejoice in that day and leap for joy.	The moral teachings of Jesus  The Beatitudes

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FEBRUARY MARCH	UNIT 5 – The Church welcomes all nations Theme 14 – God is faithful  Theme 15 – The Lord welcomes all the nations  (N.B. If Ash Wednesday occurs early, it may be necessary to defer the above two themes until after Unit 9 – the Easter Unit – see April/May).	UNIT 7 – “What you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me” Theme 19 – (Week of Ash Wednesday) When you pray  Theme 20 – When you fast  Theme 21 – When you give alms	The spread of the Church throughout the world and throughout history.          Lenten catechesis and traditions  Practicing justice.
MARCH APRIL	UNIT 8 – The Church loves Theme 22 – Love as I have loved you  Theme 23 – I have given you an example  Theme 24 – We ponder the mystery of God’s love		Reconciliation  Holy Week

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<p>APRIL MAY</p>	<p>UNIT 9 – The Church rejoices Theme 25 – Were not our hearts burning within us?  Theme 26 – We are Easter people</p>	<p>UNIT 5 – I am the Way, the Truth and the Life Theme 15 – Give to each other</p>	<p>Easter  Sacraments  People of justice</p>
<p>MAY JUNE</p>	<p>Theme 27 – We meet Easter People</p>	<p>UNIT 10 – You shall be my witnesses Theme 28 – Jesus is going ahead of you  Theme 29 – Then they told what had happened on the road  Theme 30 – Follow me (Allow two weeks for this excellent, comprehensive catechesis of the eucharist)</p>	<p>Saints and Canadian Witnesses  (Choose examples from Th. 27 of grade 5 and Th. 28 of grade 6 rather than teach both themes in their entirety)  Review of year  Catechesis, preparation and celebration of the Eucharist.</p>