

TEACHING THE CANADIAN CATECHETICAL SERIES IN COMBINED GRADES

TIME FRAME	GRADE 7 PROGRAM BELIEVE IN ME	GRADE 8 PROGRAM STAND BY ME	CENTRAL CONCEPT
SEPTEMBER	UNIT 1 – I ...We Theme 1.3 – Do I Belong?	UNIT 2 – We Believe in the Holy Church Theme 2.1 – Who wants to be holy? Theme 2.2 – How do I fit in?	Sacramentality, Sacraments of Initiation – belonging Biblical Overview
OCTOBER	UNIT 2 –We Believe in God Theme 2.1 – Whom do we trust? Theme 2.2 – Am I all on my own?		stories of covenant love: Abraham and Moses
NOVEMBER		UNIT 2 – We believe in the holy church Theme 2.3 – What can I do when my life seems to be falling apart? UNIT 5 – We believe in ...the forgiveness of sins Theme 5.1 - We know these rules Why do we have to learn them again? Theme 5.2 – What’s right? What’s wrong? Theme 5.3 – How can we work it out? Theme 5.4 –Why should I confess my sins to anyone besides God?	Anointing and Reconciliation Reconciliation

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DECEMBER	UNIT 7 – We believe in Jesus... who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary Theme 7.1 – Why is everybody always picking on me? Theme 7.2 – Who understands me?		Incarnation; land and times of Jesus.
JANUARY	UNIT 5 – We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son Theme 5.1 – What’s in a name? Theme 5.2 – How does Jesus challenge me? Theme 5.3 – What makes Jesus believable?		The person of Jesus.
FEBRUARY		UNIT 3 – We believe in one Catholic and Apostolic Church Theme 3.1 – Why bother with church? Theme 3.2 – What can I hope for when I give?	Models of Church; Marriage, Holy Orders
MARCH	UNIT 8 – He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. Theme 8.1 – What risks are worth taking? Theme 8.2 – What’s the point of sacrifice? Theme 8.3 – Who’s in? Who’s out?		The passion of Jesus

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APRIL – early MAY	UNIT 9 – On the third day He rose He ascended into heaven Theme 9.1 – Is there hope?	UNIT 1 – We believe in the Holy Spirit Theme 1.1 – What do they expect me to do now? Theme 1.2 – Am I strong enough? Theme 1.3 – How do I know I’m on the right track? Theme 1.4 – What does it take to really win?	Resurrection The Holy Spirit
MAY	UNIT 4 – We believe in God... the creator of heaven and earth Theme 4.1 – Is what I do good enough? Theme 4.2 – That’s not my job! Is it? Theme 4.3 – Why do I need you?		Creation stories in the Bible
JUNE		UNIT 8 – Amen Theme 8.1 – So what difference does belief make? Theme 8.2 – Why go to mass? Theme 8.3 – How shall we celebrate?	Planning, Celebrating and Reflecting on Eucharist Review of Creed