

21-Session Catechesis Model

We Believe™
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and *We Live Our Faith™*
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Dear Catechetical Leader,

Perhaps your parish does not schedule 27 or more sessions for religious education, or other circumstances cause you to reduce the number of weeks available for faith formation classes. Here is a guide to help you and your catechists use *We Believe Catholic Identity* and *We Live Our Faith Catholic Identity* using a 21-Session Model. Please note, catechetical leaders should check with their diocesan office to see if there are any requirements for the number of catechetical sessions to be scheduled each year. If more than 21 sessions are required, then all the lessons in *We Believe Catholic Identity* should meet your needs.

Notes:

- Some lessons at each grade level have been omitted. These are listed at the bottom of the chart. These were not arbitrarily chosen. Attention was given to maintaining the integrity of *We Believe Catholic Identity* and *We Live Our Faith Catholic Identity* and the grade level theme/focus when deciding which lessons could be left out. This is why the particular chapters and number of chapters omitted vary at each grade level.
- The lessons not included in the 21-Session Model could be incorporated if extra time is available.
- Two of the four Catholic Identity Retreats have been scheduled in the 21-Session Model and one full retreat is scheduled (Creed). A second retreat (Morality) has been combined with the chapter on Lent from the student text. You may choose to use the parts of the retreat based on the time available. Parts 5 and 6 can be skipped, and Part 1 can be done quickly to move into the theme of the retreat.
- The two retreats not included in the schedule (Liturgy & Sacraments and Prayer) can be substituted for any of the other retreats if this better meets your needs. Also, these retreats can be scheduled at a time outside the formal religious education setting, for example, during the summer or on an evening or weekday, inviting parents to join children in prayerful reflection.
- Grades 7 & 8 Liturgical Year lessons are included as a resource called Seasons and Celebrations at the back of the student book. Appropriate page number references have been made where appropriate instead of chapter numbers.
- If the Liturgical Year is addressed and included in your program outside the Liturgical Year lessons in the book, then these can be omitted in the schedule and lessons that were skipped and/or Retreats not included in the schedule can be substituted.
- Grade 7 & Grade 8 catechists should be encouraged to follow the yellow highlighted sections of their Catechist/Teacher Guide to address key concepts in the lesson if time is an issue.
- Catechetical leaders are welcome to adjust/modify the schedule as desired or needed. This is only a suggested plan to include *We Believe Catholic Identity* and *We Live our Faith Catholic Identity* lessons in a 21-Session Model.

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	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Session 1	Chapter 1	Chapter 1	Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 2	Chapter 1	Chapter 1	Chapter 1	Chapter 2
Session 2	Chapter 2	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 3	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 3
Session 3	Chapter 3	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 4	Chapter 5	Chapter 4	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 4
Session 4	Chapter 4	Chapter 4	Chapter 8	Chapter 5	Chapter 8	Chapter 5	Chapter 4	Chapter 6	Chapter 5
Session 5 <i>Liturgical Year</i> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	Chapter 6	Chapter 6	Chapter 6	Chapter 6	Chapter 6	Chapter 6	Chapter 6	Liturgical Year: 272–276	Liturgical Year: 272–276
	Chapter 7	Chapter 7	Chapter 7	Chapter 7	Chapter 7	Chapter 7	Chapter 7	Ordinary Time: 301–304	Ordinary Time: 301–304
Session 6	Retreat Creed: R1–R8	Retreat Creed: R1–R8	Retreat Creed: R1–R8	Retreat Creed: R1–R8	Retreat Creed: R1–R8	Retreat Creed: R1–R8	Retreat Creed: R1–R8	Retreat Creed: R1–R8	Retreat Creed: R1–R8
Session 7 <i>Advent</i>	Chapter 13 Chapter 15	Chapter 13 Chapter 25	Chapter 13	Chapter 13 Chapter 25	Chapter 13	Chapter 13 Chapter 19	Chapter 13	Chapter 7	Chapter 6
Session 8	Chapter 5	Chapter 5	Chapter 9	Chapter 9	Chapter 9	Chapter 8	Chapter 8	Chapter 8	Chapter 7
Session 9 <i>Christmas</i>	Chapter 14	Chapter 14	Chapter 14	Chapter 14	Chapter 14	Chapter 14	Chapter 14 Chapter 19	Christmas: 281–284	Christmas: 281–284
Session 10	Chapter 8 Chapter 9	Chapter 8	Chapter 10	Chapter 10	Chapter 10	Chapter 9	Chapter 9	Chapter 9	Chapter 9
Session 11	Chapter 11 Chapter 12	Chapter 9	Chapter 11	Chapter 11	Chapter 11	Chapter 10	Chapter 10	Chapter 11	Chapter 11

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Session 12	Chapter 16	Chapter 10 Chapter 11	Chapter 12	Chapter 15	Chapter 12	Chapter 11	Chapter 12	Chapter 12	Chapter 12
Session 13	Chapter 17	Chapter 15	Chapter 15	Chapter 16	Chapter 15	Chapter 12	Chapter 15	Chapter 13	Chapter 13
Session 14	Chapter 18	Chapter 17	Chapter 16	Chapter 17	Chapter 16	Chapter 16	Chapter 16	Chapter 16	Chapter 15
Session 15 <i>Lent</i>	Chapter 20 Retreat Morality: R1–R24	Chapter 20 Retreat Morality: R17–R24	Chapter 20 Retreat Morality: R17–R24	Chapter 20 Retreat Morality: R17–R24	Chapter 20 Retreat Morality: R17–R24	Chapter 20 Retreat Morality: R17–R24	Chapter 20 Retreat Morality: R17–R24	Lent: 285–288 Retreat Morality: R17–R24	Lent: 285–288 Retreat Morality: R17–R24
Session 16	Chapter 19	Chapter 19	Chapter 17	Chapter 18	Chapter 17	Chapter 18	Chapter 17	Chapter 17	Chapter 16
Session 17	Chapter 22	Chapter 22	Chapter 18	Chapter 22	Chapter 18	Chapter 22	Chapter 22	Chapter 20	Chapter 18
Session 18	Chapter 23	Chapter 23	Chapter 19	Chapter 23	Chapter 19	Chapter 23	Chapter 23	Chapter 21	Chapter 21
Session 19	Chapter 24	Chapter 24	Chapter 23	Chapter 25	Chapter 22	Chapter 24	Chapter 24	Chapter 22	Chapter 22
Session 20	Chapter 25 Chapter 26	Chapter 26	Chapter 25	Chapter 26	Chapter 23	Chapter 25	Chapter 25	Chapter 24	Chapter 24
Session 21 <i>The Three Days/ Triduum Easter</i>	Chapter 21 Chapter 27	Chapter 21 Chapter 27	Chapter 21 Chapter 27	Chapter 21 Chapter 27	Chapter 21 Chapter 27	Chapter 21 Chapter 27	Chapter 21 Chapter 27	Triduum: 289–292 Easter: 293–296 Ascension: 297–300	Triduum: 289–292 Easter: 293–296 Ascension: 297–300

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Chapters not included in the 21-Session Model. These can be included if extra time and/or identified grade level core lessons are completed.	Chapter 10	Chapter 12 Chapter 16 Chapter 18	Chapter 2 Chapter 5 Chapter 22 Chapter 24 Chapter 26	Chapter 1 Chapter 8 Chapter 12 Chapter 19 Chapter 24	Chapter 1 Chapter 3 Chapter 24 Chapter 25 Chapter 26	Chapter 2 Chapter 15 Chapter 17 Chapter 22 Chapter 26	Chapter 5 Chapter 11 Chapter 16 Chapter 18 Chapter 26	Chapter 2 Chapter 5 Chapter 10 Chapter 14 Chapter 15 Chapter 18 Chapter 19 Chapter 23	Chapter 1 Chapter 8 Chapter 10 Chapter 14 Chapter 17 Chapter 19 Chapter 20 Chapter 23
Retreats not included. These can be substituted for those identified in the 21-Session Model. They can also be used if other opportunities are available during the year.	Retreat Liturgy & Sacraments: R9–R16 Retreat Prayer: R25–R32	Retreat Liturgy & Sacraments: R9–R16 Retreat Prayer: R25–R32	Retreat Liturgy & Sacraments: R9–R16 Retreat Prayer: R25–R32	Retreat Liturgy & Sacraments: R9–R16 Retreat Prayer: R25–R32	Retreat Liturgy & Sacraments: R9–R16 Retreat Prayer: R25–R32	Retreat Liturgy & Sacraments: R9–R16 Retreat Prayer: R25–R32	Retreat Liturgy & Sacraments: R9–R16 Retreat Prayer: R25–R32	Retreat Liturgy & Sacraments: R9–R16 Retreat Prayer: R25–R32	Retreat Liturgy & Sacraments: R9–R16 Retreat Prayer: R25–R32