

#### **GRADE 1**

**THEME** God is our Father who loves us.

Jesus is the Son of God who tells us about our Father.

The Holy Spirit helps us to be holy.

**OBJECTIVE** To develop an awareness of God the Creator, who gives us life and grace and promised us eternal life through Jesus.

**PRAYERS** Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, The Glory Be (Doxology) Section 1 of the Apostles' Creed

#### **S**AINTS

**SEMESTER 1** St. Nicholas

**SEMESTER 2** St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**ANYTIME** Patron Saint of your School and Region

### The Religion Teacher

"The religion teacher is the key, the vital component, if the educational goals of the school are to be achieved. But the effectiveness of religious instruction is closely tied to the personal witness given by the teacher; this witness is what brings the content of the lessons to life... Most of all, students should be able to recognize authentic human qualities in their teachers. They are teachers of the faith; however, like Christ, they must also be teachers of what it means to be human... A teacher who has a clear vision of the Christian milieu and lives in accord with it will be able to help young people develop a similar vision, and will give them the inspiration they need to put it into practice."

(Congregation for Catholic Education, The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School, 1988)

### A few notes on using the Pacing Guides...

- Passing on the faith to the next generation is a primary mission of the church, and Catholic schools have participated in this evangelizing mission from the very beginning.
- The Religion Pacing Guides are truly *guides* for instruction. They are not the Religion Guidelines, nor are they a curriculum. They are intended to help the teachers in organizing their instruction of the content of the Religion Guidelines.
- Respect Life Lessons are taught in all grades during the months of October and January. A direct link to these lessons is provided in the Pacing Guides for the months of October and January.
- The Sadlier and Sophia Institute textbooks/resources are not curriculums.
   Therefore, the Pacing Guides do not follow the order of any textbook. Hence, in the Resources column of the Pacing Guides, chapter numbers from the Sadlier\* textbooks appear inconsecutively and multiple times. (\*Both We Believe Catholic Identity Editions and Christ in Us School Editions are listed.)
- There is time allotted for review prior to each semester's testing window in January and June.
- The liturgical calendar notes are not part of the instructional content; they are included simply so teachers can be aware of celebrations in the life of the Church to inform the life of their classroom and instruction.



### Prayers of the Mass: Simple Responses Noted in the Pacing Guide for Each Month as MR

#### Simple Responses: Introduced in Kindergarten, taught in Grade 1

- 1. And with your Spirit
- 2. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
- 3. Alleluia
- 4. Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ
- 5. Lord hear our prayer
- 6. Preface Dialogue Responses

  The Lord be with you And with your Spirit

  Lift up your hearts We lift them up to the Lord

  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right and just
- 7. Sign of Peace
- 8. Dismissal Thanks be to God

#### **Available Resources**

#### **Sadlier Religion** - Free Supplemental Online Resources

<u>WeBelieveWeb.com</u> Grade-level support featuring reproducible pages, games, *Lives of the Saints*, and more

<u>Religion.SadlierConnect.com</u> Home to all eBooks, online assessments, and Sadlier's Catholic Identity Links, an online virtues & values program, featuring 52 weeks of lessons and family components

<u>Sadlier.com/religion/we-believe</u> Weekly blog featuring prayers and resources to supplement *We Believe* 

<u>Sadlier.com/religion/we-believe-and-share</u> Weekly blog from nationally-known speaker Kathy Hendricks and guests, offering reflections and prayer resources around current events

<u>Sadlier.com/religion/resources</u> Sadlier's Religion Publications Center featuring downloadable lessons, prayer cards, and more

<u>Sadlier.com/religion/</u> You can shop online and preview programs here, as well as link to all the other sites

#### **Sophia Institute for Teachers - Free Supplemental Online Resources**

#### **Archdiocese of New York Lesson Plans**

<a href="https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/nylessons">https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/nylessons</a> Links teacher guides for lessons for grades 3-8 to each unit in the Sophia Institute for Teachers. (based on ADNY religion guidelines and pacing guides)

#### **Supplemental Online Resources**

- <u>sophiainstituteforteachers.org/elesson/joy-of-the-gospel</u> Seasonal lessons for Advent and Lent (and other liturgical seasons) can be found in the free monthly **Joy of the Gospel** elessons. These lessons help you to engage your students with the Sunday Gospels for each month. Each lesson includes readings along with interactive activities such as role-plays, attitude inventories, journal exercises, and more.
- sophiainstituteforteachers.org/elesson/free-current-events
   Lessons about the Catholic Faith and other topics taught through the lens of current events can be found in the free monthly Teaching the Faith with Current Events elessons. These lessons use today's issues as a means of teaching Faith principles, and provides student-friendly overviews, news links, discussion questions, etc.
- <u>sophiainstituteforteachers.org/elesson/heavenly-hall-of-fame</u> Lessons for younger students on the saints can be found in the free monthly **Heavenly Hall of Fame** elessons. These lessons help you to introduce the lives of the saints to younger students and consider the example of holiness they give to us. Each lesson includes student-friendly biographies of the saints, discussion questions, interactive activities, a coloring page, and extension options.
- Sophia Institute for Teachers Subscribe

#### Additional free Sophia Institute for Teachers resources:

• The Catholic Curriculum Exchange: This searchable database of lessons enables teachers across the country to share lesson plans and offer reviews and tips about what worked and what didn't work in the classroom. Hundreds of lesson plans are available at every grade level and in every subject matter. The Catholic Curriculum Exchange can be found at the following link:

sophiainstituteforteachers.org/curriculum

• **Sophia Sketchpad**: Sophia SketchPad is an innovative, engaging, and accessible video series to help young people better understand and live the Catholic Faith. The Sophia Sketchpad videos can be found at the following link: <a href="mailto:sophiainstituteforteachers.org/sketchpad">sophiainstituteforteachers.org/sketchpad</a>

## SEPTEMBER VALUE: Understanding

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
Wеек 1 <u>GL 1.2</u> <mark>MR 1</mark>	<ul> <li>God is the Creator who made all things: angels, human persons, the whole world. (Genesis 1: 1-27)</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 1 Christ in Us - Lessons 1,4
Wеек 2 <u>GL 1.2</u> <u>MR 1</u>	• God is all loving and all holy. (Lev 11:45, Ps 139:1-18)	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 1 Christ in Us - Lesson 2
WEEK 3 GL 1.2 MR 1	<ul> <li>God can do everything and is everywhere.</li> <li>(Ps 102: 26-27, Wisdom 11:23)</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 1 Christ in Us - Lesson 2
WEEK 4 GL 1.2 MR 1	<ul> <li>God knows everything and has always been and always will be.</li> <li>(1 John 4: 7-8, Rev 1:8)</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 1 Christ in Us - Lessons 1 and 2

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter and Christmas), Martyr	
September 3	St. Gregory the Great	
September 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
September 9	St. Peter Claver	
September 13	St. John Chrysostom	
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
September 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	
September 16	Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian	
September 20	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang	
September 21	St. Matthew	
September 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	

September 27	St. Vincent de Paul
September 29	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
September 30	St. Jerome

### **O**CTOBER

**VALUE: Respect** 

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 1.2 MR 1-2	<ul> <li>Created in God's image, each person has dignity and value.</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 26 Christ in Us - Lessons 11, 15
WEEK 2 GL 1.2 MR 1-2	• It is our responsibility to respect life and to care for ourselves, others and all that God has created stewardship). We are to be respectful of the life, good name, property and possessions of others.	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 26 Christ in Us - Lessons 10, 13
WEEK 3 GL 1.2 MR 1-2	Respect Life Lessons (see link in next column)	RESPECT LIFE LESSONS: https://archny.org/teachers-and- parents/  Refer to Resources for Teaching in this Pacing Guide (page 4)
Wеек 4 <u>GL 1.2</u> <mark>MR 1-2</mark>	<ul> <li>We are children of God. God is our Father, who made us, loves us, cares for us, and who wants us to be happy with Him on this earth and in heaven.</li> <li>We are to be truthful. We do not lie, destroy property, or steal.</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 2, 19 Christ in Us – Lessons 3, 14, 15

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter and Christmas), Martyr	
October 1	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus	
October 2	The Holy Guardian Angels	
October 4	St. Francis of Assisi	
October 7	Our Lady of the Rosary	
October 9	St. Denis	
October 15	St. Teresa of Ávila	
October 18	St. Luke	
October 19	Sts. John of Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues	

October 20	St. Paul of the Cross
October 22	St. John Paul II, Pope
October 23	St. John of Capistrano
October 28	Sts. Simon and Jude

### November Value: Fortitude

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
Wеек 1 GL 1.2 MR 1-3	<ul> <li>Feast of All Saints</li> <li>In depth study of St. Nicholas and the patron saint of the school.</li> <li>Special activities based on saints</li> </ul>	SADLIER: The Lives of Saints WeBelieveWeb.com
Wеек 2 GL 1.2 MR 1-3	<ul> <li>We are called to be members of God's family, to be saints. Saints are people who live God's way.</li> <li>Through the Sacraments, Jesus shares God's love and life with us.</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 16, 25 Christ in Us - Lessons 6, 7, 8
WEEK 3 GL 1.2 MR 1-3	<ul> <li>Through Baptism, we become members of the Church, God's family, and receive grace - a sharing in God's life.</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 17 Christ in Us - Lesson 8
WEEK 4 GL 1.2 MR 1-3	<ul><li>We are Catholic Christians.</li><li>Season of Advent</li></ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 17 Christ in Us - Lesson 22

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time/ Advent	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter and Christmas), Martyr	
November 1	All Saints	
November 2	All Souls	
November 3	St. Martin de Porres	
November 4	St. Charles Borromeo	
November 10	St. Leo the Great	
November 11	St. Martin of Tours	
November 12	St. Josaphat	
November 13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini	
November 17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	
November 22	St. Cecilia	

November 24	St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
November 28	First Sunday of Advent
November 30	St. Andrew, Apostle

## DECEMBER VALUE: Stewardship

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
Wеек 1 <u>GL 1.3</u> MR -,4	<ul> <li>Explain that Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas day.</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 3, 13 Christ in Us - Lesson 22
Wеек 2 <u>GL 1.3</u> MR 1-4	<ul> <li>Mary is the Mother of Jesus. (Luke 1: 26-45)</li> <li>We look to Mary as a very special woman and our Mother.</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 3 Christ in Us - Lessons 4, 7, 10
WEEK 3 GL 1.3 MR 1-4	<ul> <li>The birth of Jesus (Luke 2: 7-14)</li> <li>Jesus, the Son of God, became human like us and loves us.</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 3, 14 Christ in Us - Pages 239-244
WEEK 4	Christmas Recess	

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Advent, Christmas	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr	
December 3	St. Francis Xavier	
December 6	St. Nicholas	
December 7	St. Ambrose	
December 8	The Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Holyday of Obligation)	
December 9	St. Juan Diego	
December 13	St. Lucy	
December 14	St. John of the Cross	
December 25	Christmas	

December 26	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 27	St. John
December 28	Holy Innocents

# JANUARY VALUE: Empathy

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 1.3 MR 1-5	<ul> <li>Jesus shows us how to live. (Luke 2:41-52)</li> <li>Study of St. Thérèse of Lisieux</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 5 Christ in Us - Lessons 11, 12, 13
WEEK 2 GL 1:3 MR 1-5	<ul> <li>We are to show love and obedience to our parents and those who take care of us, as Jesus did to his parents. (Mark 10:13-16)</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe -Chapter 3 Christ in Us - Lessons 11, 12, 13
WEEK 3 GL 1.3 MR 1-5	<ul> <li>Respect Life Week (Week of Jan. 17, 2022)</li> <li>Respect Life Lessons (see link in next column)</li> </ul>	RESPECT LIFE WEEK:  https://archny.org/teachers-and- parents/  Refer to <i>Resources for Teaching</i> in this Pacing Guide (page 4)
WEEK 4 GL 1.3 MR 1-5	<ul> <li>We are to be like Jesus and to care for others who are in need. (Luke 4:40)</li> <li>We are especially invited by Jesus to be sensitive to the suffering of the poor, to pray for them. (Matthew 14:13-21)</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe -Chapters 4,8 Christ in Us - Lessons 11, 12 13

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Christmas, Ordinary Time	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr	
January 1	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	
January 2	The Epiphany of the Lord	
January 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	
January 5	St. John Neumann	
January 9	The Baptism of the Lord	

January 17	St. Anthony, Abbot
January 21	St. Agnes
January 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 24	St. Francis de Sales
January 25	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
January 26	Sts. Timothy and Titus
January 28	St. Thomas Aquinas
January 31	St. John Bosco

## FEBRUARY VALUE: Friendship

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
Wеек 1 <u>GL 1.3</u> MR 1-6	<ul> <li>We grow in virtue by loving God and doing good for others.</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 24 Christ in Us - Lessons 11, 12 13
WEEK 2 GL 1.3 MR 1-6	Jesus listened to and talked with his Father.	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 2 Christ in Us - Lessons 16, 20
WEEK 3 GL 1.3 MR 1-6	<ul> <li>Jesus teaches us how to listen to and talk with God our Father. (Matthew 6:9-13)</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 2 Christ in Us - Lessons 16, 18
WEEK 4 GL 1.3 MR 1-6	<ul> <li>Prayer is listening to and talking with God.</li> <li>Explain that Lent is a season of the liturgical year. It is a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter.</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 5, 8, 9, 20 Christ in Us - Lessons 16, 18, Christ in Us - Pages 245-250

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time, Lent	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr	
February 2	The Presentation of the Lord	
February 3	St. Blaise	
February 5	St. Agatha	

February 8	St. Josephine Bakhita
February 10	St. Scholastica
February 11	Our Lady of Lourdes
February 14	Sts. Cyril and Methodius
February 21	St. Peter Damian
February 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
February 23	St. Polycarp

### MARCH VALUE: Sacrifice

WEEK		CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 1.3 MR 1-7	•	We talk each day with God our Father to express our love (adoration).	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 24 Christ in Us - Lesson 18
WEEK 2 GL 1.3 MR 1-7	•	We talk each day with God our Father to ask for forgiveness and help in our needs (petition).	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 19 Christ in Us - Lesson 20
WEEK 3 GL 1.3 MR 1-7	•	We talk each day with God our Father to pray for the needs of others (intercession). (Psalm 46:11)	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 18 Christ in Us - Lesson 17
WEEK 4 GL 1.3 MR 1-7	•	We talk each day with God our Father to praise God and to thank God (thanksgiving).	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 24 Christ in Us - Lesson 16

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Lent	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr	
March 2	Ash Wednesday	
March 3	St. Katharine Drexel	

March 4	St. Casimir
March 7	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
March 8	St. John of God
March 9	St. Frances of Rome
March 17	St. Patrick
March 18	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
March 19	St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 23	St. Turibius
March 25	The Annunciation of the Lord

### APRIL VALUE: Creativity

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 1.4 MR 1-8	Jesus suffered and died for us and rose from the dead.	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 9, 22, 27 Christ in Us - Pages 251-256
WEEK 2 <u>GL 1.4</u> MR 1-8	<ul> <li>The Risen Jesus is seen by the Apostles. (John 21:1-14)</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 10 Christ in Us - Lessons 9, 22, 27
WEEK 3	• Easter Recess	
WEEK 4 GL 1.4 MR 1-8	Jesus brings us God's forgiveness.	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 19 Christ in Us - Lesson 9

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	(Triduum) Easter	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr	
April 2	St. Francis of Paola	
April 4	St. Isidore	
April 5	St. Vincent Ferrer	
April 10	Palm Sunday	

April 14	Holy Thursday
April 15	Good Friday
April 16	Holy Saturday
April 17	Easter
April 24	Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 25	St. Mark
April 28	St. Peter Chanel
April 29	St. Catherine of Siena
April 30	St. Pius V

## MAY VALUE: Modesty

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 1.4 MR 1-8	<ul> <li>To live in peace it is necessary at times to say we are sorry, to forgive and to make up with others.</li> <li>We are all called to be peacemakers in our world.</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 19 Christ in Us - Lessons 10, 12
WEEK 2 GL 1.4 MR 1-8	<ul> <li>The Holy Spirit is sent by Jesus to make us holy.</li> <li>The Holy Spirit helps us to pray. (Galatians 4:6)</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 10, 11 Christ in Us - Lesson 13 Christ in Us - Pages 263-268
WEEK 3 GL 1.4 MR 1-8	<ul> <li>At Mass, we listen to God's Word and pray together as God's family.</li> <li>Because the celebration of the Mass is the best way to worship God, the Catholic community must come together on Sundays and Holy Days to worship God at Mass. (Acts 2:42)</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 23 Christ in Us - Lessons 6,7
WEEK 4 GL 1.4 MR 1-8	The parish is the center of our worship and of our life in the Christian community. We are to know the name of our parish.	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 15 Christ in Us - Lesson 5

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Easter/ Ordinary Time
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr

May 2	St. Anthanasius
May 3	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
May 12	St. Pancras
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
May 14	St. Matthias
May 18	St. John I
May 26	The Ascension of the Lord
May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury
May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### JUNE VALUE: Reflection

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 1:4 MR 1-8	<ul> <li>Sacred Scripture is the Word of God.</li> <li>In Sacred Scripture, we learn about God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Psalm 119:105)</li> </ul>	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 2 Christ in Us - Lesson 19
WEEK 2 GL 1.4 MR 1-8	Give Sacred Scripture a special place in the classroom. Encourage the children to do the same at home.	

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr	
June 1	St. Justin	
June 2	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter	
June 3	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions	
June 5	Pentecost	
June 6	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	
June 11	St. Barnabas	
June 12	The Most Holy Trinity	
June 13	St. Anthony of Padua	

June 19	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus (Corpus Christi)
June 21	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
June 22	Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More
June 23	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 24	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 25	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
June 28	St. Irenaeus
June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul