

Each day we learn more about God.

In each chapter, we find four main faith statements. They start the day's lesson. They focus us on what we will be learning about in the lesson.

WE GATHER

✝ Thank you, God, for all our classmates.

Then we



Talk about your life right now. What groups, teams, or clubs do you belong to?

Why do you like being a part of these groups?

What does belonging to these groups tell other people about you?

When we see **We Believe** we learn more about our Catholic faith.

When we see **We Gather**, we begin by taking a moment to pray.



WE BELIEVE

We learn about:

- the Blessed Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
- Jesus, the Son of God, who became one of us
- the Church and its history and teachings
- the Mass and the sacraments
- our call to be a disciple of Jesus.

UNIT 1

Forming the Covenant

"I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works!" (Psalm 139:14)

UNIT 2

Building the Covenant Nation

"Sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant." (Exodus 15:21)

UNIT 3

Redefining the Covenant People

"Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." (Isaiah 60:1)

UNIT 4

The Covenant Fulfilled in Jesus

"And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" (Matthew 3:17)

A major theme in your **We Believe** textbook this year is learning more about God's love for his people, and his action in their lives throughout history. Your book is divided into four units.



Watch for these special signs:

Whenever we see ✝ we make the sign of the cross. We pray and begin our day's lesson.

📖 is an open Bible. When we see it, or a reference like this (John 13:34), we hear the word of God. We hear about God and his people. We hear about Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

When we see 🎮 we do an activity.

We might:

- talk together
- write a story
- draw a picture
- act out a story or situation
- imagine ourselves doing something
- sing a song together, or make up one
- work together on a special project.

There are all kinds of activities! We might see 🎮 in any part of our day's lesson. Be on the lookout!

Can you guess what 🎵 means? That's right, it means it is time to sing, or listen to music. We sing songs we know, make up our own, and sing along with those in our **We Believe** music program.

When we see 📖 **Words** we review the meanings of important words we have learned in the day's lesson.

As Catholics...

Here we discover something special about our faith. We reflect on what we have discovered and try to make it a part of our life. Don't forget to read it!