

Diocese of Columbus
Grade Two Religion COS
 Based on the **Six Tasks of Catechesis***

I. Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of the Faith (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 26-1065; General Directory for Catechesis, 84-85, 87)		
A. The Person of Jesus Christ Jesus loves and invites every person to be in relationship with him	Finding God	
I. A. 1. Know that Jesus came to establish God’s kingdom on earth (CCC 544)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 11 We Worship God p. 66.	
I. A. 2. Know that Jesus loved each person so much he died on the cross for each one (CCC 606-607; Jn 15:12-13)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 7 Jesus Saves Us p. 40.	
I. A. 3. Understand that Jesus’ resurrection is at the center of the Christian Faith (CCC 638, 1 Cor 15:12-19)	Gr. 2 SE: The Year in Our Church, Easter p. 169-172.	
B. Understand Scripture Sacred Scripture is the living Word of God, a history of the covenant, and a guide for life today		
I. B. 1. Identify the two main parts of the Bible: the Old Testament and the New Testament (CCC 120)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices Faith, The Bible and You p. 184-185.	
I. B. 2. Explain that God speaks to the Church through the people and the stories of the Bible (CCC 104)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices Faith, The Bible and You p. 184-185.	
I. B. 3. Identify the four Gospels as accounts of Jesus’ life and teachings (CCC 125)	Gr. 2 SE: Art Print 18, The Four Gospels. Worksheet p. 252.	
I. B. 4. Explain that learning about people in the Scriptures helps one to understand how God loves and cares for them <i>e.g., the infant Moses, the hungry Israelites in the desert of Sinai, Mary and Joseph’s care for the infant/child Jesus, Jesus feeding the crowd, etc.</i>	Gr. 2 SE: Session 9 Jesus Cares for Us p. 52 (Lost Sheep). Art Print 22, Follow God’s Laws (Moses) and worksheet p. 256. Art Print 9 Jesus Our Shepherd and workbooks page 243.	
I. B. 5. Identify stories that show God’s readiness to forgive us, <i>e.g. Zacchaeus, the Prodigal Son, the Good Shepherd, the Pharisee and the Publican</i>	Gr. 2 SE: Art Print 12 Zacchaeus, the Rich Man and worksheet p. 246.	
C. Creeds and Doctrines of the Church The Creed expresses the faith of our Church and professes it to the world		
I. C. 1. Recognize that the <i>Sign of the Cross</i> and the <i>Glory Be</i> proclaim the Christian belief in the Triune God (CCC 2157)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Prayers to Take to Heart p. 188.	

<p>I. C. 2. Know that creation is an expression of God’s love and goodness (CCC 299, Gn 1:1ff)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Session 1 God Creates Us p. 3-8.</p>	
<p>I. C. 3. Know that the Holy Spirit came to Jesus’ disciples after his resurrection and ascension (CCC 728; Acts 2:1-4)</p>		
<p>I. C. 4. Know that life with God continues after death (CCC 1038-1041, Jn 14:2-3)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Session 25 Celebrating Easter p. 148</p>	
<p>D. Discover the Church’s Tradition and Relevance of Church History Our Church has a rich heritage which still serves as a guide for us today</p>		
<p>I. D. 1. Know that on Pentecost God sent the Holy Spirit to the Apostles to establish the Church (CCC 2623, Acts 2:1-4)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: The Year in Our Church Pentecost p. 173-176.</p>	
<p>E. Christian Thought and Culture Our Church’s tradition is based in an appreciation for the gifts of many persons – theologians, saints, artists, teachers, and preachers – living as faithful disciples of Jesus</p>		
<p>I. E. 1. Identify the Church as the <i>People of God</i> both in heaven and on earth (CCC 781-782)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Glossary, Church p. 263.</p>	

II. Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of the Meaning of the Liturgy and Sacraments (CCC, 1066-1690; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
A. Paschal Mystery Forms and Transforms The liturgical and sacramental life of the Church informs, forms, and transforms us as disciples of Jesus in the world	Finding God	
II. A. 1. Know the Liturgy is a participation in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus (CCC 571, 1068)	Gr. 2 SE: The Year in Our Church p. 151-180. Session 25 Celebrating Easter p. 1247-150. Also Web, Catholic Basics, The Mystery of Faith.	
B. Sacraments Sacraments are special celebrations of God’s love for us		
II. B. 1. Define a sacrament as an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace (CCC 1131)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating Our Faith The Seven Sacraments p. 198. Also, Glossary sacrament p. 272.	
II. B. 2. Identify Penance and Reconciliation as the sacrament in which Jesus forgives sins (CCC 1421, 1441)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 12 Celebrating Reconciliation p. 69-74. Session 13 The Sacrament of Reconciliation p. 75-80.	
II. B. 3. Demonstrate the steps in individual confession to the priest (CCC 1480)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating Our Faith, How to go to Confession p. 214-215.	
II. B. 4. Learn an Act of Contrition	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith Act of Contrition p. 190.	
II. B. 5. Identify the bread and wine as distinct from the Body and Blood of Christ (CCC 1333, Mt 26:26-28)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 19 Celebrating the Eucharist p. 112.	
II. B. 6. Know that the Real Presence of Christ exists in the Consecrated Host (CCC 1377)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 19 Celebrating the Eucharist p. 112.	
II. B. 7. Identify some of the items used in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, <i>e.g., chalice, paten, corporal, etc.</i>	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, People and Things I see at Mass p 210-211.	
II. B. 8. Demonstrate how to receive the Eucharist	Gr. 2 SE: Celebrating Our Faith, Receiving Holy Communion p. 208.	
II. B. 9. Know the Eucharist strengthens one to live as a disciple (CCC 1391-1401)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 17 Jesus Loves the Church p. 104	
II. B. 10. List symbols used in Baptism, Penance and Reconciliation, and Eucharist	Gr. 2 SE: Session 5 Celebrating Ordinary Time p. 29. Session 16 New Life in Jesus p. 97. Session 13 the Sacrament of Reconciliation p. 76.	

<p>C. Liturgical Catechesis We are invited into full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church</p>		
<p>II. C. 1. Understand the liturgical seasons are the way the Church follows the life of Jesus throughout the year (CCC 1171)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Session 10 Celebrating Advent p. 57-60. Session 5 Celebrating Ordinary Time p. 27-30. Session 20 Celebrating Lent and Holy Week p. 117-120. Session 25 Celebrating Easter p. 147-150. Session 15 Celebrating Christmas p. 87-90. The Year in the Church p. 153-156, p. 151-153, 161-164, 169-172 and 157-160.</p>	
<p>II. C. 2. Identify the two main parts of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (CCC 1346)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Session 18 Gathering for Mass p. 105-110 and Session 19 Celebrating the Eucharist p. 111-115.</p>	
<p>II. C. 3. Learn the responses at Mass, <i>e.g.</i>, “<i>And with your spirit,</i>” “<i>Thanks be to God,</i>” and “<i>Amen</i>”</p>	<p>Gr. 2 God’s Gift Eucharist SE: p. 16, 17, 25, 26, 34, 35, 45, 54, 56, 64, 65, 66, 75, 76, and 82-93. My Own Mass Booklet p. 4-32.</p>	
<p>II. C. 4. Understand that receiving Holy Communion is a very special way of sharing in Jesus’ life (CCC 1391)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Session 16 New Life in Jesus p. 93, 95 and 98. Session 17 Jesus Loves the Church p. 101. Session 19</p>	
<p>II. C. 5. Know that after receiving Holy Communion, one should express thanks to God (CCC 1378)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Session 19 Celebrating the Eucharist p. 112.</p>	
<p>II. C. 6. Recognize that Jesus is uniquely present in the Eucharistic species but also present in the word, priest, and community (CCC 1373-1374)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Session 19 Celebrating the Eucharist p. 111-115.</p>	
<p>II. C. 7. Recall sacred furnishings used in Church, <i>e.g.</i>, <i>altar</i>, <i>ambo</i>, <i>baptismal font</i>, <i>tabernacle</i> (CCC 1182-1186)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, People and Things I See at Mass. P. 210-211.</p>	
<p>II. C. 8. Identify some of the gestures and postures used at Mass, and know when to do them (CCC 1153, 1155)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Session 2 God Gives Us Jesus p. 11. Glossary, gestures p. 266.</p>	
<p>D. Dimensions of Priesthood: Baptismal and Ordained Like Jesus, we are called to be priest, prophet, and king.</p>		
<p>II. D. 1. Recall that because of their baptism all people have a special call to serve God (CCC 871)</p>	<p>Gr. 2 SE: Session 11 We Worship God p. 64. Session 23 Following Jesus p. 136-140.</p>	

III. Catechesis promotes Moral Formation in Jesus Christ (CCC, 1691-2557; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
A. Commandment to Love The ‘new commandment’ of Jesus, to love one another as he, God, has loved us is one of the defining characteristics of the Christian faith	Finding God	
III. A. 1. Know that Jesus calls his disciples to love and serve God and to love and serve each other (Mt 22:34-40)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 23 Following Jesus p. 135-140.	
B. Ten Commandments and Beatitudes The Scriptures, especially in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, give us moral guidance		
III. B. 1. Identify the Ten Commandments as God’s guide for how to be his people (CCC 2060, 2062; Ex 20:1-17)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 6 Jesus is Faithful p. 34-35.	
C. Sin and Grace God’s love can overcome the evil of sin in our world		
III. C. 1. Describe the differences between an accident, a mistake, and a sin	Gr. 2 God’s Gift Reconciliation: Ch. 3 Jesus Forgives Us p. 21. Gr. 2 SE: Session 22 We Share God’s Life p. 129-134.	
III. C. 2. Know that a sin is when one chooses to disobey God’s law (CCC 1849)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 12 p. 70-71.	
III. C. 3. Identify mortal sin as a serious offense against God’s law that breaks friendship with God and others (CCC 1854-1864)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 12 Celebrating Reconciliation p. 70-71.	
III. C. 4. Identify venial sin as a less serious offense against God’s law that weakens friendship with God and others (CCC 1854-1864)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 12 Celebrating Reconciliation p. 70-71.	
III. C. 5. Realize that when one does something sinful, they need to ask for forgiveness from God and from those who have been hurt (CCC 2839, 2840)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 12 Celebrating Reconciliation p. 71-72.	
III. C. 6. Remember that one should forgive those who hurt him/her (CCC 2262, Mt 5: 22-39)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 12 Celebrating Reconciliation p. 74.	
III. C. 7. Identify grace as a sharing in the life of God (CCC 1997)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 11 We Worship God p. 64-65. Glossary, grace p. 266.	
III. C. 8. Define sacramental grace (CCC 2003)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 11 We Worship God p. 64-65.	
D. Conscience Formation The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living		
III. D. 1. Identify conscience as God’s gift to help one know right and wrong (CCC 1776)	Gr. 2 SE: Glossary, conscience p. 264.	

III. D. 2. Realize that listening to one's conscience helps him/her grow in love and understanding (CCC 1781)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 212-213.	
III. D. 3. Know that an Examination of Conscience is used to prepare for the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (CCC 1454)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 12 p. 71.	
E. Objective Moral Norms The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong		
III. E. 1. Know that the Bible and the teachings of the Church guide people in knowing right and wrong (CCC 1785)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 24 Making Choices P. 141-145. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith p. 219.	
F. Gospel of Life All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred		
III. F. 1. Know all people are made in God's image (CCC 225, Gn 1:26-27)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 21 p. 123 and 125.	
III. F. 2. Recognize that God gives human beings a special work of caring for all of creation (CCC 339, Gn 1:28-30)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 1 God Creates Us p. 5	
G. Living a Moral Life As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions		
III. G. 1. Know that the Holy Spirit gives what is needed to live as a disciple of Jesus (CCC 2003, Jn 14:26)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 4 God's Life for Us p. 23-26.	
III. G. 2. Know that all people are called to use God's gifts to make good choices	Gr. 2 SE: Session 4 God's Life for Us p. 23-26.	

IV. Catechesis Teaches the Christian How to Pray (CCC, 2558-2865; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
A. Christian Prayer Tradition Prayer in all its many forms is a language of love, faith, and hope	Finding God	
IV. A. 1. Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 188-190.	
IV. A. 2. Know that prayer can be talking with God through words, gestures and movement, music and song (CCC 2663)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 2 God Gives Us Jesus p. 11.	
IV. A. 3. Identify the book of Psalms as a book of prayer (CCC 2585-2589)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 9 Jesus Cares for Us p. 54.	
B. Personal Prayer The mystery of God’s action in our lives draws us into a deeper relationship and a deeper desire to respond in prayer		
IV. B. 1. Identify places and times to pray alone (CCC 2602)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayer pages in each session: p. 6, 12, 18, 24, 36, 42, 48, 54, 66, 72, 78, 84, 96, 102, 108, 114, 126, 132, 138, and 144.	
IV. B. 2. Realize that silence is necessary to hear God in one’s heart	Gr. 2 SE: Session 24 Making Choices p. 144.	
IV. B. 3. Know that one prays to become better friends with God (CCC 2565)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith Prayer and How We Pray 186-187.	
C. Communal Prayer We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God		
IV. C. 1. Know that Jesus is present when people pray and celebrate together (Mt 18:20)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 18 Gathering for Mass p. 105-110.	
IV. C. 2. Recognize that Jesus is present in the community in a special way at the Eucharistic liturgy (CCC 1088)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 18 Gathering for Mass p. 105-110.	
IV. C. 3. Recognize different times of silence in the Mass that enable one to pray, <i>e.g., after each reading, after the homily, after Communion</i>	Gr. 2 SE: Session 19 Celebrating the Eucharist p. 114.	
IV. C. 4. Recall some of the gestures and movements used during the Mass (CCC 1153-1155)	Gr. 2 SE: God Gives Us Jesus p. 11.	
D. Popular Piety and Devotions Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God		

IV. D. 1. Identify a sacramental as a holy object that represents God's love, presence, or protection, <i>e.g., cross, crucifix, candle, holy water, holy picture, etc.</i> (CCC 1667-1674)	Gr. 2 SE: Picture of crucifix p. 196. Teacher/Catechist to supply word, sacramental.	
IV. A. 2. Identify the Rosary as a special prayer with Mary to help us get to know Jesus (CCC 971, 2678)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of the Faith, the Rosary p. 196-197.	
IV. A. 3. Recognize the saints as friends who help one know Jesus better (CCC 2683)	Gr. 2 SE: Each Unit begins with a Saint: p. 1-2, 31-32, 61-62, 91-92 and 121-122.	
V. Catechesis Prepares the Christian to live in Community and to Participate in the Life and Mission of the Church (GDC, 84, 86-87)		
A. Spiritual Growth Our community life is built on the understanding that humans grow and develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially as well as spiritually	Finding God	
V. A. 1. Understand that people grow in holiness, just as they grow in other ways (CCC 2813, 1 Cor 13:11-12)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 5 Celebrating Ordinary Time p. 28-29.	
V. A. 2. Know that the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the sacrament of the Eucharist are necessary for one to grow in holiness (CCC 1325-1327, 1468; Mt 5:23- 26)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 5 Celebrating Ordinary Time p. 28-29.	
B. Relationships and Responsibilities In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that living together in the Kingdom of God, we must grow in understanding, compassion, concern for the least, and mutual charity		
V. B. 1. Understand that we show love for God by the way we treat others (Mt 25:31-46)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 24 Making Choices p. 142-143.	
V. B. 2. Know that feelings are natural and necessary but one must make good choices about how to use them	Gr. 2 SE: Session 24 Making Choices p. 142-143.	
V. B. 3. Explore stories in which Jesus expressed his feelings in his relationships, <i>e.g., Mk 10:14; Mk 14:32-42; Mt 9:36; Mt 15:32-39; Jn 11:33-36</i>	Gr. 2 SE: There are Art Prints for Gospel Stories in each Session.	
C. Marriage and Family Life—Domestic Church Our family life is the church of the home, where we learn to love God and care for each other		
V. C. 1. Know that the Holy Family is a model for all families (CCC 532)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 15 Celebrating Christmas p. 87-90. Glossary, Holy Family p. 267. Art Print Session 2, Holy Family.	
V. C. 2. Understand that marriage is a sacrament (CCC 1601)	Gr. 2 Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating Our Faith The Seven Sacraments p. 201.	

V. C. 3. Know that children are a gift from God (Ps 127:3)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating Our Faith p. 201.	
V. C. 4. Know that children must obey their parents (CCC 2214-2217; Ep 6:1)	Gr. 2 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith The Ten Commandments p. 216.	
V. C. 5. Know that daily prayer helps the family be holy (CCC 2205)	Gr. 2 SE: Each Session ends with Family Prayer.	
D. Faith Communities Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal		
V. D. 1. Recall that Baptism makes Christians children of God; brothers and sisters to each other, with God as our Father (CCC 804, Mt 12:50)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 11 We Worship God p. 65.	
V. D. 2. Know that when one receives the sacraments one participates more fully in the life of the Church (CCC 815)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 16 New Life in Jesus p. 94-95.	
E. Nature and mission of the Church The Church is the family of God, sent to bring the Good News of Jesus to all people		
V. E. 1. Recall that Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God (CCC 541-542; Mk 1:14-15)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 8 Jesus Calls Us to Love p. 45-50.	
V. E. 2. Know that Jesus wants each person to help build the Kingdom (CCC 863, Mt 28:19-20)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 8 Jesus Calls Us to Love p. 45-50.	
V. E. 3. Know that church refers to both the “People of God” and to a place of worship (CCC 1199)	Gr. 2 SE: Glossary, Church p. 263.	
V. E. 4. Know that the place where we celebrate our life in the Church is called a parish (CCC 2179)	Gr. 2 SE: Art Print 17 and BLM 17 We Are Members of the Church p. 251.	
V. E. 5. Know the names of the local pastor, local bishop, and the current pope	Gr. 2 SE: Session 8 Jesus Calls Us to Love p. 46-47. Catechist will supply current names.	
F. Ecumenism We share in promoting the unity of all God’s people as part of our fidelity to the Gospel		
V. F. 1. Nothing at this age		

VI. Catechesis promotes a Missionary Spirit that prepares the faithful to transform the world (GDC, 84, 86-87)		
A. Evangelization The Sacraments of Initiation both invite and empower us to live as disciples in the larger society and in the world	Finding God	
VI. A. 1. Understand disciples of Jesus are called to share his love with others (CCC 1823, Jn 13:34)	Gr. 2 SE: The Year in Our Church, Pentecost p. 173. Glossary, disciple p. 265.	
VI. A. 2. Identify the Holy Spirit as a guide and helper in living out the Christian call (CCC 852, Jn 14:26)	Gr. 2 SE: God's Life for Us p. 21-26.	
B. Vocation/Apostolate Each of is called to a particular task in helping to reveal the Kingdom of God in the service of God's plan for the world		
VI. B. 1. Know that God loves and calls each person to follow Him (CCC 2093, Jn 1:39)	Gr. 2 SE: The Year in Our Church: Pentecost p. 173-176; Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith p. 195.	
VI. B. 2. Identify some of the ways God calls people to serve him: priest, deacon, vowed religious, single, married (CCC 934-945)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 8 Jesus Calls Us to Love p. 46-47. Glossary, priest p. 272 and deacon p. 264.	
C. Social Action and Transformation The Social Teachings of our tradition inspire us to concern and to action aimed at the well-being of all humankind		
VI. C. 1. Recall God asks us to take care of each other and all creation (CCC 307)	Gr. 2 SE: Session 1 God Creates Us. p. 3-8.	
D. Interreligious Dialogue We dialogue and work with people of other faiths, to build understanding and to find our common hopes and values for a better world		
VI. D. 1. Nothing at this age		

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