

GRADE 4: DECEMBER 21

The Church

CHAPTER 12: The Church Teaches (pages 175–179)

Key Concept: Jesus gave leaders of the Church the authority to interpret Scripture and Tradition for the faithful. The Holy Spirit directs the Church in teaching and guiding the People of God.

Catholic Faith Words: *Magisterium, Precepts of the Church*

Discover: We know now that we can follow the examples of Saints before us, and ask for their help as we answer God's call. Saints are holy people who are models of faith for us! The Church and her leaders, from the very beginning, teach and help us live as Jesus' disciples.

- Read Pages 176-177. Write down who Jesus chose as the leader of the Apostles.
- Read pages 178-179.
 - ➔ Jesus gave Peter and the Apostles, and their successors the Pope and bishops the authority to teach and lead in his name.
 - ➔ The Holy Spirit directs the Magisterium in teaching and guiding the people of God.
- Spend some time on the meaning of the Faith Words on these pages. Magisterium and Precepts of the Church.
- Write down who has taught you about your faith and what is your role in the Church?

Live:

- Read Pages 180-181.
- Complete the Live Your Faith Activity: Our Hands...
 - On an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper. With a marker, trace your hand. Then you or a sibling should trace his or her right hand so the thumb and pointer fingers are touching. When the paper is upside down, the space between the hands should form a heart!
- God has no hands but ours. We are called to do his work together. How can you bring God's love to the world this week? Write these acts in your handprint. Keep your hands as a reminder that making a difference means working together!
- Print and complete the Chapter 12 Handout: Precepts Poem

Family + Faith (Pages 183-184)

- Print and complete Chapter 12 Review.