**Vertical Alignment: Childhood 3-5** [Revised June 2018]

**Unit #2 –** *How do we get to know and love Jesus Christ?*

**Essential Question #2 – Part #1 & Part #2 (Mass Responses)**

* *How does going to Mass help me know and love Jesus Christ?* [Focused Theme/ Topic: Mass (1-2)]
* *How does going to Mass increase my faith in Jesus Christ?* [Focused Theme/ Topic: Mass (3-5)]

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| **Grade 3** | **Grade 4** | **Grade 5** |
| **UNDERSTANDINGS:** Learners will understand that…Key Targets - * (U1) 3.4.4.3 – While Catholics are encouraged to pray every day, there is a special obligation to pray by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.(CCC#2192; 2742-45; 2757) [Transition from EQ #1]
* (U2) 3.2.2.6 – The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a sacrificial memorial, and a sacred meal. (CCC#1328; 136; 1372; 1390; 1397; 1407-08)

Supporting Targets - * (U3) 3.1.2.3 – People come to know Jesus through the Bible. (CCC#127; 592)

**KNOWLEDGE/ SKILLS:** Learners will know that/be skilled at…Key Targets - * (K1) 3.2.3.3 – Sunday is the day of the week Christians celebrate Jesus Christ’s Resurrection. (CCC#1166; 1193; 2174; 2180; 2190-91)

Supporting Targets - * (K2) 3.2.3.1 – Liturgy is the public prayer of the Church. (CCC#1069; 1073; 1111; 1187)

**GRADE 3 – Unit #2 EQ#2 Part #2 – *Mass Responses***\*\*\*NOTE: The following week’s CCE session should address these actions, preferably with learners in the church:***FULL, CONSCIOUS, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AT MASS:**** (K3) 3.2.3.2 – People are participants in liturgical celebrations. (CCC#1069; 1111-12; 1187)
* (S1) – making the “Sign of the Cross” with holy water in the church.
* (S2) – genuflecting in the church, as an act of adoration to God and awareness of his holy Presence in the tabernacle.
* (S3) – saying “Amen” and recognizing that it means “so be it” or “I believe.”
* (S4) – saying and “unpacking” (in age-appropriate language) the following Mass responses: *Biblical Readings*
 | **UNDERSTANDINGS:** Learners will understand that…Key Targets - * (U1) 4.4.4.3 – The most important form of prayer is participation in the Eucharistic Liturgy. (CCC#2655; 2720) [Transition from EQ #1]
* (U2) 4.2.3.3 – Sunday is the most important day of the week in which Christians remember and celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection. All Catholics are bound to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligations. (CCC#1167; 1193; 2180; 2192)
* (U3) 4.2.1.1 – The liturgy celebrates the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. (CCC#1085; 1104; 1111)

Supporting Targets - * (U4) 4.5.4.1 – In parishes, people gather to pray and worship and have their faith nurtured. (CCC#2179)

**KNOWLEDGE/ SKILLS:** Learners will know that/be skilled at…Key Targets – * (K1) 4.2.3.1 – Liturgy is the public prayer and worship of the Church. (CCC#1069)
* (K2) 4.4.4.2 – The church serves as the proper place for the liturgical prayer of the Christian community. (CCC#2691; 2696)

Supporting Targets - * (K3) 4.2.2.5 – The Liturgy of the Word is the part of the Mass in which the faithful listen to the Word of God in the Scriptures, profess their faith, and intercede for others. (CCC#1190; 1346)
* (K4) 4.2.2.6 – The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the part of the Mass in which the faithful offer gifts of bread and wine and themselves to God in praise and thanksgiving. God responds by transforming the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ which they then receive in Holy Communion. (CCC#1346)
* (K5) 4.4.4.1 – Shared prayer is especially appropriate when a group is gathered, so that all can know and respond to the needs of others. (CCC#2660; 2689)

**GRADE 4 – Unit #2 EQ#2 Part #2 – *Mass Responses***\*\*\*NOTE: The following week’s CCE session should address these actions, preferably with learners in the church:***FULL, CONSCIOUS, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AT MASS-**** (U5) 4.2.3.2 – The celebration of the liturgy calls Christians beyond observation to participation. (CCC#1097-98; 1102; 1140; 1144; 1187)
* (U6) 4.2.5.1 – Though all present at the liturgy are participants, it is necessary for some people to minister in specific ways. (CCC#1142-1144)
* (K6) 4.2.5.2 – Certain men of the Church are called by God to serve as priests. (CCC#1142; 1350)
* (S1) – making the “Sign of the Cross” with holy water in the church.
* (S2) – genuflecting in the church, as an act of adoration to God and awareness of his holy Presence in the tabernacle.
* (S3) – saying “Amen” and recognizing that it means “so be it” or “I believe.”
* (S4) – saying and “unpacking” (in age-appropriate language) the following Mass responses: *Penitential Act* (Confiteor); *Litany* (“Lamb of God”)
 | **UNDERSTANDINGS:** Learners will understand that…Key Targets - * (U1) 5.4.4.3 – The Eucharistic celebration is central to the Christian community’s prayer by sharing in Christ’s sacrifice of praise. (CCC#1357; 1359; 1361; 2643)
* (U2) 5.2.2.9 – In the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, Jesus Christ is present, offered, and received under the appearance of wheat bread and grape wine. (CCC#1364; 1367; 1374-75; 1380; 1385; 1390; 1408; 1412)
* (U3) 5.2.2.10 – When one receives Holy Communion, one is united with Jesus Christ and all his Church and is nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. Typically, one must be absolved from all mortal sins through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation before receiving Holy Communion. (CCC#1415)

**KNOWLEDGE/ SKILLS:** Learners will know that/be skilled at…Key Targets - * (K1) 5.2.2.11 – Sunday is the Lord’s Day and is at the very heart of the life of the Church. Therefore, the Church encourages the faithful to receive Holy Communion whenever they participate in the Mass, but she obliges them to receive once a year, during the Easter season. (CCC#1389; 1417)

Supporting Targets - * (K2) 5.2.3.4 – From the earliest times Christians have held Sunday, the first day of the week and the day of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, to be sacred. (CCC#1166-67; 1193)
* (K3) 5.2.5.3 – Those called to ordained ministry through the Sacrament of Holy Orders exercise a special role of leadership in liturgical celebrations. (CCC#1140-42; 1592)

**GRADE 5 – Unit #2 EQ#2 Part #2 – *Mass Responses***\*\*\*NOTE: The following week’s CCE session should address these actions, preferably with learners in the church:***FULL, CONSCIOUS, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AT MASS-**** (U4) 5.2.3.3 – Christians are called to be engaged in the liturgy as full, conscious, and active participants. (CCC#1071)
* (S1) – making the “Sign of the Cross” with holy water in the church.
* (S2) – genuflecting in the church, as an act of adoration to God and awareness of his holy Presence in the tabernacle.
* (S3) – saying “Amen” and recognizing that it means “so be it” or “I believe.”
* (S4) – saying and “unpacking” (in age-appropriate language) the following Mass responses: *Gloria, Preface Dialogue; Preface Acclamation* (“Holy, holy, holy…”); *Prayers over Gifts*.
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