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

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

**Essential Question #3:**

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

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| **Grade 3** | **Grade 4** | **Grade 5** |
| **UNDERSTANDINGS**: Learners will understand that…  Key Targets -   * (U1) 3.2.2.1 – The Seven Sacraments are sacred signs through which Jesus Christ shares God's life with Christians. (CCC#1114; 1127-1129; 1131) * (U2) 3.2.1.1 – The life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ is celebrated and communicated through the sacramental life of the Church. (CCC #1067; 1076; 1111; 1409)   Supporting Targets -   * (U3) 3.2.2.2 – The Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) lay the foundation of the Christian life. (CCC# 212; 1275) * (U4) 3.2.2.3 – The Sacrament of Baptism is a sign that comes from Jesus and has been celebrated by Christians since the beginning of the Church. (CCC#1282) * (U5) 3.2.2.4 – In the Sacrament of Baptism, water symbolizes cleansing and both death and new life. (CCC#1213-1215; 1278) * (U6) 3.2.2.5 - The Sacrament of Confirmation is the sacrament which strengthens baptismal grace and, like Baptism, is received only once. (CCC#1285; 1303-1304; 1316-1317)   **KNOWLEDGE/ SKILLS**: Learners will know that/be skilled at…[None for this EQ.] | **UNDERSTANDINGS:** Learners will understand that…  Key Targets -   * (U1) 4.2.2.4 – The Sacrament of the Eucharist draws people into deeper communion with God and one another. (CCC#1346; 1396; 1416) [Transition from EQ #2] * (U2) 4.2.2.1 – Sacraments are sacred signs that celebrate God’s love in which the presence of Jesus Christ brings that love into the lives of the faithful and the Church. (CCC#1085; 1104; 1111)   Supporting Targets -   * (U3) 4.2.4.1 – Through Baptism, the Holy Spirit helps Christians to think and act as children of God. (CCC#1266; 1279) * (U4) 4.2.4.2 – Baptism gives all people the right and responsibility to participate in the liturgy. (CCC#901; 941; 1140; 1144; 1187; 1269; 1279)   **KNOWLEDGE/ SKILLS**: Learners will know that/be skilled at…  Key Targets -   * (K1) 4.2.2.2 – The Seven Sacraments are divided into three groups: three Sacraments of Christian Initiation, two Sacraments of Healing and two Sacraments at the Service of Communion. (CCC#1211; 1275)   Supporting Targets -   * (K2) 4.2.2.3 – The imposition of water on the forehead of the candidate and calling forth the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are essential in the Rite of Baptism. (CCC#1239-40; 1278) | **UNDERSTANDINGS:** Learners will understand that…  Key Targets -   * (U1) 5.2.3.1 – Christ acts in the celebration of the liturgy. (CCC#1187) * (U2) 5.2.2.1 – Sacraments are liturgical celebrations that use signs and symbols revealed by Jesus Christ to celebrate and bring about God’s grace. (CCC-none) * (U3) 5.2.2.2 – The grace of the sacraments offers real assistance to those seeking to be in communion with God. (CCC#1129; 1131; 1396; 1416) * (U4) 5.3.3.11 – Through the sacraments, one receives sanctifying grace. Through sanctifying grace one receives forgiveness and the gift of sharing in God’s life. (CCC#1987; 1989-90; 1992; 1994; 1996; 2000; 2017-18; 2023)   Supporting Targets -   * (U5) 5.2.2.3 – Baptism frees people from all sins, both Original Sin and personal sin. (CCC#1263; 1279) * (U6) 5.2.2.4 – Descending into the water of the font symbolizes Baptism into the death of Christ, rising from the water symbolizes the Resurrection of Christ. (CCC#1239; 1274; 1278) * (U7) 5.2.2.7 – Confirmation deepens baptismal grace, strengthening the relationship to the Father, uniting one more closely to Christ, increasing the gifts of the Holy Spirit, making the bond with the Church more perfect and giving the power and strength to act as true witnesses to Christ. (CCC#1303-04; 1316-17)   **KNOWLEDGE/ SKILLS**: Learners will know that/be skilled at…  Key Targets -   * (K1) 5.5.2.8 – The Church administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to those candidates that have reached the age of reason, profess their faith, are in the state of grace, and freely intend to receive the Sacrament in order to grow as they live a life as a disciple of Christ. (CCC#1319)   Supporting Targets -   * (K2) 5.1.3.16 – The sacraments were given to the Church by Jesus Christ, but the way in which they are celebrated developed through history. (CCC#1117; 1131) * (K3) 5.2.2.5 – The Church, from her earliest times, has baptized children and helped them grow into the faith they have been given by God. (CCC#1282) * (K4) 5.1.3.3 – The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. (CCC# 1831; 1845) * (K5) 5.1.3.4 – The fruits of the Holy Spirit are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. (CCC#1832) * (K6) 5.2.2.6 – In case of an emergency, anyone with the right intention can baptize by pouring water on the head of the one to be baptized while saying, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (CCC#1240; 1256) * (K7) 5.2.2.12 – The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, by the will of Christ, is the only ordinary means by which people receive God’s merciful forgiveness for serious sins committed after Baptism, through the ministry of the bishops and priests. (CCC#986; 1446; 1486; 1491; 1495; 1497) * (K8) 5.2.2.16 – Like all sacraments, the Anointing of the Sick is a celebration of the whole community of the faithful. The priest or bishop can administer this sacrament by laying his hands on the person and anointing him or her with oil as a sign of the power, presence and healing of the Holy Spirit. (CCC#1530) |