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

**Unit #1 –** *Who is Jesus Christ?*

**Essential Question #2 –** *What does Jesus Christ teach you about God?* [Creation; Holy Trinity]

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| **Grade 3** | **Grade 4** | **Grade 5** |
| **UNDERSTANDINGS**: Learners will understand that…Key Targets - * (U1) 3.1.3.1 – God loves people like a father and like a mother. [CCC#231; 239)
* (U2) 3.1.2.1 – God freely created the universe and all that is in it. (CCC#296)
* (U3) 3.1.2.2 – The beauty of creation, when experienced by means of the senses, allows people to know God's beauty. (CCC#33; 44; 47; 299; 319)
* (U4) 3.1.3.3 – The Holy Spirit is the Gift of the Father and the Son. (CCC#638; 658; 988-90)

**KNOWLEDGE/ SKILLS**: Learners will know that/be skilled at…Key Targets - * (K1) 3.1.3.2 – God is a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (CCC#234; 261; 267)
* (K2) 3.4.1.4 – The Sign of the Cross is a prayer that reminds Catholics of the Holy Trinity. (CCC#2157; 2166)
* (S1) – making the Sign of the Cross and explaining how this “sign” connects to the Holy Trinity.
* (S2) – reciting the “Glory Be to the Father” and explaining its connections to the Holy Trinity.
 | **UNDERSTANDINGS**: Learners will understand that…Key Targets -* (U1) 4.3.3.1 – In the beginning, God created people in his own image and likeness and they lived in perfect friendship with him in the Garden of Eden. (CCC#384)
* (U2) 4.5.2.2 – God entrusts people with the care of all creation. This stewardship extends to the care of animals and the responsible usage of earthly goods to benefit all people.(CCC#2415; 2426-27)z
* (U3) 4.1.3.2 – The Holy Spirit is advocate, helper, and guide. (CCC#91; 243; 747; 852; 1299)

**KNOWLEDGE/ SKILLS**: Learners will know that/be skilled at…Key Targets - * (K1) 4.1.3.1 – It is a central mystery of the Christian faith that God is a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (CCC#234; 261; 267)
* (S1) – making the Sign of the Cross and explaining how this “sign” connects to the Holy Trinity.
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 | **UNDERSTANDINGS**: Learners will understand that…Key Targets - * (U1) 5.1.2.2 – God speaks to people through creation, which can never be fully understood. (CCC#32; 47; 230; 299; 319)
* (U2) 5.1.2.1 – God continues to exercise his creative power even today. (CCC#301) [CVL]
* (U3) 5.3.1.2 – During his ministry Jesus taught people to believe in the true God, to hope in him, and to love him with one's whole heart. (CCC#2134) [CVL]
* (U4) 5.1.3.2 – The one true God is a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This great mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ in his words, ministry, and Paschal Mystery. (CCC#228; 234; 240; 261; 267)

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