

8th Grade Religion Syllabus

Mr. Ochoa – 2025/2026

This 8th grade religion syllabus combines *Sadlier We Believe* (focused on Church history, morality, and discipleship) with *Chosen: Your Journey to Confirmation* (Ascension) to prepare students for Confirmation. From **August–November**, students explore God’s Revelation, Scripture, the Trinity, and God’s saving plan, while beginning their Confirmation journey by reflecting on life’s purpose, happiness, and God’s call. From **December–February**, the focus shifts to Jesus’ mission, the Paschal Mystery, the Church, and the Sacraments of Initiation, paired with lessons on grace, Baptism, the Eucharist, and Reconciliation. From **March–May**, students study the work of the Holy Spirit, the marks of the Church, Christian morality, and prayer, while completing Confirmation preparation through lessons on the Holy Spirit’s role, their vocation, and discipleship. Prayer services, retreats, and liturgical celebrations are integrated throughout the year to deepen faith and readiness for Confirmation.

Trimester 1: August – November

Theme: God’s Covenant & Our Faith Journey

- **Unit 1: Revelation & Our Call**
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 1 – God’s Revelation
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 1 – Why Am I Here?
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 2 – What Makes Me Happy?
- **Unit 2: God’s Promise in Scripture**
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 2 – Scripture & Tradition
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 3 – The Mystery of the Trinity
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 3 – What’s Your Story, God?
- **Unit 3: God’s Saving Plan**
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 4 – God’s Promise Fulfilled
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 4 – How Do I Know God Is Real?
- **Unit 4: Christ the Son of God**
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 5 – The Son of God
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 5 – Who Is Jesus?

Trimester 2: December – February

Theme: Jesus Christ & the Church

- **Unit 5: Mission & Paschal Mystery**
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 6 – Jesus’ Mission
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 7 – The Paschal Mystery
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 6 – Why Be Catholic?
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 7 – Where Am I Going?
- **Unit 6: The Church & the Sacraments**
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 8 – The Church
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 9 – Sacraments of Initiation
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 8 – How Do I Get There? (Grace & Sacraments)

- *Chosen*: Lesson 9 – When Did My Journey Begin? (Baptism)
- **Unit 7: Eucharist & Reconciliation**
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 10 – The Eucharist
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 10 – Why Tell My Sins to a Priest?
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 11 – How Does God Help When It Hurts?

Trimester 3: March – May

Theme: Living the Faith

- **Unit 8: Life in the Spirit**
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 11 – Sacraments of Healing & Service
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 12 – The Holy Spirit’s Work
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 12 – Who Is the Holy Spirit?
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 13 – What Does the Holy Spirit Do for Me?
- **Unit 9: The Church in the World**
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 13 – The Marks of the Church
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 14 – Christian Morality & Commandments
 - *Chosen*: Lesson 14 – Why Have I Been Chosen?
- **Unit 10: Prayer & Discipleship**
 - *Sadlier*: Ch. 15 – Prayer & Discipleship
 - *Chosen*: Lessons 15–17 – How Do I Prepare for Confirmation?