Final Performance Tasks for Unit 4

The following is a list of the enduring understandings for unit 4. Demonstrating your grasp of one or   
more of these understandings will be essential to successfully completing your chosen final performance task. See the descriptions below to understand the specific elements that will be required for each performance task option.

* Jesus reveals God’s plan for us by giving us a vision of authentic humanity.
* Because we are created in the image of God, we have an inherent dignity and a duty to respect life.
* Through Baptism we become God’s adopted children, destined to live forever in Heaven.
* Our call to holiness is revealed through the teachings of Jesus found in the Gospels.

Option 1: Stewards of Life Videos

Using the information you have learned throughout this unit, create a public service announcement to be aired on television about how teens today are called to care for creation responsibly and to be stewards of life in all of its forms.

Begin the video with a brief explanation of why we are called to care for creation and respect life, bringing in key concepts covered in the unit. Then create three examples of how teens can show respect and care for creation. This can be done through taped skits, dramatic readings, music, poetry, or any other creative form of expression. Ensure that the message is clear and will speak to other teens. End the video with a brief summary or tag line that encourages teens to embrace the call to care for the gifts we have been given.Your grade will be based on the use of material from the unit, the clarity and creativity of your presentation, and the effective use of your chosen format.

Option 2: Christian Summer Camp Leader Application

You are applying to be a team leader at a Christian summer camp. As a leader for the entire summer, you are expected to be a strong witness to the teachings of Jesus. To be accepted as a leader, you must complete a written self-assessment examining how well you integrate and follow Jesus’ teachings. Acceptance will be determined by whether your written self-assessment provides examples of Christian discipleship and spells out the degree to which you follow or struggle with Jesus’ teachings as seen through the Beatitudes, Jesus’ parables about the Kingdom of God, the Greatest Commandments, and the teaching about the Last Judgment.

Follow these steps to write your self-assessment:

* Reflect on your acceptance of or questions about each of the Beatitudes (draw from either Luke or Matthew), five parables about the Kingdom of God, the Greatest Commandments, and the teaching about the Last Judgment.
* Provide examples of ways you believe Jesus would want you to act, given his teachings, and ways in which you respond to his teachings at this point in your life.
* Explain how following or struggling to follow Jesus’ teachings affects you, as well as how others in your community are affected by your example.

Your grade will be based on your integration of Jesus’ teachings; your explanation of your understanding of the teachings; the depth of your reflection on your response to the teachings; and your use of grammar, spelling, syntax, and diction.