

## SYLLABUS: RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION - GRADE 2

*Blessed Sacrament - St Edward - St Joseph*

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course prepares our young people for the next Sacraments- First Reconciliation and First Communion. The Blessed program combines world-class animation in video form as well as beautiful workbooks. The content is designed to meet children where they are and leads them, step-by-step, to where God is calling them to be.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall goals and objectives of this course are to help the students 1) to know, understand, and integrate Catholic beliefs, 2) to know how the church worships through full, active, and conscious participation in liturgy, 3) to recognize, understand, and express that each person is called as a disciple of Jesus to love, forgive, and serve others, 4) to learn to pray the way Jesus did: adoration, praise, thanksgiving, filial confidence, supplication, and awe, 5) to experience community life as an apprenticeship of faith which cultivates values, relationships, and ecumenical dialogue, and 6) to become disciples of Christ, present in society, and be able to witness their faith.

### TEXTS AND FILM MATERIALS

1. Dynamic Catholic BLESSED FIRST RECONCILIATION book (abbreviated as FRB)
2. Dynamic Catholic BLESSED FIRST COMMUNION book (abbreviated as FCB)
3. [www.dynamiccatholic.com/blessed](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/blessed) for video links (abbreviated as FRV and FCV)
4. Saint Mary's Press. THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S BIBLE. 2013. (Abbreviated CCB)

### PARENT'S ROLE

Since faith is caught, not taught, the role of parents in the faith formation of their children is crucial. We, the faith community can teach them about their faith but you, the parents, are the primary teachers. Your interest in their RE classes and you working with them on their reading assignments is irreplaceable.

WK	RECONCILIATION	DESIRED LEARNING OUTCOME
1	<b>Session 1: You Are Blessed</b>	Respect that each person is created in God's image and likeness. Show respect for all creation. Identify the 7 Sacraments. Name and Explain the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Reconciliation. Baptism- receive the Holy Spirit. Pray in thanksgiving for the gift of life.
2	<b>Session 2: Best Version of Yourself</b>	Recognize the Great Commandment and the 10 Commandments. Give examples of how we live a Christian life. Give examples of how we respect one another. Demonstrate ways to live the Great Commandment.
3	<b>Session 3: God Sent Jesus to Save Us</b>	Know that Jesus lived as a member of a human family. Know that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were Jewish. Recognize that Jesus came to save all people. Name 3 holy men or women who believed in God. Recall and tell the story of the Last Supper. Seek to develop a relationship with Jesus.

		Recall the story of Pentecost.
4	<b>Session 4: Forgiveness and Healing</b>	Describe how grace is God's life in us. Understand that actions affect others. Acknowledge that having a change of heart and actions often takes time. Relate the concepts of sin, God's forgiveness and mercy, and how sin hurts us, God and others. Internalize God's unconditional love and mercy (Good Shepard story).
5	<b>Session 5: Reconciliation</b>	Explain the purpose of Reconciliation and different ways to celebrate it. Understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how to celebrate it. Explain the difference between accidents, mistakes, choices and sin. Examination of conscience/guided reflection. Pray for God's help knowing right from wrong.
6	<b>Session 6: Only the Beginning</b>	Experience various celebrations of prayer and identify the leader. Demonstrate sign of cross, bowing, etc. Prayer time. Know and Practice the Golden Rule. Identify as a disciple of Christ and member of Christ's Body, the Church.
7	Prayer, Examination of Conscience Review questions on pages 206-237	Know the following prayers: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Prayer Before Meals, Act of Contrition. Practice spontaneous prayer.
8	Practice Reconciliation Continued review of questions on p. 206-207	Skit, Tour Reconciliation room, examination of conscience
-	First Reconciliation (parents must attend)	Describe an examination of conscience

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9	<b>Session 1: Sunday is Special</b>	Identify that Jesus gave us the sacraments as a way to celebrate and remember God's love for us, and through which Jesus becomes truly present  Name three holy men or women who lived at the time of Jesus and those living now who follow Jesus' teachings
10	<b>Session 2: The Greatest Event on Earth</b>	Reflect on the experience of Sunday Mass: what you see, hear, smell, touched Show reverence while being in Church Relate the Sunday Scripture readings to daily life
11	<b>Session 3: The Word of God</b>	Know that the Bible is a special Book of God's Word and demonstrate how we show respect for it Know that we read from the Bible at Mass Know that the Psalms are a book of the Old Testament and are prayed at Mass Demonstrate how the Bible is divided into two main sections: Old and New Testament

			Give examples of how Bible stories tell us about God's love for us
12	<b>Session 4: The Eucharist</b>		Identify two parts of the Mass: Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist
13	<b>Lent Lesson</b> Review Fasting, Abstaining, Almsgiving, Stations of the Cross, etc.		Recognize the Liturgical Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time
14	<b>Session 5: Your First Communion</b>		Experience the Sacrament of the Eucharist as an action in which we give thanks and praise, receive Jesus, remember His life, death and resurrection and are sent to be Christ to others Explain that we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and receive his Body and Blood when we receive the Holy Eucharist
15	<b>Session 6: God's Family</b>		Perceive the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy as central to the life of the Church Identify as a disciple of Christ and a member of Christ's Body, the Church Associate trust in God with their own well-being and happiness
16	<b>Questions in Book</b> Review questions/Bible verses p. 195-225 Help children look up Bible verses and discuss (teacher's choice on questions)		
17	<b>Tour of church with Father George</b>		
	April 24/25	First Communion	