

2nd Grade Reconciliation and First Communion Catechesis Group
Week 8- Session 3 Part 2
November 3, 2020

God Sent Jesus to Save Us

Greetings to all second grade catechesis friends of Jesus!

➤ **Our Lady of Prompt Succor**

Hi, parents, boys and girls. We hope that Hurricane Zeta did not do damage to your home or hurt you or your families. You may have heard people calling on and praying to Our Lady of Prompt Succor for protection. Do you know who she is? She is our Blessed Mother Mary. We pray to her by that title when we are afraid and threatened by storms or other potential calamities and disasters. The word “succor” means help and “prompt” means “on time,” speedy, quick. So we are asking our Blessed Mother to help us fast and quickly! The National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor is located in New Orleans and you and your parents may want to visit the shrine, attend Mass, pray to her, and see her beautiful statue. Included with today’s lesson is a picture of the statue on p.4.

“Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us!”

❖ **All Saints’ Day**

Did you remember that Sunday was All Saints Day? Hopefully, we will all be saints one day. You can see a video about the saints and a video of an all saints’ party:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5gjTNQto4M>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucZ-q4VkY6U>. Enjoy!!!!!!

❖ **Sunday Gospel**

What was Sunday’s gospel all about? I’ll give you a hint: it begins with the letter “B.” No, it’s not Baptism, not Bethlehem. Could it be “blessed?” Yes, it is. Who spoke about people who are blessed? You are correct, it was Jesus. Where was Jesus sitting and who was with him? Jesus tells all of us who the blessed are. Parents you are invited to look over these sheets and choose those which you think best for your second grader.

This one is a fun coloring worksheet:

<https://www.biblewise.com/kids/images/fun/coloring/beatitudes-blessed-are.pdf>

1. Opening Prayer

Now please invite your mom and dad to join us and let us all relax, be quiet as a mouse, and settle down taking a few good breaths as we begin all prayers by making the sign of the cross. Let us pray our opening prayer on p. 69.

2. To view the website, visit <https://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/program-view/first-reconciliation/session-2>. When you get there, scroll to the bottom to where you will find the following videos for this session.
3. If you would like, this would be a good time to re-watch **Episode3 , “Jesus’s Ministry,”** & Read pp. 81-82.
 - a. How can you carry on Jesus’ mission?
 - b. What did Ben tell Sarah when she asked him that very question?
 - i. Being a great friend
 - ii. Treating others how I want to be treated
 - iii. Following the commandments
 - iv. Going to Mass
4. What does it mean to be a follower? Is it easy or difficult? Why? What does it mean to be a disciple? Being a disciple means to be a student- to be humble, docile, and teachable, and to listen. One way that God has asked me to carry on His mission is by co-teaching your class with Ms. Lisa. Teaching you and accompanying you and your parents on your sacramental journey this year is my mission. For this privileged mission, I am truly blessed!
5. Read p. 84. Which is your favorite parable? Mine is the *The Good Samaritan*; here is a link to a video about the Good Samaritan:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>
6. Read p. 86. Answer the following:
 - a. What are three reasons Jesus performed miracles?
 - b. What is your favorite miracle? Draw a picture of it.
 - c. What are the favorite miracles of your parents?
7. Watch the **Episode 4 video, “The Cross, Resurrection, and Ascension.”** Read pp. 88-91. Answer the following:
 - a. How much does Jesus love us?
 - b. How do we know Jesus loves us?
 - c. From what does Jesus save us?
 - d. Why do we call the day Jesus died Good Friday?
 - e. What is the most important event in history? Why?
 - f. Do you want to go to heaven? Why?
 - g. What happened 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead?
 - h. Who was with Jesus at the Ascension and do you know why there were 11, not 12, present?

8. This is a super-duper episode! Yayeeeeee!!!! **Episode 5, "From the Bible: Pentecost,"** is about my favorite feast in our faith. It is always celebrated on a Sunday. It is Pentecost! The story of Pentecost is amazing! I can't wait for you to now view the **Episode 5 video, "From the Bible: Pentecost,"** and read pp.92-93.
- Who descended upon Jesus' disciples?
 - How did that change the disciples?
 - Ask your parents what the Blessed Trinity is.
 - In what sacrament did you first receive the Holy Spirit?
 - In what sacrament will you again receive the Holy Spirit in a special way with His special gifts?
 - Let me tell you a little bit about why I so love the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit. When I was in second grade and would become a little afraid before a test, my mom would remind me to pray to the Holy Spirit to enlighten me and help me on my test. Believe me when I tell you the Holy Spirit never lets me down. He always "has my back." In other words, He gives me courage and my fear vanishes. Talk to Him, ask Him to help you, to make you brave and be with you always.
9. In this next episode, Ben, Sarah, and Hemingway prepare for Isabella's surprise birthday party. Did you know that Pentecost is the birthday of the Church? View the **Episode 6, "You and the Church," video** now and read pp. 94-95.
- To whom did Jesus give His message in order to pass it on to us?
 - Where do we receive Jesus' message on Sunday?
 - What else is passed along to us by the Church?
 - Remember this, we are members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.
10. Read pp.96-97. If you could be anyone in the Jesus story, who would you be? Some suggestions are Mary, Lazarus, Zacchaeus, the woman at the well and the Good Shepherd. Ask your parents who they would be?
11. *Show What You Know*-Complete the activity pages 98-99. Ask for your parents to help or explain anything further.
12. Look at pp. 100-101. Write a letter to Jesus, p. 101.
13. Watch the **Episode 7 video, "Closing Prayer."**
- What are some of the important things you learned in this Session 3?
 - Remember that our story and Jesus' story are connected.
 - Remember that God will go to unimaginable lengths to prove His love to us.
 - Remember that Jesus invites us to have a dynamic and personal relationship with Him so that He can share His happiness with us and we can share it with others.

14. Let us say St. Augustine's prayer to the Holy Spirit to close Session 3. Learn this prayer and say it every day especially at times when you need courage.

Boys and girls, you all really worked hard these two weeks in this, Session 3, a job well done! Thank you, parents, for teaching your beautiful little ones by your love and example.

Boys, girls and parents, keep the Holy Spirit, your special Friend, in your heart and in your thoughts.

God love and bless you and may our Blessed Mother Mary keep you in her care,

Ms. Debbie and Ms. Lisa

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