

2nd Grade Reconciliation and First Communion Catechesis Group
Week 9- *Blessed First Reconciliation*
Week of November 10, 2020

Forgiveness and Healing – Session 4 Part 1 pp. 105

Greetings to all second grade catechesis friends of Jesus! Did you have a good week? We have been thinking of you and praying for you and your family. We are glad that you are with us again this week. Did you pray our prayer to the Holy Spirit during the week?

Opening Prayer

Please invite your mom and dad to join us. Let's just take a moment in silence to be still and quiet and open ourselves up to whatever God wants to tell us now. Beginning with the sign of the cross, let us pray our opening prayer on p. 105, followed by the *Angel of God*.

❖ **Gospel Notes-** November 8, 2020 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

According to Matthew 25:1-13

Do you remember what the word "parable" means?

This gospel is about a parable Jesus told to the people. It is about ten bridesmaids.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise. Take a look at the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJiM3qKGzoY>

Do you remember this story from the Gospel in Mass this weekend?

Why were some of the bridesmaids foolish?

What do you need to do to be like the wise bridesmaids?

❖ Now let's begin this week's lesson, Session 4.

1. To view the website, visit <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/first-reconciliation/blessed-program-view-first-reconciliation-session-4-1.html>. When you get there, scroll to the bottom to where you will find the following videos for this session.
2. In Session 4, Episode 1, "**God Loves Healthy Relationships**," Sarah and Hemingway have a surprise for Ben. What do you think it could be? Let's watch Episode 1 now.
 - a. Read pages 106-107.
3. Watch Session4, Episode 2, "**Forgiveness**."
 - a. Read pages 108-113.
 - b. Think about the last time you that you forgave someone. It may help if you think back when Ben destroyed Sarah's painting with a football or when Sarah carelessly used Ben's toothbrush to comb Hemingway's hair.
 - c. If you scroll down after the video ends, you will see 3 points to click on: Focus, Act and Pray. Remember to pray that prayer daily with your parents.

4. Watch Session 4, Episode 3, “**What is a Sacrament?**”
 - a. Read pages 114-115. Hopefully you understand better what is a Sacrament.
 - c. Let’s take a break and stretch. Stand up. Your parents can do this, too.
 - i. Try reaching for the ceiling, reaching up and leaning to the right, then leaning left. Now push your arms straight down without bending and reach toward your toes.

5. Watch Session 4, Episode 4, “What is Reconciliation?”
 - a. Read pp. 116-117.
 - b. Answer the following:
 - i. With the grace of God from Reconciliation, what do we become?
 - ii. Reconciliation provides opportunities for us. What are they?
 - iii. Place yourself in the picture on those pages. Imagine that you are there.
 - iv. What do you see? How do you feel?
 - c. Remember, Jesus forgives us so we can live with joy and share it with others.

6. Additional coloring Activity (attached to the e-mail and website) – “[Parable of the Talents](#)”.

Note: More about this parable, as well as 2 videos, are at the bottom of this page [this will be next week’s Gospel for November 15th].

Parents, pray this prayer with your child each day this week:

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want;
 He lets me lay down in green pastures.
 He leads me beside peaceful waters;
 He restores my soul.
 He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.*

Remember parents and children: There can be no peace without forgiveness. Forgiveness is one of the central lessons in the life and teachings of Jesus. It plays a powerful role in the spiritual health of every person. It plays a powerful role in every relationship. And it is essential to the life of any healthy community, whether that community is as small as a family or as large as a nation. When we forgive, we share the love of God with others and rid ourselves of dangerous poisons that can prevent us from growing spiritually.

❖ **NOTE:**

In **next week’s** Sunday Mass the Gospel will be about “talent”. Here are links to **two videos** you may wish to view prior to attending Mass next week:

(Note that the first one is rather long, so you can fast forward to the point of “19:48” to get to the starting point of the “Talents” parable.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NS6vF4s19rI&list=PLj9mmbd-IN43QOfylHozmZ6PathFaBmC&index=26>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNH4IjGWI-8>

To all who attended our meeting on Saturday morning,

Thank you for coming together in God's house. We hope that you enjoyed it and learned a bit more about the sacramental path on which you and your family are journeying this year. For those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you, but do not worry because Mr. Jacques is available to answer any questions that you may have. A *First Reconciliation Sacramental Preparation* packet was given to everyone. Mr. Jacques will be making that available online, if you do not have one.

On p.2 of the packet, pictured are 12 of some of the things in our sacred space, our church, God's house. In church Mr. Jacques pointed out five of those things which are saints' statues. Can you name those saints? Which saint's statue in the church is not pictured on p.2? Do not forget to visit church with your parents and take your packet with you. Perhaps before or after Sunday Mass, you can find and point out to your parents each numbered item on p. 2.

As an extra challenge, choose two of the saints, draw them and, with your parents' help, see how much information you can find out about those two saints. Remember that we learned that saints are heroes who were real, live people who lived holy lives, obeying God's commandments. They live in heaven and see God all the time. One week ago we celebrated All Saints Day. Remember all of those who have died and gone to heaven are saints.

Assignment: Complete p.3 "Our Church Family" in your First Reconciliation Sacramental Preparation packet.

Are you getting excited for your big days? What's the countdown? Did you know there is a free countdown app that you could ask your parents to get on their phones? Then you would be able to check the app daily to see how many months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, and seconds until your big days!

WOW!!!! We really covered a great deal this lesson!!! You really worked hard and did a great job. We hope that you are enjoying the sessions, videos, and activities. Attached are four coloring sheets that pertain to the Talents video and next Sunday's Gospel. Don't forget to say your bedtime prayers and tell your guardian angel, "hello." We are praying for you and your family. Have a blessed week!

Ms. Debbie and Ms. Lisa