

2nd Grade Reconciliation and First Communion Catechesis Group  
Week 10- *Blessed First Reconciliation*  
November 17, 2020

## ***Forgiveness and Healing*** – Session 4 Part 2

Greetings, Boys and Girls and Parents,

How have you been doing? Did you have a good week? Did you remember to say your morning and bedtime prayers? Which prayers did you pray and which one is your favorite?



As usual we will begin with a prayer, but today you get to choose the prayer that you would like to say with your parents. Remember that when you are praying, you are talking to God. Let us pray.

### ***Workbook: BLESSED FIRST RECONCILIATION*** Session 4 Part 2

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. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be the daughter or son of a king? Let's see the Episode 5 video, "**From the Bible: Our Father.**"
  - a. Read pages 118-121. What is so very special about the *Our Father*?
    - i. Forgiveness is key to healthy relationships.
    - ii. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leads us to heaven.
    - iii. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God proves that he is always willing to forgive you.
    - iv. There can be no peace without forgiveness. Forgiveness is one of the central lessons in the life and teachings of Jesus.
      - a. It plays a powerful role in the spiritual health of every person.
      - b. 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.
      - c. When we forgive, we share the love of God with others and rid ourselves of dangerous poisons that can prevent us from growing spiritually.

- b. Parents, share with your child a story from a time in your life when you needed to ask for someone's forgiveness and to, also, accept someone's apology.
  - c. 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.*
3. In our next episode Hemingway gets lost. Do you think Ben and Sarah find him? Let's find out and view Episode 6 video, "**God Will Always Love You.**"
    - a. Read the story of The Good Shepherd aloud on pages 122-125. The coloring activity, "**The Good Shepherd**," is attached.
    - b. Read pages 126-127.
      - i. Can you imagine yourself within the illustration?
      - ii. Will God always love you?
      - iii. What if you do something wrong?
    - c. "Show What You Know," pages 128-129.
    - d. "Journal With Jesus," pages. 130-131.
  4. Watch Episode 7 now, "**Closing Prayer.**"
    - a. In this prayer, we hear the story of David fighting the mighty Goliath. It is one of the most famous stories in the whole Bible for a reason: it is an amazing story!
    - b. Read King David's prayer on page 134.

**Important points to review from Session 4:**

- ✓ God loves healthy relationships.
- ✓ Forgiveness is essential to healthy relationships.
- ✓ Reconciliation cleans up the mess in my soul.
- ✓ God is always willing to forgive me when I am sorry.
- ✓ Jesus wants to lead me to heaven.
- ✓ I am God's daughter/son.
- ✓ God chooses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things.

**Packet: *First Reconciliation Sacramental Preparation***

**Note:** If you were not at the meeting on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, please contact Jacques Delouche. He will be e-mailing the packets this week.

1. "Our Church Family," p. 2.
2. "Hear My Voice," p.3. Review the 10 Commandments & the two greatest commandments. Notice that the first three commandments pertain directly to God and the other commandments pertain to everyone else.
  - a. How do we hear the voice of Jesus?
  - b. What are we obeying when we hear His voice?
  - c. What does the fourth commandment mean? Talk to your parents about it.
  - d. **Memorize the commandments (Catechism p. 236) by December 1;** practice daily. Ask your parents to help you. Color a picture of Moses attached.
3. "Sin Hurts Our Relationship With God," Read p. 4.
  - a. What happens to sheep who do not listen to the shepherd's voice?
  - b. That's right; the sheep wander away and are lost! When we choose to do something wrong, we wander like the sheep and we are lost.
  - c. What is sin?
  - d. How many kinds of sin are there?
  - e. What is venial sin?
  - f. What is mortal sin?
  - g. Does God abandon us when we sin?
  - h. Enjoy the attached coloring sheet of the Good Shepherd.
4. "Accident, Sin or Mistake?" p. 5. Parents, please engage your youngsters in discussing items, #1-5.

*Let's end our lesson today by praying the Our Father.*

Just a two notes, 1 for our parents, and 1 for our students:

*Dear Parents,*

*How did you enjoy the task of identifying things in the church with your youngsters last week? It's strange how we can visit church every week for Mass and never notice some of the things that are there.*

*Please note that the "highlighted" assignments in this week's lesson are long range fun activities with future deadlines. So your children may need your help to stay on target. We truly wish we could meet for class in person, but for now we will all do our best with the Holy Spirit's help.*

*Despite your busy lives, I hope that you can approach this path in your children's lives with excitement and joy. They need you more than ever right now to teach them, guide them, and set an example for them.*

*We know this is a difficult year, difficult for everyone everywhere, but we are never alone. Take a deep breath, visualize Jesus laughing and talking with you and your family at Thanksgiving. What would you like to say to Him? Say it to Him now and every day as often as you need to. He's got you! You are not alone. You can do this. You are in the right place at the right time for your little ones and the Good Shepherd never ever loses any of His sheep. We pray for you and your little lambs.*

*2020 has been quite challenging to say the least, but we have so much for which to be thankful and to never take for granted. Keeping that in mind, this may be our best Thanksgiving ever. God love and bless you all!*

*Wishing you all a very blessed Thanksgiving,  
Ms. Debbie and Ms. Lisa*

*Dear Boys and Girls,*

*We continue to pray for you and your families. You are great students and we are proud of the job that you and your parents have done in Session 4. You all have worked very hard. We truly enjoy preparing your lessons and we are always learning, too. We are very excited and counting the days until January 23, 2021 when you receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Did your folks get the "countdown" app?*

*Happy Thanksgiving!  
Ms. Debbie and Ms. Lisa*