

Catechesis - 2nd Grade 1st Communion Group
December 8th, 2020

A Message from the Catechists, Ms. Lisa and Mrs. Debbie:

“Hello 2nd grade Catechesis friends of Jesus & Moms and Dads. Welcome back. Mrs. Debbie, Mr. Jacques and I want to take a moment to congratulate you on all the hard work you've put into preparing for your 1st Reconciliation. We also want to congratulate the Moms and Dads who have made the time and effort throughout this process in this unusual teaching year of Catechesis. We thank you.”

Main Lesson:

1. Please invite mom & dad to join us in our **opening prayer**:

a. Sign of the Cross

b. “God our loving Father, thank you for all the ways you Bless me. Help me to be aware that every person, place & adventure I experience is an opportunity to love you more. Fill me with a desire to change and to grow and give me the grace to become the best version of myself in every moment of every day.

Amen.”

2. We are now in Session 5! Please visit the Dynamic Catholic Blessed Program’s website at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/first-reconciliation/blessed-program-view-first-reconciliation-session-5-1.html>. When you get there, scroll to the bottom to where you will find the following videos for this session. **Please follow the order below.**

a. Session 5, Video 1: “**Great Moments in Life**”

i. After the video, read Pages 138-139.

ii. During the video you watched Ben & Sarah talk about what they thought were great moments in their lives.

iii. On page 138, in the “My Notes” section at the bottom of that page, list 3 great moments of your life.

1. Examples from your Teachers: My 1st Communion, the day I graduated college, the 1st time I taught a class of Catechism.

b. Session 5, Video 2: “**The Garden of Your Heart**”

i. After the video, read pages 140-143.

ii. On those pages, you will find a picture of a beautiful garden. There are pretty flowers, green trees, a clear blue water fountain but there's something that doesn't fit with the rest of the picture.

iii. Do you see it? What do you think it is?

1. If you said the ugly dead thorn Bush you were right. Think of the garden like all the beautiful parts of your heart. But sometimes we all have an ugly part in our hearts, and we may have a hard time removing it.

2. God is the gardener of our hearts, we have Him to care for all our beautiful parts and keep them growing & strong. And the best thing is we also have God to remove those ugly thorn bushes in our garden.

c. Session 5, Video 3: **“Preparation Matters”**

i. After the video, read pages 144-145.

ii. Every important thing in our lives requires us to prepare or "get ready" for it. It's like studying for a test, practicing for a game or music recital. The same thing is true for preparing for your 1st Reconciliation.

iii. In **episode 3**, Ben tells you all about certain steps you will take to prepare for your 1st Reconciliation.

iv. As you watch the video and read page 146, discuss the steps described with mom or dad. They will probably have their own experiences of going through each step.

3. Additional coloring Activity (attached to the e-mail and website) – **[“Tend to the Garden of Your Heart.”](#)**

4, Closing Prayer:

a. “Let us invite our parents to join us in reading our closing passage:
“Bearing with one another and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you so you also must forgive.”

--Colossians 3:13

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work. May God bless you all!

-Miss Lisa and Mrs. Debbie