

Catechesis - 2nd Grade 1st Communion Group
January 12th, 2021

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

“Hello and welcome back 2nd grade Catechesis Friends of Jesus. We hope you & your families had a very Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year. We also truly hope that y’all enjoyed your break.”

Main Lesson:

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

a. Sign of the Cross

b. “God, our heavenly Father, forgive me for the times I forget to live my life in a way that bring You closer to me. Remind me of the child that You created me to be, and give me strength and wisdom to walk closer to Thee.

Amen.”

2. We are still in Session 5, on to Part 2! 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. Review of Session 5, Part 1

i. Please review The Five Steps of Preparing for 1st Reconciliation (P. 148-161)

1. Examination of Conscience (Pages 148-151)

2. Confession (Pages 152-155)

3. Penance (Pages 156-157)

4. Contrition – “We Say Sorry to God” (Pages 158-159)

5. Absolution by the Priest (Pages 160-161)

ii. You may also watch **Session 5, Video 4 “The Five Steps.”**

b. Session 5, Video 5: “From the Bible: The Prodigal Son”

i. After the video, read pages 162-165.

ii. Why was the father so overjoyed when his son came home? **It was not because he loved one son more than the other.**

1. The main reason for a cause for celebrating and rejoicing is because the son had lost himself, and then realized he was wrong and wanted his father’s love and forgiveness. “He was lost, but now was found.”

2. This is why God is happiest, when we turn back towards Him and ask for His forgiveness. He rejoices when we return to Him. Just as we do in Reconciliation.

b. Session 5, Video 6: **“First, but Not Last”**

- i. After the video, read pages 166-169.
- ii. Think about what Sarah has to say in Episode 6, how your 1st Reconciliation will not be your last. Feel free to write any notes
 1. Basically, throughout our lives we will still have moments when we turn from God and sin.
 2. Through prayer and reconciliation, we realize our sins and wrongs, and ask to be forgiven by God during and after Confession. **God always forgives!**
- ii. Through Reconciliation, we turn back to God, asking for forgiveness after we sin. This is similar to how just as the prodigal son returned to his father, we return home to God.

3. Complete the Session 5 Review on Pages 170-171. Work with your parents to discuss what each one means.

4. Additional Coloring Activity (attached to the e-mail and website) – [“Prodigal Son Returning to His Father.”](#)

5. Closing Prayer:

- a. Watching the Session 5, Video 7 **“Closing Prayer,”** or read the closing prayer on page 174.
- b. “Let us finish prayer by inviting our parents to join us in reading our closing reflection:
“Whenever you feel unloved, unimportant, or insecure, remember to Whom you belong.”

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

-Miss Lisa and Mrs. Debbie