

## Second Grade: First Reconciliation (November)

### Chapter 1: You are Blessed!



#### Objectives

- To demonstrate that we are blessed.
- To explain that First Reconciliation is one of many great moments in our journey with God.
- To teach how to be grateful and how to share our blessings with others.

#### Opening Prayer

- Start by saying "Let's take a moment in silence to be still and quiet and open ourselves up to whatever God wants to lead us to today."
- Have your child/children bless themselves and read the prayer.

God, our loving Father

Thank you for all the ways you bless me.

Help me to be aware that every person, place, and 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.

- Watch [Episode 1](#) and read pages 2-3.
- Read pages 4-5 - Talk with your child about gifts that they have received. See if they can think of some non-material blessings or blessings that often go unnoticed.
- Watch [Episode 2](#) and [Episode 3](#) and read pages 6-9 - Try to fill the gratitude list on page 8. Think of the blessings that you talked about earlier.

- Watch [Episode 4](#) and read pages 10-15 - Ask your child if they know someone who has received the Sacraments of Marriage or Holy Orders.
- Watch [Episode 5](#) and read pages 16-21 - Ask your child how they would feel if they were one of the lepers that Jesus just healed. Remind them that we should be thankful for the blessings we receive.
- Watch [Episode 6](#) and read pages 22-23 - Talk to your child about ways that they can bless someone in their lives. Answers could include ideas such as listening to your parents when you are told to do something, sharing with friends and siblings, and saying thank you when people help you.

**Show What You Know** - Pages 24-25 are a review of what you have learned in this chapter. Give your child time to answer all of the questions and review the answers with them at the end. Suggest that they may have to look back in the chapter to find the answers to some of the trickier questions.

**Journal with Jesus** - Have your child write as if they are writing a letter to Jesus. In this chapter they will be writing a letter about the different ways they are blessed.

- Watch [Episode 7](#) and read the closing prayer on page 28.

## Chapter 2: The Best Version of Yourself



### Objectives

- To demonstrate that we are going to be happier when we follow the 10 Commandments.
- To explain that God is always willing to give us another chance and a fresh start through Reconciliation.
- To teach that God wants us to become great decision makers.

### Opening Prayer

- Start by saying "Let's take a moment in silence to be still and quiet and open ourselves up to whatever God wants to lead us to today."
- Have your child/children bless themselves and read the prayer.

*God, our loving Father*

*Thank you for all the ways you bless me.*

*Help me to be aware that every person, place, and 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*

- Watch [Episode 1](#) and read pages 32-33.
- Watch [Episode 2](#) and read pages 34-41 - Talk about the commandments in words that your child may understand better. Ask which commandments they feel are easier to follow and which may be a little more difficult.
- Watch [Episode 3](#) and read pages 42- 45.
- Watch [Episode 4](#) and read pages 46-53 - Ask your child when they think a good time to pray is.

- Watch [Episode 5](#) and read pages 54-57.
- Watch [Episode 6](#) and read pages 58-61 - Talk to your child about times that decisions aren't easy and how to make the right decision.

**Show What You Know** - Pages 62 and 63 are a review of what you have learned in this chapter. Give your child time to answer all of the questions and review the answers with them at the end. Suggest that they may have to look back in the chapter to find the answers to some of the trickier questions.

**Journal with Jesus** - Have your child write as if they are writing a letter to Jesus. In this chapter they will be writing a letter about when they feel like they are the best versions of themselves.

- Watch [Episode 7](#) and read pages 66-67.