

# Lesson 3 – God’s Faithfulness

Grade 6 – Chapter 3

## KEY CONCEPT

God fully revealed his faithfulness to humans by sending his only Son, Jesus, to conquer sin and bring everlasting life. Humans have the ability to live in friendship with God.

## QUICK SESSION

### OVERVIEW

*STEP 1 - WELCOME*

*STEP 2 - INVITE*

*STEP 3 - DISCOVER*

*STEP 4 - LIVE*

*STEP 5 - CLOSING*

## HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Engage the children constantly. They may resist, but in truth they yearn for this.

-Understand that they might be quiet during these sessions and this is natural. They are concerned about what “others will think” but they are truly searching for intimacy and depth. This is offered in the Faith and it is our job to teach them about these answers.

-Be patient with responses. They might not flow in right away but keep persistent in wanting engagement out of them.

-Don’t lose hope that you aren’t getting through to them. Continue to push forward and speaking the Truth.

-Remember what Theodore Roosevelt wrote: “People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

## ***STEP 1 - WELCOME***

### **TIP**

**Community Activity**

## ***STEP 2 - INVITE***

### **TIP**

#### **Let Us Pray**

- **Involve the “Act of Contrition” into this section of the lesson**
- **Break it down line by line and ask the children what each line is saying**
  - **Allow them to understand what they are saying to God through this prayer instead of just reading words off a piece of paper**
- **Our goal is to have this prayer be known by the children by the end of the year so continue to involve it each week**

#### **What Do You Wonder?**

- **Break into small groups to discuss these questions and share answers**
- **Relate it into the Act of Contrition about how He forgives us and wants to always be present with us**

#### **Skip the Optional Activity**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

#### **Humans Turn from God**

- **Break into small groups to discuss what “forbidden fruit” people still eat today – acknowledge our sinful nature**

#### **God Makes a Covenant**

- **Skip the “Share Your Faith” – it’s similar to the discussion already had**
- **Use the Optional Activity “God’s Promise”**
  - **Children will need the scripture passage Genesis 9:1-17**

#### **Sin and God’s Faithfulness**

- **Have someone read what “temptation” means**
- **Have small groups come up with some temptations they face at their age and have them share some of these with the group**
- **Also, have them discuss what the sinfulness was of the people building the tower**

#### **The New Adam**

- **Use page 305 to understand the different scriptural titles we use for Jesus**
- **After going through this section, ask the group who we see as the “New Eve”**
  - **Understand that Mary was sinless and was perfectly chosen to bring the “New Adam” into the world**

#### **Utilize the “Connect Your Faith”**

### **Live Your Faith**

- **Allow time for them to complete this on their own and invite them to very honest with themselves**

### **Skip “Let Us Pray”**

- **Travel to the chapel with each having their copy of the Act of the Contrition**
- **Ask them to focus their prayer on this prayer**

### **Take Homes:**

- **“Family + Faith” take home sheet**
- **Act of Contrition copy**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **Break into small groups to have them discuss things they can be doing at school or at home to grow in faithfulness**

**Use pages 300-301 to discuss Solidarity of the Human Family**

- **Tie this into how we grow in faithfulness**

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

### **TIP**

#### **Close in prayer together**

- **Encourage them to utilize the Act of Contrition at home**