

Lesson 9 – God’s Mercy

Grade 2 – Chapter 9 and Advent

KEY CONCEPT

God is merciful and forgiving. God will always forgive you if you are truly sorry.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

Be Flexible

-Kids are going to be kids and we need to meet them where they are at

-We have lesson plans but when you get into a certain topic that you’re getting good engagement from your kids on, you should continue to push that

-Understand your class and know what gets them going, then use this as your planning your lesson

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

Say prayer on pg. 141 Pray the Our Father

Use this story after the opening prayer, before you talk about God's mercy and love.

- **Read the story below - "Kim's Problem."**
- **Ask the children if something similar has ever happened to them and how they handled it.**
- **Remind them that God is merciful, and this shows us how to be merciful. At this point, transition back to the lesson instruction.**

Kim likes to play ball. Her mom told her to play in the park, but the park was full of big kids. Kim and Jason went to the lot next to her house to play.

Jason pitched the ball, and Kim hit it hard. The ball sailed far into the air! Kim ran to first base. Then she heard glass shatter. The ball had hit the kitchen window.

Kim knew her mom would come outside soon.

- **What sacrament does this remind you of?**
- **Can pray an Act of Contrition with the children.**
- **Read God's word**
- **Talk about What do you wonder questions.**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Jesus Teaches Forgiveness

- **Read paragraph**
- **Read God's word**
- **Discuss the parable with the children to see if they remember the important parts of the story**
- **Optional Activity – Forgiveness Chain (The children can make this after class if they choose)**
- **Review Faith words**

Forgive One Another

- **Read paragraphs.**

A New Model

- **Read paragraphs and ask the questions on how you could change this scene. (can include paragraph on Putting things away before having them role play)**
- **Activity – A Forgiveness Puzzle**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read paragraphs**

Advent Introduction

- **Review what is advent and why we celebrate it.**
- **Activity – Color advent wreath**
- **Hand out Advent calendar (will be printed off) and encourage children to do things at home with their families and cross off the days coming up to Christmas.**

Take Homes:

- **Review Family and Faith with your parents**
- **Chapter and Unit review**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Closing Prayer

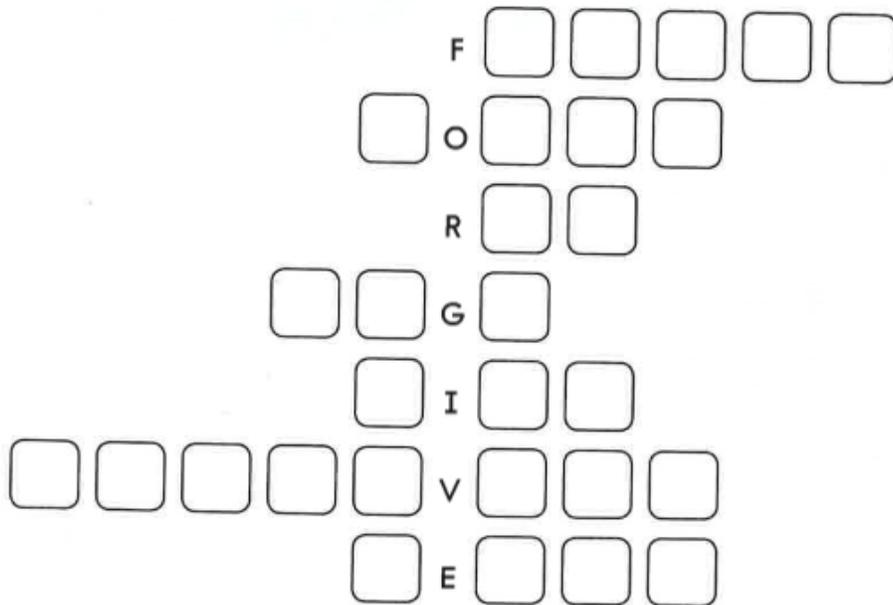
- **Say prayer on pg. 148**
- **Say the Hail Mary and Memorare**

A Forgiveness Puzzle

Think about the story "The Prodigal Son." Read and answer the clues below, then fill in the letters for the words to complete the puzzle.

Clues

1. The person who forgave the son was his _____.
2. The son lost all his _____.
3. When the father saw his son, he _____ to meet him.
4. The son had to get a job feeding the _____.
5. The son went to a far away _____.
6. The story of The Prodigal Son reminds us of our _____ Father.
7. The father showed his forgiveness and _____.



The Tradition of **Advent**

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1st December to Christmas Day!). Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world.

Many Advent wreaths also have a white candle in the center to symbolize the arrival of Christmastide, sometimes known as the "Christ candle." It is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. ... One interpretation holds that purple means hope and waiting, which aligns with the seasonal meaning of Advent.

The first candle of the Advent Wreath, the **Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope, is purple**. The second, called the **Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation, is also purple in color**. Likewise, the **fourth Advent Candle color is purple. It's called the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love**.

One of the candles surrounding the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath is rose colored, for **Gaudete Sunday or Joy Sunday, the beginning of the third week in Advent**.

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