

Saint Jude Parish Religious Education Program 2019-2020

2nd Grade Study Sheet

When you write the name of the one true God, the name of God must always be written with a capital "G".

Chapter 1: GOD CALLS US FRIEND

Grace – The gift from God given to us without our earning it. Grace fills us with God's life and helps us to be His friend.

Temptation – A thought or feeling that can lead us to disobey God. Temptations can come either from outside us or inside us.

Original Sin – The result of the choice of Adam and Eve to disobey God. We receive sanctifying grace in Baptism to free us from original sin.

Savior – Jesus, the Son of God who became man to make us friends with God again. The name Jesus means "God saves." Jesus is the savior who God sent to free the world from original sin.

Reconcile – Being restored to God's grace by confessing our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus came to reconcile us with God.

Chapter 2: JESUS SAVES US

Sacraments of Initiation – The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist which make us full members of the Church.

Baptism – The Sacrament that frees us from original sin and gives us new life in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation – This Sacrament helps us to become stronger in our faith.

Eucharist – This Sacrament helps us to stay close to Jesus and grow in holiness.

Sin – The free choice to disobey God. Sin hurts our friendship with God, with ourselves, and with others.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) – The Sacrament in which we celebrate God's forgiveness of the sins we have committed. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we tell Jesus that we are sorry for our sins, and we confess our sins to a priest.

Chapter 3: JESUS FORGIVES US

Free Will – God's gift that gives us the freedom to choose between right and wrong.

Moral Choice – A choice to do what is right. We make a moral choice because it is what we believe God wants.

Ten Commandments – God's laws that help us to grow in holiness and love.

Mortal Sin – A serious decision to turn away from God. Mortal sin cuts us off from God's love and grace.

Venial Sin – A choice we make that weakens our relationship with God or with others. Venial sin is less serious than mortal sin.

Chapter 4: JESUS HEALS US

Forgiveness – The gift of God that repairs our broken friendship with Him through the words of the priest. God always forgives us when we say that we are sorry. We need to forgive others as God forgives us.

Confess – To admit having done something wrong. During the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we confess our sins to the priest.

Chapter 5: THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US

Conscience – Our inner voice that guides us to know right from wrong. Our conscience helps us make good choices.

Examination of Conscience – When we prayerfully think about our words and actions to see if we are living as children of God.

Penance – A prayer or a deed that the priest asks you to do after you have confessed your sins. Doing our penance shows that we are sorry and want to turn away from sin and live as God wants us to live.

Absolution – God’s forgiveness of our sins that we receive through the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we say the Act of Contrition, the priest gives us absolution.

Chapter 6: GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) – The Sacrament in which we celebrate God’s forgiveness of the sins we have committed. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we tell Jesus that we are sorry for our sins, and we confess our sins to a priest.

Question: Who made me?

Answer: *God made me because He loves me.*

Q: Why did God make me?

A: *God made me to show His goodness to others and to be happy with Him in heaven.*

Q: Is there only one God?

A: *There is only one God.*

In God there are 3 persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Q: Where is God?

A: *God is everywhere on earth and in Heaven.*

Q: Did God have a beginning?

A: *God had no beginning. He always was and He will always be.*

Act of Contrition

**My God, I am sorry for my sins
with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend with your help,
to do penance, to sin no more, and
to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In His name, my God, have mercy.
Amen.**

Holy Days of Obligation

November 1 – All Saints Day

December 8 – Immaculate Conception

December 25 – Nativity of our Lord

**Ascension Thursday – 40 days after
Easter Sunday, when Jesus
returned to heaven**