

## SCOPE and SEQUENCE

The following Scope and Sequence Chart summarizes what is provided in your *Signs of Grace: You Are Forgiven* curriculum. This shows the order and the objectives of the eight sessions of teaching along with Scripture and *Catechism of the Catholic Church* references.

Session	Objectives	Key Words	References
<b>Session 1</b> <b>God Is Our Loving Father</b>	<b>Key Focus: Relationship with God the Father and our happiness</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is our loving Father who created all things good.</li> <li>2. God creates man and woman in his image and likeness so he can share his life with us.</li> <li>3. Satan tempted Adam and Eve to not trust in God's love for them. Then Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command.</li> <li>4. Because of Adam and Eve's disobedience, we all suffer the consequences of Original Sin, which includes our fallen nature and a broken relationship with God.</li> <li>5. Because of his love for us, God promised to send a savior to restore our friendship with him.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eternal</li> <li>• Image and Likeness</li> <li>• Soul</li> <li>• Angels</li> <li>• Tempted</li> <li>• Savior</li> <li>• Reconcile</li> <li>• Original Sin</li> <li>• Sin</li> <li>• Free Will</li> </ul>	Genesis 1–2  <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> , 198–231, 279–409

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<b>Session 2</b> <b>God Reveals His Saving Plan</b>	<b>Key Focus: God's commands/laws are intended to show us the ways to be happy</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After the Fall, God begins his loving plan of salvation.</li> <li>2. Starting with Abraham, God begins to form a Chosen People.</li> <li>3. God makes covenants with his people that show them his great love.</li> <li>4. After freeing his people from slavery, God gives Moses the Ten Commandments to show us how to live happily.</li> <li>5. The Old Testament prepares us for the coming of Jesus.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chosen People</li> <li>• Covenant</li> <li>• Ten Commandments</li> <li>• Salvation</li> <li>• Bible</li> <li>• Old Testament</li> </ul>	Exodus 19:10–20:20 <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> , 121–123, 410–412

Session	Objectives	Key Words	References
<b>Session 3</b> <b>Jesus Comes to Save Us</b>	<b>Key Focus: Christ dies for us to save us from our sins</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God the Father sent his Son to save us.</li> <li>2. The Incarnation: The Son of God became man to save us from our sin.</li> <li>3. Jesus establishes the Church as the Kingdom of God on earth.</li> <li>4. Jesus saves us from our sins through his Suffering, Death, and Resurrection.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parables</li> <li>• Repent</li> <li>• Blessed Trinity</li> <li>• Incarnation</li> <li>• Messiah</li> <li>• The Church</li> <li>• Apostles</li> <li>• Paschal Mystery</li> </ul>	Matthew 18:12–14 Luke 15:3–7 <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> , 422–486, 512–667



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<b>Session 4</b> <b>The Church Continues</b>	<b>Key Focus: The Church continues Jesus's mission</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jesus establishes the Church to continue his mission on earth.</li> <li>2. Jesus gave his Church the seven sacraments. Jesus continues to share his life with us through the sacraments.</li> <li>3. Through Baptism we die to our sins and rise to new life in Christ.</li> <li>4. Baptism makes us part of God's family and sharers in Christ's saving mission.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christ</li> <li>• New Covenant</li> <li>• Grace</li> <li>• Baptism</li> <li>• Sacraments of Initiation</li> <li>• Sacraments of Healing</li> <li>• Sacraments of Service</li> <li>• Sanctifying Grace</li> <li>• Actual Grace</li> </ul>	<p>Matthew 16:15–19</p> <p><i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>, 748–780, 1113–1134, 1213–1284</p>

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<b>Session 5</b> <b>Life in Christ</b>	<b>Key Focus: God's laws show us the path to happiness</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God gives us his laws because he wants what is good for us.</li> <li>2. Sin is a choice against loving God and neighbor.</li> <li>3. Mortal sin breaks our relationship with God; venial sin hurts our relationship with God, but does not break it.</li> <li>4. Our conscience is God's gift that helps us to do good and avoid evil.</li> <li>5. Our conscience needs to be formed according to God's Word.</li> <li>6. When we sin, we must repent and ask God for forgiveness.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beatitudes</li> <li>• Mercy</li> <li>• Mortal Sin</li> <li>• Venial Sin</li> <li>• Conscience</li> <li>• Conversion</li> <li>• Contrition</li> </ul>	<p>Matthew 5:1–12</p> <p><i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>, 1425–1440, 1472–1480</p>

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<b>Session 6</b> <b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>Key Focus: Christ forgives us</b> 1. Jesus forgives our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 2. Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation so we can know his forgiveness and mercy: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (John 20:22–23). 3. Jesus is really present and acting through the priest to forgive our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 4. The Sacrament of Reconciliation forgives our sins, restores sanctifying grace, and gives us grace to avoid future sins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crucified</li> <li>• Resurrected</li> <li>• Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> <li>• Sacrament of Penance</li> <li>• Sacrament of Confession</li> <li>• Sacrament of Conversion</li> <li>• Successors</li> </ul>	John 20:19–23  <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church,</i> 1422–1424, 1441–1470

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<b>Session 7</b> <b>Celebrating Reconciliation</b>	<b>Key Focus: How to make a good confession</b> 1. The seven steps for going to confession. 2. The Examination of Conscience: We ask the Holy Spirit to reveal our sins and to help us make a good confession. 3. Confession of Sins: We tell the priest our sins, starting with the most serious sins. 4. Penance: We receive a penance from the priest to make satisfaction for our sins. 5. Absolution: The priest gives us Absolution for our sins and the Holy Spirit comes to forgive us of our sins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penance</li> <li>• Penitent</li> <li>• Examination of Conscience</li> <li>• Perfect Contrition</li> <li>• Imperfect Contrition</li> <li>• Absolution</li> </ul>	Luke 15:11–32  <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church,</i> 1448–1460

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Section	Activity	Purpose	Supplies	Key Words
<b>Connect Activity</b> (as students arrive)	<b>In the Garden</b> Place stickers on a coloring sheet showing the Garden of Eden.	To show that God is our loving Father who created all things good.	• Student Activity Book • Crayons	
<b>Let's Pray and Introduction</b> (5 minutes)	Read the Opening Prayer and Introduction to the session.	To relate to the idea that God is our Father.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Watch</b> (10 minutes)	<b>God Wants You to Be Happy</b> (3:50 min.) Watch a video teaching about God's love.	To learn how God promises to send a savior to rescue all people from their sin and restore friendship with God.	• Device to watch the video	
<b>Let's Read God's Word</b> (10–15 minutes)	<b>In His Image and Likeness (Genesis 1–2)</b> Read this section with the students and discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To learn what the Bible says about the Creation and Fall of Adam of and Eve.	• Student Guide	• Eternal • Image and likeness
<b>Let's Learn About Our Faith</b> (15–20 minutes)	<b>In the Garden</b> Read this section together, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To understand better how God created us for friendship with him, and how mankind lost his friendship through sin.	• Student Guide	• Soul • Angels • Tempted • Savior • Reconcile • Original Sin • Sin
<b>Did You Know?</b> (as time permits)	<b>Angels in Heaven</b> Ask a student to read this section.	To discover how free will started with the angels.	• Student Guide	• Free Will
<b>Let's Do Activities</b> (10 minutes)	<b>In the Garden</b> Complete the Word Search and fill in the blanks of the story.  <b>Image and Likeness</b> Have students decorate the picture just like themselves.	To review the main events of Creation and the Fall.  To help students understand that they are created in the image and likeness of God.	• Student Guide • Pencils • Crayons or colored pencils	
<b>Let's Recall and Reflect</b> (5–10 minutes)	Discuss questions to make connections with what students have learned.	To help students remember the main points and to go over key points from the session.	• Student Guide	



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<b>Story of a Saint</b> (5–10 minutes, as time permits)	<b>Saint Francis of Assisi</b> Read a brief story about a saint and discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To show how God is present in the lives of the saints.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Pray</b> (5 minutes)	Practice the memory verse together, and then close in prayer.	To encourage students to ponder God's Word in their hearts.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Read a Story</b> (as time allows, or take-home)	<b>The Birthday Gifts</b> Read a modern story that follows the themes of God's covenant laws.	To connect the lesson to modern life.	• Student Guide	
<b>Student Take-Home Page: Let's Live It!</b>	<b>In the Beginning</b> To connect with God's creation.  <b>God Created the World</b> Draw a picture and remember to be thankful to God for the good things he created.	To help students remember key points from the lesson and connect what they have learned to their own lives.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>Family Take-Home Page</b>	Scripture and key points for parents to pray and discuss with their children.	To equip parents with tools for family faith building and involvement with the lesson.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>If-You-Have-Time Activities</b>	<b>Adam and Eve Skit</b>  <b>Nature Walk</b> Take the class outside or look out of the window.  <b>My Creation Book</b> Draw or write picture or story for each day of creation.  <b>"Our Father" Poster</b> Decorate a poster of the Our Father prayer.  <b>Flash Cards</b> Memorize key terms.	A skit to help students consider free will and choosing between right and wrong.  To talk about the differences between what is created by God and what is made by man.  Encourage the students to memorize and pray the Our Father.  To review important concepts and Catholic terms.	• Script on page 39  • Directions on page 40  • Book template in Student Activity Book  • Student Activity Book  • See pages 165-170 Also in the Student Activity Book	

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<b>Connect Activity</b> (as students arrive)	<b>God Keeps His Promises</b> Place stickers on a coloring sheet showing Abraham looking up at the stars.	To get students thinking about God's promises.	• Student Activity Books • Crayons	
<b>Let's Pray and Introduction</b> (5 minutes)	Read the Opening Prayer and Introduction to the session.	To relate to the idea of thanking God for our families.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Watch</b> (10 minutes)	<b>Rules Aren't Bad</b> (3:39 min) Watch a video teaching about God's grace and his commandments.	To help students understand that God has promised that he will always be with us and never leave us.	• A device to show the video segment	
<b>Let's Read God's Word</b> (10–15 minutes)	<b>The Ten Commandments (Exodus 19:10–20:20)</b> Have someone read aloud this passage summary, and then discuss the questions.	To learn about God's covenant for living happily and fully as a part of his family.	• Student Guide	• Chosen People • Covenant • Ten Commandments
<b>Let's Learn About Our Faith</b> (15–20 minutes)	<b>God Makes Us Part of His Family</b> Read this section together, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To understand how God's plan of salvation is his plan to bring everyone back into friendship with him.	• Student Guide	• Salvation • Bible • Old Testament
<b>Did You Know?</b> (as time permits)	<b>What's in a Name?</b> Ask student to read this section.	How Abram received a new name from God, and how Abraham trusted God.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Do Activities</b> (10 minutes)	<b>The Ten Commandments</b> Write each commandment on the tablet where it belongs.  <b>God Saves His Children</b> Follow the pathway to find God's plan for us.	To understand that God gives Moses the Ten Commandments to show us how to live.  To show that God makes covenants with his people that reveal his great love.	• Student Guide • Pencils	
<b>Let's Recall and Reflect</b> (5–10 minutes)	Discuss questions to make connections with what students learned.	To help students remember the main points and to go over key points from the session.	• Student Guide	

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<b>Story of a Saint</b> (5–10 minutes, as time permits)	<b>Saint Thérèse of Lisieux</b> Read a brief story about a saint and discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To show how God is present in the lives of the saints.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Pray</b> (5 minutes)	Practice the Memory Verse together, and then close in prayer.	To encourage students to ponder God's Word in their hearts.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Read a Story</b> (as time allows, or take-home)	<b>Rules</b> Read a modern story that follows the theme of rules for living in a family, and then discuss, using the questions provided.	To connect the lesson to modern life.	• Student Guide	
<b>Student Take-Home Page: Let's Live It!</b>	<b>God's Saving Plan</b> Read the clues below to help unscramble the important words.  <b>Honor Your Mother and Father</b> Draw a picture of what they are going to do this week for their parents or family.	To help students remember key points from the lesson and connect what they have learned to their own lives.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>Family Take-Home Page</b>	Scripture and key points for parents to pray and discuss with their children.	To equip parents with tools for family faith building and involvement with the lesson.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>If-You-Have-Time Activities</b>	<b>"God Says" Game</b> Play a fun game about following directions.  <b>"Around the World" Game</b> Ten Commandments Flash Cards.  <b>"Glory Be" Prayer Poster</b> Decorate the borders of the poster and take home to hang on a wall.  <b>Flash Cards</b> Ten Commandments and Key Words Memorize key terms.	To discuss the importance of following God's laws or directions for us and how they teach us to treat others.  To learn the Ten Commandment in a fun way.  To learn the prayer "Glory Be."  To review important concepts and Catholic terms.	• See page 57  • Student Activity Book  • Student Activity Book  • See pages 171–178 Also in the Student Activity Book	



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<b>Connect Activity</b> (as students arrive)	<b>The Lost Sheep</b> Find your way through the maze to get Jesus to the lost sheep.	To get students thinking about Jesus as the Good Shepherd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Activity Book</li> <li>• Crayons</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Pray and Introduction</b> (5 minutes)	Read the Opening Prayer and Introduction to the session.	To introduce the theme that God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, so that whoever believes in him will live forever with him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Watch</b> (10 minutes)	<b>Jesus: the Greatest Super-hero</b> (4:00 min.) Watch a video teaching about how the Bible tells us the greatest story ever—the story of salvation.	To help students understand that Jesus is our true hero—he saves us from our sins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A device to show the video segment</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Read God's Word</b> (10–15 minutes)	<b>The Good Shepherd (Matthew 18:12–14 and Luke 15:3–7)</b> Have someone read aloud this passage summary, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To learn that God takes care of us like a good shepherd takes care of his sheep.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parables</li> <li>• Repent</li> </ul>
<b>Let's Learn About Our Faith</b> (15–20 minutes)	<b>The Story of the Messiah</b> Read this section together, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To understand that Jesus is both fully God and fully man. This is called the mystery of the Incarnation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blessed Trinity</li> <li>• Incarnation</li> <li>• Messiah</li> <li>• The Church</li> <li>• Apostles</li> <li>• Paschal Mystery</li> </ul>
<b>Did You Know?</b> (as time permits)	<b>The Blessed Trinity</b> Ask a student to read this section.  <b>Lamb of God</b> Ask another student to read this section or they can read on their own.	To show how the Sign of the Cross is linked to the Blessed Trinity.  To show how the Passover lamb is linked to Jesus as the Lamb of God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Do Activities</b> (10 minutes)	<b>Be a Code Breaker</b> Use this Greek alphabet to discover what the name Jesus means.  <b>Jesus Finds the Lost Sheep</b> Find the hidden sheep in the picture.	To help students understand that Jesus is our savior.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> <li>• Pencils</li> </ul>	

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<b>Let's Recall and Reflect</b> (5–10 minutes)	Discuss questions to make connections with what students learned.	To help students remember the main points and to go over key points from the session.	• Student Guide	
<b>Story of a Saint</b> (5–10 minutes, as time permits)	<b>Saint José Sánchez del Río</b> Read a brief story about a saint and discuss the questions.	To show how God is present in the lives of the saints.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Pray</b> (5 minutes)	Practice the Memory Verse together, and then close in prayer.	To encourage students to ponder God's Word in their hearts.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Read a Story</b> (as time allows, or take-home)	<b>The Deep End</b> Read a modern story that follows the theme of our loving Father who saves us.	To connect the lesson to modern life.	• Student Guide	
<b>Student Take-Home Page: Let's Live It!</b>	<b>Jesus Saves Us</b> Fill in the missing words in each sentence to discover how Jesus saved us.	To connect with theme for the week.	• Student Activity Book	
	<b>Follow God's Voice</b> Circle the pictures that show some of the ways we can hear God's voice in our daily lives.	To help the students see how God speaks to us in different ways.		
<b>Family Take-Home Page</b>	Scripture and key points for parents to pray and discuss with their children.	To equip parents with tools for family faith building and involvement with the lesson.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>If-You-Have-Time Activities</b>	<b>"Lost Sheep" Relay Game</b> A relay game to show students how God cares for us.	To discuss the story of the lost sheep.	• See page 75	
	<b>Yummy Sheep Snack</b> A snack that will show how carefully Jesus cares for us.	Another way to reinforce the theme for the week.	• See page 75	
	<b>"Lost Sheep" Game</b> Play a game of hot-and-cold to find the sheep.	To reinforce the lost sheep parable.	• See page 76	
	<b>"Sheep, Sheep, Wolf" Game</b> Being chased by a wolf.	To learn about temptation.	• See page 76	
	<b>Flash Cards</b> Memorize key terms.		• See pages 179–182 Also in Student Activity Book	

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<b>Connect Activity</b> (as students arrive)	<b>The Sacraments</b> Place the sacrament stickers around the Church to show that the sacraments flow from the mission of the Church.	To show the students that Jesus gives us the sacraments, which give us grace to be holy and new life in the Church.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Activity Book</li> <li>• Crayons</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Pray and Introduction</b> (5 minutes)	Read the Opening Prayer and Introduction to the session.	To relate to the idea of sharing in the saving mission of Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Watch</b> (10 minutes)	<b>The Sacraments: God Is Here with Us</b> (2:39 min.) Watch a video teaching about the Church.	To see how the Church and the sacraments make God's love real in our lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A device to show the video segment</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Read God's Word</b> (10–15 minutes)	<b>Foundation Stones (Matthew 16:15–19)</b> Have someone read aloud this passage summary, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To learn how Jesus made the Twelve Apostles the leaders of his Church, with Simon Peter as their head.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christ</li> </ul>
<b>Let's Learn About Our Faith</b> (15–20 minutes)	<b>Jesus Establishes the Sacraments</b> Read this section together, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To better understand how Jesus continues to offer us his life through the Church.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Covenant</li> <li>• Grace</li> <li>• Baptism</li> </ul>
<b>Did You Know?</b> (as time permits)	<b>The Seven Sacraments</b> Walk through this chart with your students.  <b>Grace</b> Ask a student to read this section.  <b>How to Baptize</b> Additional information for the students to read on their own or in class.	To show an overview of each sacrament, including outward signs and effects.  To explain the two types of graces.  To describe how anyone can baptize in case of an emergency.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacraments of Initiation</li> <li>• Sacraments of Healing</li> <li>• Sacraments of Service</li> <li>• Sanctifying Grace</li> <li>• Actual Grace</li> </ul>
<b>Let's Do Activities</b> (10 minutes)	<b>Christ Gives Us the Church</b> Number each scene as it took place in the Scripture story.	To review the story of Jesus giving Peter the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> <li>• Pencils</li> </ul>	



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<b>Let's Recall and Reflect</b> (5–10 minutes)	Discuss questions to make connections with what students learned.	To help students remember the main points and to go over key points from the session.	• Student Guide	
<b>Story of a Saint</b> (5–10 minutes, as time permits)	<b>Pope St. John Paul II</b> Read a brief story about this saint and discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To show how God is present in the lives of the saints.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Pray</b> (5 minutes)	Practice the Memory Verse together, and then close in prayer.	To encourage students to ponder God's Word in their hearts.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Read a Story</b> (as time allows, or take-home)	<b>Grace</b> Read a modern story that follows the theme of grace and then discuss, using the questions provided.	To connect the lesson to modern life.	• Student Guide	
<b>Student Take-Home Page: Let's Live It!</b>	<b>Jesus's Mission—Our Mission</b> Fill in the missing words in each sentence to discover how we share in Jesus's mission.  <b>My Mission</b> Students will help Jesus with his mission this week.	To help students remember key points from the lesson and connect what they have learned to their own lives.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>Family Take-Home Page</b>	Their activity this week is to look at Baptism pictures of family members and reflect on becoming members of the Church.	To equip parents with tools for family faith building and involvement with the lesson.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>If-You-Have-Time Activities</b>	<b>Sacrament Charades</b> Guess the sacrament using only our sight.  <b>We Are the Light of the World</b>  <b>Sacrament Stations</b> Assemble seven stations to represent each sacrament.  <b>Flash Cards</b> Sacrament Stations and Key Words Memorize key terms.	Discuss how important the sacraments are in our lives as Catholics.  To reinforce the lesson that Jesus asks us to share in his special mission.  To provide a hands-on learning experience.  To review important concepts and help the children to learn and understand important Catholic terms.	• See page 93  • See page 93  • See page 94  • See pages 183–192 Also in the Student Activity Book	

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<b>Connect Activity</b> (as students arrive)	<b>Jesus Heals Us from Our Sins</b> Place stickers on a coloring sheet showing Jesus with the children.	To get students thinking about how God will always heal the hurt we feel from our sins and forgive us!	• Student Activity Book • Crayons	
<b>Let's Pray and Introduction</b> (5 minutes)	Read the Opening Prayer and Introduction to the session.	To relate the idea of thanking God for his laws that help us make good choices and be happy.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Watch</b> (10 minutes)	<b>Morality: Choosing What Is Right</b> (2:49 min.) Watch a video teaching about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.	To help students understand that God is always ready to forgive us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.	• A device to watch the videos	
<b>Let's Read God's Word</b> (10–15 minutes)	<b>God's Blessings for His People (Matthew 5:1–12)</b> Have someone read aloud this passage summary, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To learn about God's special blessings, the Beatitudes.	• Student Guide	• Beatitudes • Mercy
<b>Let's Learn About Our Faith</b> (15–20 minutes)	<b>Turning Back to God</b> Read this section together, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To better understand sin, grace, and repentance.	• Student Guide	• Mortal Sin • Venial Sin • Conscience • Conversion • Contrition
<b>Did You Know?</b> (as time permits)	<b>Freedom</b> Additional information for the students to read on their own or in class.	To learn how God gives us laws because he wants us to be happy.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Do Activities</b> (10 minutes)	<b>The Bee-Attitudes</b> Draw lines to the correct “Bee Attitudes” on each flower.  <b>The Path to Happiness</b> A maze that takes the student through paths of good choices.	To learn that Jesus gave us the Beatitudes to teach us that our good choices will make us truly happy!  To help students make good choices to help them grow closer to God and be truly happy.	• Student Guide • Pencils	
<b>Let's Recall and Reflect</b> (5–10 minutes)	Discuss questions to make connections with what students learned.	To help students remember the main points and to go over key points from the session.	• Student Guide	

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<b>Story of a Saint</b> (5–10 minutes, as time permits)	<b>Saint Teresa of Calcutta</b> Read a brief story about this saint and discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To show how God is present in the lives of the saints.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Pray</b> (5 minutes)	Practice the Memory Verse together, and then close in prayer.	To encourage students to ponder God's Word in their hearts.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Read a Story</b> (as time allows, or take-home)	<b>The High Road</b> Read a modern story that follows the theme of life being filled with choices—and then discuss, using the questions provided.	To connect the lesson to modern life.	• Student Guide	
<b>Student Take-Home Page: Let's Live It!</b>	<b>Life in Christ</b> Choose the correct answer from the multiple choices and complete the message from Jesus to each of us.	To help students remember key points from the lesson and connect what they've learned to their own lives.	• Student Activity Book	
	<b>The Beatitudes</b> Students will think about ways to live out the Beatitudes.	To encourage the student to be humble, pure of heart, or a peacemaker at school or in their home this week.		
<b>Family Take-Home Page</b>	Parents can read and discuss the Scripture with their children, pray together.	To equip parents with tools for family faith building and involvement with the lesson.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>If-You-Have-Time Activities</b>	<b>"Avoid Sins" Obstacle Course</b> Students create "sin and temptation" obstacles with crumpled paper.	To show the students how important the Sacrament of Reconciliation is and how we receive grace each time we receive it, which helps us to avoid sin and temptation.	• See page 111	
	<b>"Act of Contrition" Poster</b> Students will decorate the borders of a poster and take home to hang on a wall.	To help learn the Act of Contrition.	• See page 111	
	<b>Reconciliation Skit</b> Perform a skit to help students walk through what to expect in the confessional.	To help students overcome many of the fears of the unknown part of the confessional.	• See page 112	
	<b>Flash Cards</b> Memorize key terms.	To review important concepts and help the children to learn and understand important Catholic terms.	• See pages 193–196 Also in the Student Activity Book	



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<b>Connect Activity</b> (as students arrive)	<b>Jesus Tells the Apostles to Forgive Sins</b> Place stickers on a coloring sheet showing Jesus and the Apostles.	To get students thinking about how Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to the Apostles to forgive our sins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Activity Book</li> <li>• Crayons</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Pray and Introduction</b> (5 minutes)	Read the Opening Prayer and Introduction to the session.	To relate the idea of how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Watch</b> (10 minutes)	<b>Reconciliation: God's Awesome Gift</b> (4:00 min.) Watch a video teaching about a special sacrament that is all about forgiveness of sins.	To help students understand that Jesus's main mission is mercy—to forgive us and heal us from our sins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A device to show the video segment</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Read God's Word</b> (10–15 minutes)	<b>Peace Be with You (John 20:19–23)</b> Have someone read aloud this passage summary, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To learn how Jesus told his Apostles to forgive sins in his name.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crucified</li> <li>• Resurrected</li> </ul>
<b>Let's Learn About Our Faith</b> (15–20 minutes)	<b>God Forgives Our Sins</b> Read this section together, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To better understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> <li>• Sacrament of Penance</li> <li>• Sacrament of Confession</li> <li>• Sacrament of Conversion</li> <li>• Successors</li> </ul>
<b>Did You Know?</b> (as time permits)	<b>Shalom</b> Ask a student to read this segment aloud.	To learn how God's peace makes everything good and right in our souls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Do Activities</b> (10 minutes)	<b>Jesus Heals My Heart</b> Color the hearts on the page to show what they look like when we sin and receive forgiveness.  <b>Preparing for the Sacrament</b> Reflect on their preparation for this sacrament.	To consider how the sacrament cleanses their hearts.  To help students' fears.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> <li>• Pencils</li> <li>• Crayons</li> </ul>	
<b>Let's Recall and Reflect</b> (5–10 minutes)	Discuss questions to make connections with what students learned.	To help students remember the main points and to go over key points from the session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Guide</li> </ul>	

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<b>Story of a Saint</b> (5–10 minutes, as time permits)	<b>Saint Faustina Kowalska</b> Read a brief story about this saint and discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To show how God is present in the lives of the saints.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Pray</b> (5 minutes)	Practice the Memory Verse together, and then close in prayer.	To encourage students to ponder God's Word in their hearts.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Read a Story</b> (as time allows, or take-home)	<b>The Low Road</b> Read a modern story that follows the themes of making mistakes and feeling sorry for them.	To connect the lesson to modern life.	• Student Guide	
<b>Student Take-Home Page: Let's Live It!</b>	<b>Christ Forgives Us</b> Decide whether the statements are true or false.  <b>Prepare Your Heart</b> Write prayers to Jesus asking him to help to prepare their heart for their First Reconciliation.	To connect with the theme for the week.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>Family Take-Home Page</b>	Parents can read and discuss the Scripture with their children, pray together.	To equip parents with tools for family faith building and involvement with the lesson.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>If-You-Have-Time Activities</b>	<b>In the Person of Christ</b> Invite the parish priest to stop by and visit with your class.  <b>Jesus Takes Away Our Burdens</b> Students will be holding heavy books.  <b>"Seven Steps for a Good Confession" Booklet</b>  <b>Flash Cards</b> Memorize key terms.	To calm any last-minute jitters the students may have.  To talk about how relieved the students will feel to know that their sins have been forgiven.  To be used to practice either at class or at home so the student feels prepared.  To review important concepts and help the children to learn and understand important Catholic terms.	<b>Interview</b> • See page 129  • See page 129  • Student Activity Book  • See pages 197–200	

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<b>Connect Activity</b> (as students arrive)	<b>Our Father Always Forgives</b> Place stickers on a coloring sheet showing the prodigal son story.	To get students thinking about how our Father in Heaven always forgives us.	• Student Activity Book • Crayons	
<b>Let's Pray and Introduction</b> (5 minutes)	Read the Opening Prayer and Introduction to the session.	To relate the idea of how Jesus forgives us and teaches us to forgive others.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Watch</b> (10 minutes)	<b>How to Make a Good Confession</b> (12:36 min.) Watch a step-by-step explanation of how to make a good confession.	To walk through what the students will be doing when they go to Confession.	• A device to show the video segment	
<b>Let's Read God's Word</b> (10–15 minutes)	<b>Lost and Found (Luke 15:11–32)</b> Have someone read aloud this passage summary, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To learn about God's love and mercy through the Parable of the Prodigal Son.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Learn About our Faith</b> (15–20 minutes)	<b>Draw Closer to God</b> Read this section together, and then discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To learn about penance, contrition, and how to make a good confession.	• Student Guide	• Penance • Penitent • Examination of Conscience • Perfect Contrition • Imperfect Contrition • Absolution
<b>Did You Know?</b> (as time permits)	<b>Zacchaeus's Penance</b> Ask one of the students to read this section.	To learn from the story of Zacchaeus how God's forgiveness is a free gift.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Do Activities</b> (10 minutes)	<b>Seven Steps</b> Put in order the seven steps to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.  <b>The Prodigal Son Story</b> Take a quiz on the story of the Prodigal Son.	To help walk the student through the seven steps so they will remember what to do any time they go to Confession.  To review the Parable of the Prodigal Son.	• Student Guide • Pencils	
<b>Let's Recall and Reflect</b> (5–10 minutes)	Discuss questions to make connections with what students learned.	To help students remember the main points and to go over key points from the session.	• Student Guide	



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<b>Story of a Saint</b> (5–10 minutes, as time permits)	<b>Saint Padre Pio</b> Read a brief story about this saint and discuss the questions in the Teacher Guide.	To show how God is present in the lives of the saints.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Pray</b> (5 minutes)	Practice the Memory Verse together, and then close in prayer.	To encourage students to hide God's Word in their hearts and pray to the Holy Spirit.	• Student Guide	
<b>Let's Read a Story</b> (as time allows, or take-home)	<b>The Long Road</b> Read a modern story that follows the themes of contrition and forgiveness.	To connect the lesson to modern life.	• Student Guide	
<b>Student Take-Home Page: Let's Live It!</b>	<p><b>Let's Get Ready!</b> To practice the seven steps to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</p> <p><b>Growing Closer to God</b> Students will draw a picture and write a way they became closer to God this week.</p>	<p>To help the students prepare for the sacrament.</p> <p>To encourage the students to be prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</p>	• Student Activity Book	
<b>Family Take-Home Page</b>	Parents can help their son or daughter to prepare for their First Confession.	To equip parents with tools for family faith building and involvement with the lesson.	• Student Activity Book	
<b>If-You-Have-Time Activities</b>	<p><b>The Prodigal Son Obstacle Course</b> See what it's like to avoid temptation in an obstacle course.</p> <p><b>Reconciliation Game Show</b> Review important concepts in the style of a game show.</p> <p><b>Flash Cards</b> Memorize key terms.</p>	<p>To learn that the prodigal son in the Scripture story is like all of us when we are tempted to sin.</p> <p>To review for the understanding of concepts more than rote memorization of terms and definitions.</p> <p>To review important concepts and Catholic terms.</p>	<p>• See page 147</p> <p>• See page 148</p> <p>• See pages 201–204 Also in the Student Activity Book</p>	