

**Queen of Angels School of Religion  
Sunday Morning Classes**

**Grade 2 -- Preparation for First Communion**

**Student Text: Christ Our Life God Cares For Us Level 2 (Loyola Press)**

**Unit 3: Jesus Gives Us The Gift of Peace**

The Gospel stories show us God's great love for sinners. Jesus extends this same forgiveness to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children will be preparing for this sacrament as well as the reception of the Sacrament of the Eucharist this year. They will receive Reconciliation in January and Eucharist (Holy Communion in April.) Both of these sacraments lead to a deeper relationship with God.

**Lesson 13: "We Become Better Persons"**

Our God forgives us over and over. Each time we experience the wonder of his mercy, we respond with thanks and praise.

**Scripture**

**Psalm 51: 1 – 14      Forgive me, O God, for I have sinned.**

**Psalm 138: 1 – 3      We thank God for His strength in us**

**Colossians 3: 16 – 17      We become reconciled with God when we become like Jesus**

**Luke 3: 8      Produce good fruits as proof of repentance**

**Class Discussion**

- We will review the meanings of the following terms: reconciliation, penance, absolution, contrition, forgiveness, and confession.
- We will review the procedure for confessing sins.
- We will practice with some stories and make confession for the characters in the stories.
- We will review some stories of reconciliation from the Bible that we have talked about earlier in the year – Zacchaeus, The Lost Sheep, The Prodigal Son, The Woman Who Sinned

**Group Prayer      We will recite the Act of Contrition.**

Dear God, I am sorry for all my sins. I am sorry for the wrong things I have done. I am sorry for the good things I have failed to do. I will try to do better. Please help me to love you and others more. Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me. Amen.

**Ways to Extend the Lesson at Home**

- Discuss ways to make up for sin by doing good works and acts of kindness to those we have sinned against.
- Talk to your child about God's limitless mercy. He forgives us whenever we are truly sorry for our sins.
- Help your child memorize the "Act of Contrition."
- Talk to your child about the Reconciliation service that will happen ~~next~~ *Jan. 20* Saturday. Be sure to bring your child on time.

**Teacher's Notes**

Since there is only a short time before the students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this is an important time to answer any of the children's questions.