

**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 14: Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Peace**

A celebration of reconciliation enables the children to experience the healing power of God's forgiveness and love. The celebration summarizes what the children have learned and helps them and their families acquire a deeper understanding and appreciation of their responsibility to share Christ's forgiving love with others.

**Scripture: Colossians 1: 21 - 23 Christ's passion, death, and resurrection makes reconciliation with God possible.**  
**Psalm 138 - Prayer of praise for God's saving grace**

**Class Discussion:**

- We are friends of Jesus like Martha and Mary.
- We review the steps for Reconciliation on page 68.
- We will go over the service so that the students will know what to expect.
- We will answer the review questions on page 67 in the text.
- We review the stories of the Good Shepherd, Prodigal Son, Zaccheaus, the sinful woman by matching graphics and story titles on page 66.

**Prayer: "O my God, I am very sorry for all of my sins because they displease you, who are all good and deserving of all my love. With your love I will sin no more. Amen."**

**Ways to Extend the Lesson at Home:**

**Review these steps for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- Make the sign of the Cross; say, "This is my first confession."
- Tell the priest your sins.
- Listen to what the priest tells you and the penance that the priest tells you to do.
- Pray the Act of Contrition
- Make the Sign of the Cross as the priest gives you absolution.
- Thank the priest and return to your seat.
- Be sure to do the penance that the priest gives you.

**Teacher's Notes**

This Saturday, your child will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Be sure to talk with your child this week to assuage any fears that your child may have. It is also a good idea for you to go over the steps above in order to make your child as comfortable as possible, be on time for the service (by 11:20), and help your child relax that day.