

# 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation PARENTS – You are Forgiven discussion points

## Schedule Review

- 9 weeks until Reconciliation: 3 parent & 4 parent & student classes, 1-week break, then 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (12/14/25).

## Book Review

1. **7 Sessions** – color coded; Review titles.
  - a. **Prayer & Intro**
  - b. **Short Video**
  - c. **Read & review** – w/questions & discussion.
    - i. **3+ sections** - Read @ God's Word, Learn @ Our Faith, Did you know?
    - ii. **Keywords** - don't forget to look at these
    - iii. **Use Scope and Q&A** – on website
    - iv. **Pictures** - lots of great pictures for us to enjoy and discuss.
  - d. **Activities** – Optional.
  - e. **Let's recall & reflect** – summarize / focus of lesson
  - f. **Saint** – emulate / need to choose one for Confirmation next year
  - g. **Story** – enjoy – these are easily understood
  - h. **Prayer & Memory verse** – memorize & recite next class for treat or treasure
  - i. **Closing prayer** – practice these
2. **Appendices** – flip to review each.
  - a. Prayers & Devotions
  - b. How to Make a Good Confession
  - c. 7 Steps to Make a Good Confession
  - d. A Tour of a Catholic Church
  - e. The Liturgical Calendar & Vestments
  - f. Key Word Glossary

## Web page -

### Parent Classes

1. **FORGIVEN Videos** – Parent study videos
2. **Discussion Points** – 1 page summary of each chapter, which we will discuss at each parent class.
3. **Preparing your child VIDEO** – link to video
4. **Preparing your child OUTLINE** – outline for video

### Parent & Student Classes

1. **Session Overview** – 1 page summary of each chapter
2. **Parent Teaching Summary** – We will review this at our parent classes to prep you for home teaching
3. **Scope and Q&A** – review this to prepare you to teach & give you Q&A during your lesson
4. **Videos** – for each chapter
5. **Quiz** – use if it will be beneficial to your student
6. **Parent Info** – Helpful to build your knowledge

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## **Session 1 – God is our loving Father.**

### **KERYGMA:**

1. God loves you and has a plan for your life.
2. Sin separates us from God.
3. Jesus died and was resurrected to overcome sin and offer forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
4. Through faith in Jesus and His Church, people can be united to God forever and are called to join the mission of transforming the world.

### **Let's Watch**

Help your kiddos to understand what they mean when they use the word LOVE.

Catch them when they use it and examine each instance.

God loves you = God wants the best for you.

Our ability to love is miniscule compared to the depth of God's love for us.

God made us to have a relationship with Him!

Why aren't we happy all the time?

God doesn't ever abandon us. He always wants our relationship to be restored. Do we?

### **Let's Read God's Word**

God is:

- ALL-KNOWING – He has given us a mind to know him
- LOVE – He has given us free will to choose to love him in return
- COMMUNION OF PERSONS – He has made us to enter into that communion as His sons and daughters.

God has entrusted humanity with the stewardship of creation!

The beauty & order of creation draw our attention to the Creator.

### **Let's Learn About Our Faith**

There is more to this world than what we can experience with our senses.

God is the "maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible."

God created the material or physical universe, but he also created immaterial, spiritual realities.

Temptation is always a lie - it makes sin look good so that we will want to choose it rather than God (ccc396-398).

Original Sin – our wounded nature inclines us to sin – making it harder to obey God. (ccc 399-409)

### **Did You Know?**

Angels are spiritual beings who have an intellect and free will, but they do not have a physical body.

We do not become angels when we die (CCC328-334)

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**Memory Verse** - Practice this all week – verse & location

**Let's Read a Story** – enjoy!

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## **Session 2 – God reveals His saving plan.**

We can present our petitions to God in prayer, know that He hears us, and will always give us what is best for us, because that is what a loving father does.

Boundaries make children feel safe – not confined.

COVENANT – a solemn oath that creates a family bond.

God establishes covenants with his Chosen People to show his great love for them. God = Father, we = His children.

Instruction for how we are supposed to live as members of God's family are included in the covenant.

Obedying God's commands is our response of love to God.

### **Let's Watch**

Go to God and ask for more batteries (GRACE).

Grace – God's life.

He takes care of us – with rules.

### **Let's Read God's Word**

God brought the Israelites out of Egypt (physical slavery), but then he had to get Egypt out of the Israelites (the practices & beliefs – spiritual slavery). He needed to teach them how to live as members of His family.

The Law was meant to separate them from everything that was not of God – so they could love & serve Him w/their whole hearts.

We love by by: Honoring & worshipping him (1,2,3 commandments) and by loving our neighbor as ourselves (4-7).

### **Let's Learn About Our Faith**

God's chosen people were chosen FOR the sake of all other nations – they were to be the elder brother teaching his younger siblings nations everything he had learned about and from God.

God's laws are a roadmap for how to achieve happiness and fulfillment.

1<sup>st</sup> laws were the 10 commandments – fundamental moral laws.

The later laws were about food, sacrifice, ritual purity, etc. – to help them stop worshipping the false gods of Egypt and keep them separate from the false religions of the Canaanites. They were a TEMPORARY provision.

Jesus fulfilled the Old Laws & established the New Covenant & the temp. laws went away.

### **Did You Know?**

Next year, your child will need to choose a Confirmation name.

You may want to look and see what your family's names mean.

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**Let's Read a Story** – enjoy!

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## Session 3 – Jesus comes to save us

Let's Watch

Let's Read God's Word

Let's Learn About Our Faith

Did You Know?

**Closing Prayer** - Pray this all week.

**Memory Verse** - Practice this all week – verse & location

**Let's Read a Story** – enjoy!

## Session 4 – The Church continues.

Let's Watch

Let's Read God's Word

Let's Learn About Our Faith

Did You Know?

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**Let's Read a Story** – enjoy!

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## Session 5 – Life in Christ.

Let's Watch

Let's Read God's Word

Let's Learn About Our Faith

Did You Know?

**Closing Prayer** - Pray this all week.

**Memory Verse** - Practice this all week – verse & location

**Let's Read a Story** – enjoy!

## Session 6 – The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let's Watch

Let's Read God's Word

Let's Learn About Our Faith

Did You Know?

**Closing Prayer** - Pray this all week.

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**Let's Read a Story** – enjoy!

## Session 7 – Celebrating Reconciliation.

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**Let's Watch**

**Let's Read God's Word**

**Let's Learn About Our Faith**

**Did You Know?**

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**Memory Verse** - Practice this all week – verse & location

**Let's Read a Story** – enjoy!