

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018

2nd Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (trust coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.
- 4:15pm **Chapter #7** **Obeying God Our Father**
Chapter #8 **God Gives Us His Laws**

Throughout human history, the Bible tells us, God has been actively and intentionally guiding people to Him. God's method of dealing with men has been to establish covenants with them: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and David. The first covenant is with Adam. The second covenant given is to Noah. **In a time of great wickedness on the earth, Noah "was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time," and he found favor with God.** Abraham then shows faithfulness in obeying God's commands. **God made his covenant with Abraham by testing his faith and rewarding him.** David is Israel's second and greatest king. As a boy, David courageously defeats a mighty enemy warrior named Goliath with only a sling and a stone. As a man, David conquers all Israel's enemies and begins a dynasty that would rule Jerusalem for nearly 500 years. Even though David sins, he repents and is forgiven by God. **God the promise maker is also God the promise keeper. God is faithful.** *What do all of these people in the bible have in common? They believed that God would keep His promise. Now what are we supposed to get from this? From Abraham God built a nation and from that nation came Jesus.*

The Ten Commandments are laws revealed by God to Moses. God gave His people the Ten Commandments (a covenant between God and the Israelites) to help them live together in a community of trust and harmony, respecting the rights of others. The Commandments show an order of conduct. When we place God first, everything else falls into place. **The Ten Commandments help us to make good choices and know right from wrong!**

- *We Believe –*

Noah = the good man who obeyed God and built the ark to save his family and the animals from the great flood.

Abraham = the Father of God's chosen people, the Israelites.

Isaac = the son of Abraham

David = the boy who killed Goliath and grew up to be king. Jesus descended from the family of David.

Ten Commandments = the laws given by God to Moses.

Law = a rule that tells us how to act.

- *We Respond –*

After the lesson in the book ... you could read any of following stories from the Tomie dePaola Bible Stories book:

Noah and the Great Flood page 21

Abraham offers Isaac to God page 28

David and Goliath page 59

- *We Respond* – “In God We Trust” faith walk

What’s God going to have you do in faith? He might want you to build something? He might want you to wait? He might want you to go? But this we can be sure – he wants you to trust him just like Abraham did! *We need to listen and follow God’s voice, even when other voices are calling. That’s what it means to walk by faith!*

Before class set up some obstacles in the class- room (chairs misplaced or upside down, desks/tables out of place, ribbon draped between two chairs) for children to maneuver their way through and around during the “In God We Trust” walk.



1st version of faith walk:

1. *We have an obstacle course to walk through today. I’m going to pick someone whom we can trust to lead us safely through the course. When we choose a leader, we’ll say together: “Can we trust him (or her)? Yes we can!” Then they will lead us safely around the classroom.*
2. Choose a leader. Make sure all the children (**with eyes open**) line up behind the leader. When the leader has made it safely back to the starting point, say, *we trusted our friend to lead us through this maze and he (or she) did! Can we trust God? Yes we can!*

2nd version of faith walk:

1. Arrange *or rearrange* the chairs like an obstacle course within the room. Split everyone into two equally numbered teams. For each team: Choose a **leader** (God) who will direct the children (**eyes closed or blindfolded**) to the end of the room using only their voice and one **volunteer** (man) **to follow** the leader.
2. The object of the game is to lead the volunteer followers to the end of the room using only their voices. The members of the team can walk alongside the volunteer follower and provide directions. However, the opposing team can also try to trick the other volunteer follower by giving false directions. The volunteer follower that reaches the end of the room the first wins. If a volunteer follower touches or runs into a chair, then the person takes off his or her blindfold and is out for the round.

Discussion: Ask the blindfolded child – Could you see where you were going? What was the one way to get to the finish line? Did you have to rely on /trust the words and directions of the leader? *Don’t let go! Ask if you don’t understand = pray to God.*

Ask the leader – what did you do to bring the follower to the finish line? Give good directions, sometimes speak or pull the follower. *Hang on! These are the characteristics of God!*

IF GOD BRINGS YOU TO IT --- HE WILL BRING YOU THROUGH IT!

4:45pm Introduce Reconciliation (*discussion on The Prodigal Son*) - when we confess our sins to the priest and granted absolution, it is not the priest, himself, who grants the absolution. It comes from God.

How to go to Confession

1. Enter the confessional and sit down across from the priest (if going face-to-face) or kneel down in front of the screen (if going anonymous)
2. Make the Sign of The Cross (***“in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit”***) and say **“Bless me Father for I have sinned. This is my first confession. These are my sins.”**
3. Confess (tell) your sins to the priest.
4. Listen to the priest ... *he will give you some advice on how you can be a better Catholic and open your heart to God and be the person He wants you to be.*
5. The priest will give you a penance -- *it may be a prayer or some kind of action that will help you to be more thoughtful about areas of sinfulness or failing.*
6. The priest will invite you to tell God you are sorry for your sins by saying the 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.”**)
7. The priest will give you absolution and offer you Gods forgiveness (“ I absolve you of your sins in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.”) as you bless yourself with the Sign of The Cross (“in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. **Amen.**”). Say **“Thank You”** to the priest.
8. Leave the confessional, if necessary go to the Altar and say your penance... feeling uplifted and energized by God’s mercy and love!

4:55pm Closing Prayer – Jeremiah 17:7

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“God, I know not your ways. How may I trust in you?”

Catechist Background:

<http://www.padfield.com/2004/covenants.html>