

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2018-2019
2nd Grade

4:00pm Welcome (Zacchaeus 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 #17 Asking Forgiveness**

Sin offends God and leads to sorrow (sadness). Sin breaks laws and hearts. We turn away from God. *What does God do? He is offended, but He still loves us.* The Sacrament of Reconciliation not only heals us from our sin, but also makes us stronger to fight against sin by giving us grace (God's share of life in us!). *Review the 5 steps to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Only God can forgive sins.* Jesus is God. **Jesus made His disciples the first Priests and gave them the power to forgive sins.** God forgives sins through them, as the Priest acts in the person of Jesus.

- *We Believe* –
Sorrow = sadness
Forgive = the act of pardoning someone who has done wrong.
- *We Respond* – watch DVD – "The Angel's First Reconciliation Lesson" 12 min

Chapter #18 Jesus Forgives

Read the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) in the Catholic Picture Bible. Even though Zacchaeus was a sinner, Jesus wanted to be his friend. Zacchaeus showed he was sorry for his sins by showing that he was trying to be better. God through Jesus had already forgiven Zacchaeus and knew his heart.

- *We Believe* –
Sacrament = an outward sign given by Jesus that gives us grace.
Confess = in the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation we tell our sins to the Priest.
Absolve = the words said by the Priest in the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation that takes away our sins and we receive God's forgiveness.
- *We Respond* – play game "Come Back to Me!" (*see below*)

4:45pm Reconciliation practice - when we confess our sins to the priest and are granted absolution, it is not the priest, himself, who grants the absolution. It comes from God.

5 Steps to a good Confession

- 1) **Examination of Conscience** – think of and know what my sins are.
- 2) **Contrition** – be sorry for my sins and having offended God.
- 3) **Resolve not to sin again** – make up my mind not to sin again.
- 4) **Confess sins to a Priest** – tell my sins to the Priest in Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- 5) **Penance** – do the penance the Priest gives me.

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 – the Our Father

“Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and **forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;**
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

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

“Have I told someone I was sorry for offending them?”
Game “Come Back to Me!”

The catechist (**GOD**) stands in front of the class with the students lined up in a horizontal line in front of them. The catechist lists some bad acts and the students have to take a step backwards **AWAY** from the catechist. List good deeds and the students take a step forward **CLOSER** to the catechist. The catechist never moves because they are GOD -- *God alone is complete mercy and love. God does not forget us. The Father never abandons us. He is a patient. He remains faithful.* Finally ask the students “How do you Come Back to Me?” When they respond with one of the 5 steps of Reconciliation they should Come Back to you and hug you!

Questions based on the 10 Commandments – *phrase in a positive or negative way:*

I, THE LORD, AM YOUR GOD. YOU SHALL NOT HAVE OTHER GODS BESIDES ME.

Love God and thank God for everything.

1. Have I put God first or have I sometimes made other things in my life more important than God – like sports, etc?
2. Did I remember to talk to God and to pray to Him every day?
3. Did I thank Him for all He does for me every day?
4. Did I try to be a good follower and act as He wants me to?
5. Did I show my love for God by loving and caring for others?

YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

Be thoughtful and kind in what you say and do.

1. Have I always said God’s name with love and respect?
2. Did I forget and use God’s name in the wrong way? Like saying “Oh, God,” when I wasn’t talking about Him?

REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH.

Worship with your parish each week; remember to make time for God (just one hour) and go to Mass each week. And, don’t forget to behave, as you should in God’s House.

1. Have I done my best to go to Mass every Saturday or Sunday?
2. Did I behave well in church? Would God be proud of my behavior during Mass?
3. Have I tried my best to worship God at Mass by singing, praying and listening?

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

Love and respect your parents and obey their rules and their wishes – even when they aren’t looking. Always do what your parents ask of you. And, respect and listen to your teachers and follow the rules in public places. Be respectful and help family and friends members without being asked.

1. Have I done the chores my parents asked me to do?
2. Do I help my parents around the house? With a smile on my face?
3. Have I been pleasant while doing chores and obeying my parents?
4. Did I listen to my teacher? My coaches?
5. Did I show my love for others by obeying rules at school and at public places?

YOU SHALL NOT KILL.

Respect all human life by being kind to the people and animals God made. Never hurt anyone or anything. And, respect the body and good health God gave you by taking care of yourselves.

1. Have I been kind to others? Treated them with love and respect?
2. Have I solved disagreements in a peaceful manner?
3. Did I make a mistake and fight with someone?
4. Have I made others angry?

5. Did I eat the healthy fruits and vegetables my parents gave me?
6. Have I brushed my teeth and cared for the body God gave me?
7. Have I taken good care of my pets?

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

Be a faithful and loyal friend. Never break a promise. Be true to what is really important. Always support and care for your friends.

1. Have I been a good and loyal friend?
2. Did I make a promise that I didn't keep?
3. Can I be counted on to do as I say?
4. Have I always supported my friends? Shown them I care and will always be there to help them?

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

Do not take anything that doesn't belong to you. Treat other people's things as if they were your own. And, never cheat.

1. Have I taken something that doesn't belong to me?
2. Did I "borrow" something from my brother or sister without asking?
3. Taken money from my parent's when they weren't looking?
4. Did I ever cheat on a test or schoolwork? Copy someone else's answer?

YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

Always be honest and tell the truth. Speak kindly of others and don't gossip. Always take responsibility and try not to blame others for your actions.

1. Have I always told the truth?
2. Have I told a lie or only told a partial-truth?
3. Have I spoken unkindly about someone?
4. Did I gossip about a friend or an acquaintance behind their back?
5. Did I blame someone else, even a sibling, for something that I really did?

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.

Be thankful for your own family and friends. Be happy for your friends when good things happen to them.

1. Have I thanked God for the wonderful family He gave me?
2. Have I told my family how much I love them and how glad I am they are mine?
3. Did I show my family how much I love them by following my family's rules and acting with love and respect?
4. Did I remember that I always love my family even when I'm a little mad?

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.

Be happy and thankful for all the things you have. Don't be envious of the toys and games and bikes that others may possess. Show God your love by loving others.

1. Have I been happy with the things I have?
2. Have I been jealous of others?
3. Did I refuse to share my things with others?
4. Did I treat the property of others with respect and care?

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HOW TO CONFESS YOUR SINS – worksheet for _____

Parents: We visited your child in class today to check for readiness to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please look over this worksheet for information about areas where your child needs more work. Highlighted or circled areas need further practice.

<p>GENERAL COMMENTS:</p> <p>Knows how to start:</p> <p>Knows what Confession is:</p> <p>Knows what Penance is:</p> <p>Knows Act of Contrition:</p> <p>Knows what Absolution is:</p> <p>Knows how to make the Sign of the Cross:</p> <p>Knows how to end.</p>	<p>_____ Enter the confessional and sit down across from the priest and say “Hello.”</p> <p>_____ Make the sign of the Cross and say “Bless me Father, for I have sinned. This is my first confession. These are my sins:” (<i>Confess or tell your sins to the priest</i>)</p> <p><i>Listen to the priest. He will give you some advice on how to be a better Catholic and open your heart to God and be the person He wants you to be.</i></p> <p><i>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 and failing.</i></p> <p><i>The priest will invite you to tell God that you are sorry for your sins by saying the Act of Contrition:</i></p> <p>_____ “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. Amen.”</p> <p><i>The priest will give you absolution and offer you God’s forgiveness.</i></p> <p>_____ Bless yourself with the sign of the cross as the priest says: “I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”</p> <p>_____ You respond: “Amen.”</p> <p>_____ Say “Thank You” to the priest and leave the confessional, if necessary go to the altar to say your penance before leaving the church and feeling uplifted and energized by God’s mercy and love!</p>
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