

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2016-2017
2nd Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (angel coloring page and class attendance)
- 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 #5 God is Offended**
Chapter #6 Becoming a Child of God

Adam and Eve were like the angels. They were put to the test and had to decide if they would obey God. Some of God’s fallen angels (devils), Adam and Eve and the Prodigal Son (*which we will watch today*) misused their gifts from God, their free will and rational mind. ***When tested they said no to God.*** Adam and Eve lost God’s life (grace) and the ability to go to Heaven by their sin, and staining all mankind with Original Sin. When we are Baptized, God washes away our Original sin and infuses our soul with HIS life (grace), making it possible for us to go to Heaven. But we must work hard at keeping our souls clean from sin. We must be obedient to God. ***If we sin we must tell God we are sorry by going to Reconciliation (which we will begin practicing soon) and receiving God’s forgiveness.***

- *We Believe –*

Angels = Spirits made by God. God’s helpers.

Devils = bad angels who turned away from God.

Obey = to do what we are told. We should obey God’s laws.

Offend = doing something God does not want us to do. Sin offends God.

Sin = disobedience to God’s law, turning us away from God.

Original Sin = the first sin committed when Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

We are all born with Original Sin on our souls.

- *We Respond –*

DVD – “The Beginners Bible - The Prodigal Son” 25 min.

When a father accepts the return of his son who has squandered away his fortune, it causes trouble with the rest of the family. ***It is a parable about Reconciliation that teaches us about God's love for us and his willingness to forgive us no matter what we have done. HE remains faithful to us!*** Love, wisdom, and forgiveness are the lessons learned in this classic morality tale, simplified for children.

4:45pm Introduce Reconciliation (discussion on the movie) - 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 – Psalm 91:10-12

(you could use also the words form the song “On Eagles Wings”)

“No disaster can overtake you, no plague come near your tent;
He has given his angels orders about you to guard you wherever you go.
They will carry you in their arms in case you trip over a stone.”

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

Catechist Background:

<http://www.stpeterjupiter.org/article.php?id=2010>

<http://catholicexchange.com/reconciliation-and-the-prodigal-son/>

<http://www.orthodoxchristian.info/pages/prodigal.htm>