

Chapter
5

We Can Choose What Is Good

Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. learn that God gives each person a conscience.
2. recognize the nature of sin.
3. understand that God is always ready to offer forgiveness.

Faith Words

conscience
sin

Self-Evaluation




This session was

- one of the best
- pretty good
- in need of improvement

What worked out best was

For next time I would change

I will be sure to prepare for

Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
Share 15 minutes (p. 69)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray the Scripture verse. • Read the text and discuss easy and hard choices the children make each day. • Complete the activity. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorm daily choices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials for prayer corner (p. 66C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u> • pencils or pens <p>Activity Master 5a See Catechist Guide, page 66D.</p>	<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks</i> Faith Ringgold (Simon & Schuster Inc., 1999) This book shows the results of a choice Rosa Parks made.
Hear & Believe 25 minutes (pp. 70-71)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the illustrations. • Read and discuss the parable of “The Forgiving Father.” • Teach the doctrine in “Our Church Teaches.” • Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make up stories about right choices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD player <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writing paper • pencils 	<p>Audio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Blest Are We <i>Scripture</i> CD 2, track 4 <p>Videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Story of the Prodigal Son</i> (30 min.) “The Beginner’s Bible” series (Oblate Media & Communication) A Bible story of love and forgiveness
Respond 20 minutes (pp. 72-74)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the illustration. • Read and discuss the story about Peter Rabbit. • Do the activity. • Continue a booklet for use throughout Unit 2. • Pray “A Prayer of Action.” <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role-play good and bad choices in the story. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawing paper • crayons or markers <p>Activity Master 5b See Catechist Guide, page 67.</p>	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Be Merciful, O Lord” (Unit 2 song, page 66) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 2, track 3 *BLEST ARE WE <i>Song Book #8</i> *<i>Gather Comprehensive II</i> Hymnal #744 • “Do to Others” Damien Halloran/Maria Millward *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, track 9

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- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about a Parish Council, p. 76.
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Chapter 6

We Celebrate God's Forgiveness

Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. understand the concept of reconciliation.
2. realize that reconciliation can be attained through the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance.
3. become familiar with the Rite of Reconciliation.

Faith Words

Reconciliation
absolution

Self-Evaluation




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Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
Share 15 minutes (p. 79)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray the Scripture verse. • Read the text and share forgiveness stories. • Put forgiveness story pictures in order. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role-play a story showing forgiveness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials for prayer corner (p. 76C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u> • pencils or pens <p>Activity Master 6a See Catechist Guide, page 76D.</p>	<p>Videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Forgive and Forget</i> (15 min.)(Oblate Media & Communication) In this story a kind king, a crooked crocodile and a mischievous monkey learn about forgiveness.
Hear & Believe 25 minutes (pp. 80-81)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the photograph. • Read and discuss the Rite of Reconciliation. • Teach the doctrine in "Our Church Teaches." • Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorm words and actions showing sorrow and forgiveness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVD player • TV monitor <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • slips of paper • pencils or pens 	<p>Videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *DVD <i>Quick Clips 2</i>, Segment 3 "Reconciliation" • <i>A Child's First Penance</i> (20 min.) (Oblate Media & Communication) Video helps children understand basic concepts of sin and forgiveness, realize the importance of the sacrament, and view penance positively.
Respond 20 minutes (pp. 82-24)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the illustration. • Read and discuss the story about one brother who hurts another and needs forgiveness. • Do the activities. • Pray "A Reconciliation Prayer." <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make finger puppets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD player • children's drawings or stories • drawing paper • crayons or markers <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper • tape • crayons or markers <p>Activity Master 6b See Catechist Guide, page 77</p>	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Be Merciful, O Lord" (Unit 2 song, page 66) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 2, track 3 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #8 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #744 • "Kyrie" *GIFTS FOR A LIFETIME CD, track 11 *GIFTS FOR A LIFETIME Song Book #3

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- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about a Parish Priest, p. 86.
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Chapter 7

We Think About Our Choices

Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. understand that sin is a turning away from God.
2. understand the difference among a mistake, a venial sin, and a mortal sin.
3. Use the Ten Commandments to make an examination of conscience.

Faith Words

mortal sins
venial sins

Self-Evaluation




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Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
Share 15 minutes (p. 89)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray the Scripture verse. • Read the text and discuss responsibilities the children have at home. • Complete a checklist. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pantomime ways to be responsible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials for prayer corner (p. 86C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u> • pencils or pens <p>Activity Master 7a See Catechist Guide, page 86D.</p>	<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Down the Road</i> Alice Schertle (Voyager Picture Book, 2000) A story about independence, choices, consequences of making a mistake, and the love of family
Hear & Believe 25 minutes (pp. 90-91)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the illustration. • Read and discuss the Scripture story about Moses and the Ten Commandments. • Teach the doctrine in “Our Church Teaches.” • Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create rules about choices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD player <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • poster paper • colored markers 	<p>Audio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *BLEST ARE WE <i>Scripture</i> CD 2, track 5 <p>Videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Story of Moses</i> “The Beginner’s Bible” (30 min.) (Oblate Media & Communication) A story of Moses’ leading the Hebrew people from slavery to freedom, and God’s Commandments
Respond 20 minutes (pp. 92-94)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and discuss the examination of conscience and the Ten Commandments. • Do the activity about sin and mistakes. • Pray “A Thinking Prayer.” <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw pictures showing choices we make. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crayons or markers • children’s drawings and stories from Chapters 5 and 6 <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawing paper • markers • tape <p>Activity Master 7b See Catechist Guide, page 87.</p>	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Be Merciful, O Lord” (Unit 2 song, page 66) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 2, track 3 *BLEST ARE WE <i>Song Book</i> #8 *<i>Gather Comprehensive II</i> Hymnal #744 • “My Shepherd Is the Lord” Joseph Gelineau, S.J. *<i>Gather Comprehensive II</i> Hymnal #24 *GIFTS FOR A LIFETIME <i>Song Book</i> #5

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- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about Community Outreach, p. 96
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Chapter
8

We Say We Are Sorry

Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. understand that prayer brings them closer to God.
2. learn a prayer of sorrow.
3. realize that the Holy Spirit guides them.

Faith Words

contrition
Act of Contrition

Self-Evaluation




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Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
Share 15 minutes (p. 99)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray the Scripture verse. • Read the text and discuss ways to show and say “I’m sorry.” • Complete an “I’m Sorry” greeting card. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play an action game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials for prayer corner (p. 96C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u> • pencils, pens, crayons, or markers <p>Activity Master 8a See Catechist Guide, page 96D.</p>	<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chester’s Way</i> Kevin Henkes (Mulberry Books, 1997) Two small mice are best friends. Then another mouse moves into the neighborhood and complications arise.
Hear & Believe 25 minutes (pp. 100-101)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the illustration. • Read and discuss the Scripture story about John the Baptist and repentance. • Teach the doctrine in “Our Church Teaches.” • Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a contrition creation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD player <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • white and colored paper • pens or pencils • thin colored markers 	<p>Audio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *BLEST ARE WE Scripture CD 2, track 6 <p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Parables of Jesus</i> Written and illustrated by Tomie dePaola (Holiday House, 1995) Seventeen illustrated retellings of Jesus’ parables.
Respond 20 minutes (pp. 102-104)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and discuss the Good Shepherd story. • Decipher the coded message about sorrow and contrition. • Pray “An Act of Contrition.” <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a Good Shepherd story script. 	<p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tape • pens or pencils • crayons or markers • drawing paper <p>Activity Master 8b See Catechist Guide, page 97.</p>	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Be Merciful, O Lord” (Unit 2 song, page 66) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 2, track 3 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #8 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #744 • “Return to God” *SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS CD, track 14 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #410

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