

SECOND GRADE

FROM THE CURRICULUM GUIDELINES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

OVERALL THEME:

The Church is a Community of God's people. We become members by the celebration of Baptism, and Eucharist and are reconciled through the Sacrament of Penance.

OVERALL MESSAGE:

- ◆ To strengthen the student's love for Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (CCC 240)
 - by teaching the story of Jesus (CCC 240)
 - by teaching that grace is God's life within us (CCC 2000)
- ◆ To reinforce the concept of Church as Community
 - by discovering the Church as a praying, worshiping and serving community (CCC 748-838)

IMMEDIATE PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION

(Core Catechetical Content)

REVIEW:

- ◆ Recall the Sacrament of Baptism
 - we become members of God's family through Baptism (CCC 804, 1213, 1267)
 - we become adopted sons and daughters of God by our Baptism (CCC 1267)
 - original sin is washed away by the saving water of Baptism (CCC 405, 694, 1250)
- ◆ Recall the Blessed Trinity and name the three persons

THEME:

In the Sacrament of Penance we celebrate God's love and forgiveness. Our sins are forgiven and through the Holy Spirit we live as Jesus did.

MESSAGE:

- ◆ God gives us the freedom to make choices (CCC 1730)
- ◆ The Holy Spirit helps us to make right choices (CCC 1433)
- ◆ God will always forgive us when we make wrong choices, if we are sorry (CCC 1431-1432)
- ◆ Sin is a break in our relationship with God (CCC 1440, 1459)
- ◆ God wants us to forgive others (CCC 1458)
- ◆ God forgives us in many ways (CCC 1434-1438)
- ◆ We can say we are sorry to God with an Act of Contrition (CCC 1451)
- ◆ The Sacrament of Penance is the ordinary means of sacramental forgiveness (CCC 1424, 1484)

- ◆ There are other times we ask for forgiveness such as in the Penitential Rite in the Mass (CCC 1434)
- ◆ Jesus gave us the gift of forgiveness of sins when He appeared to the Apostles after the resurrection (John 20: 19-23; CCC 1441, 1444)
- ◆ The Sacrament of Penance is a sacrament of healing and a sign of God's mercy and love (CCC 1421, 1428)
- ◆ The Sacrament of Penance celebrates our conversion and God's love and forgiveness (CCC 1423, 1428)
- ◆ The Sacrament of Penance welcomes us back to close friendship with God and the community (CCC 1422, 1424, 1440, 1443, 1462, 1469)
- ◆ The Sacrament of Penance frees us from sin and gives us grace, God's own life (CCC 1468, 1496)
- ◆ The Sacrament of Penance is necessary for the forgiveness of mortal sin and helpful for the forgiveness of venial sin and the strengthening of virtue (CCC 1446-1447, 1456-1458, 1493)
- ◆ The priest is our friend and he stands in place of Jesus in the sacraments (CCC 1465)
- ◆ Jesus gives the priest the authority to forgive sins in the Sacrament of Penance (CCC 1441-1442, 1444, 1461)
- ◆ Regular confession is a way to grow in faith and is important for us (CCC 1454)
- ◆ We examine our conscience to prepare for receiving the Sacrament of Penance
- ◆ The Ten Commandments are good guides for an examination of conscience (CCC 1962)
- ◆ By following our conscience as God made it, then we are truly free and happy (CCC 1733)
- ◆ The “penance” given to us by the priest is a way to make up for our sins (CCC 1459, 1494)
- ◆ The steps in the Rite of Reconciliation are
 - examining our conscience
 - resolving to change
 - confessing our sins
 - praying an Act of Contrition
 - receiving absolution
 - practice of penance
- ◆ Ten Commandments
 - **First Commandment:** we try to put God first in our life
 - **Second Commandment:** God’s name is holy and we must respect it and not use it thoughtlessly
 - **Third Commandment:** Catholics have the duty of participating in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation
 - **Fourth Commandment:** children must obey their parents or guardians
 - **Fifth Commandment:** we are called to be peacemakers in our homes and schools
 - **Sixth Commandment:** the sacrament of marriage makes holy the promise of a man and a woman to love each other as husband and wife

- **Seventh Commandment:** stealing is taking the property of another person without permission
- **Eighth Commandment:** lying deliberately is saying what is untrue
- **Ninth Commandment:** we must be faithful to those we love
- **Tenth Commandment:** we must help people to have what they need to live

COMMUNITY:

The Student:

1. realizes that we can be selfish and how that selfishness affects other people
2. values the role of parents and teachers in making right choices
3. understands that there are many wrong choices shown on television and in the media and sometimes through our friends
4. understands that family and friends can also help us to make right choices
5. realizes that as we grow, we learn to be more responsible
6. understands that God's grace changes us
7. understands that we cannot love God without loving the people around us

WORSHIP:

1. understands how to examine his/her conscience
2. experiences and appreciates the Sacrament of Penance
3. understands the individual and communal Rites of Reconciliation and their proper use
4. visits the reconciliation room/confessional to become familiar with it and discover the meaning of the objects and furniture in it

SERVICE:

1. understands that the friends and followers of Jesus act in loving ways
2. participates in activities that show a good example to others
3. participates in activities to serve others as a way to show love for God and forgiveness and love for others

SCRIPTURE STORIES TO KNOW/HEAR

<i>Psalm 145</i>	<i>Psalm of Praise to God's Majesty and Loving Providence</i>
<i>Matthew 9:1-8</i>	<i>Cure of the Paralytic</i>
<i>Matthew 13:30</i>	<i>Image of Wheat and Weeds</i>
<i>Matthew 18:10-14</i>	<i>The Lost Sheep</i>
<i>Matthew 18:21-22</i>	<i>Seventy Times Seven Times</i>
<i>Mark 2:1-12</i>	<i>Cure of the Paralytic</i>
<i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	<i>Good Samaritan</i>
<i>Luke 15:1-7</i>	<i>The Lost Sheep</i>
<i>Luke 15:11-24</i>	<i>The Prodigal Son/Loving Father</i>
<i>Luke 17:11-17</i>	<i>The Ten Lepers</i>
<i>Luke 19:1-10</i>	<i>The Story of Zacchaeus</i>
<i>Luke 22:54-61</i>	<i>Peter's Denial</i>
<i>John 10:11-15</i>	<i>Good Shepherd</i>
<i>John 20:19-23</i>	<i>Whose Sins You Forgive</i>

PRAYERS TO BE LEARNED AND MEMORIZED

Act of Contrition	Our Father
Glory Be	The Sign of The Cross
Hail Mary	

VOCABULARY

absolution	faith	reconciliation
Baptism	fasting	Reconciliation Room
Bible	forgiveness	Rite of Reconciliation
Blessed Trinity	Good Friday	responsibility
Catholic	grace	Sacrament of Penance
Christ	Holy Week	sin
Christian	Jesus	Son of God
confess	Lent	sorrow
Confession	mortal sin	stations of the cross
conscience	Penance	stole
contrition	petition	temptation
creed	praise	venial sin
crucifix	prayer	virtue
examination of conscience	psalm	
