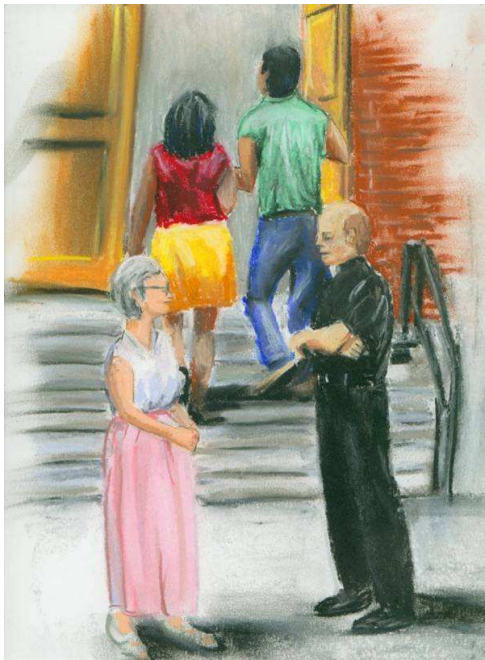
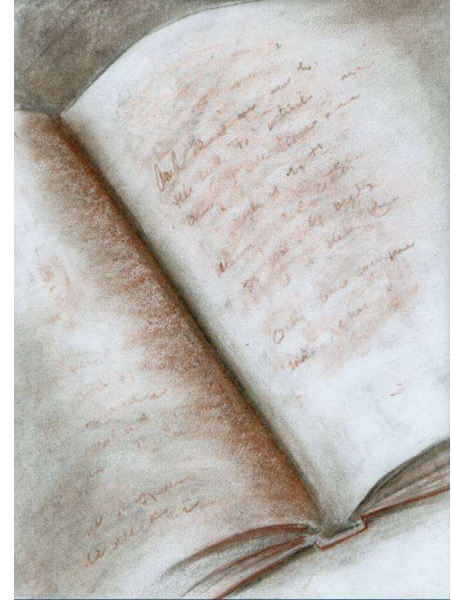


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I Learn About Rules of Love

God teaches us what
is right and wrong
through the Bible...



...and the Teachings
of the Church.

What does God teach us?

- To **love God** above all things
- To **love one another** very much
- To be **sorry** for our sins when we fail to love
- To follow the teachings of the **Church**
- To honor and obey our **parents**

To be a child of God!



Prayer Celebration: Growing up Catholic means knowing how God wants us to live

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Everyone say it aloud together.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Jesus, we thank you for teaching us about love.

All: Help us love each other more.

Leader: We know you are here in this room now, Jesus, because you promised to always stay with us.

All: Please help us grow in our faith, Jesus.

Reader: Please listen now to God's Word from the Bible: (Luke 10:25-28)

A reading from the Gospel of Luke...

...This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Listen to the Leader.

Each person in the room now writes down one way they will promise Jesus to love more. What will you promise him? (to forgive, to help others, to say my prayers, to be good, to tell the truth, and so forth).

All: (Pause after each line)

Dear Jesus,

We know that you love us very much.

We also want to love like you do.

And now we promise to do that

And we ask for you to help us. Amen.



God's Rules of Love

The Ten Commandments
The Eight Beatitudes
The Teachings of Jesus

Draw a line from the Commandment on the Left to what you think it means on the right.

| The Commandment | What it means |
|---|---|
| 1. Love God above everything else | Attend Mass on Sunday and don't do work you don't have to |
| 2. Never cuss or use God's name for bad reasons | Tell the truth, even when it's hard to |
| 3. Keep Sunday holy | Protect everything that is living – and don't kill |
| 4. Honor your mom and dad | Obey your parents and love them |
| 5. Never hurt or kill others | Respect God's name and don't use it to curse others |
| 6. Be faithful to the one you marry | Grow to see that you have enough and don't need anything more |
| 7. Never steal anything | Be happy for what others have and don't look at it with envy |
| 8. Always tell the truth | Marriage is a lifetime commitment |
| 9. Don't be jealous of what others have | Make loving God the number one thing in your life |
| 10. Be satisfied with what you've got | Don't take anything that does not belong to you. |



Meeting Jesus in the Bible

Jesus teaches us to go beyond the Ten Commandments and really love each other! In this Gospel story, he helps us see how far he wants us to go.

The Person who Needed Help

Someone asked Jesus:

“Who am I supposed to love as my neighbor?”

To answer, Jesus told him a story:

“There was a man going from one town to another all by himself, but he was robbed and beaten and left to die.

Coming down this same road was a very important person. He saw the man who was robbed, but went around him and didn't stop to help.

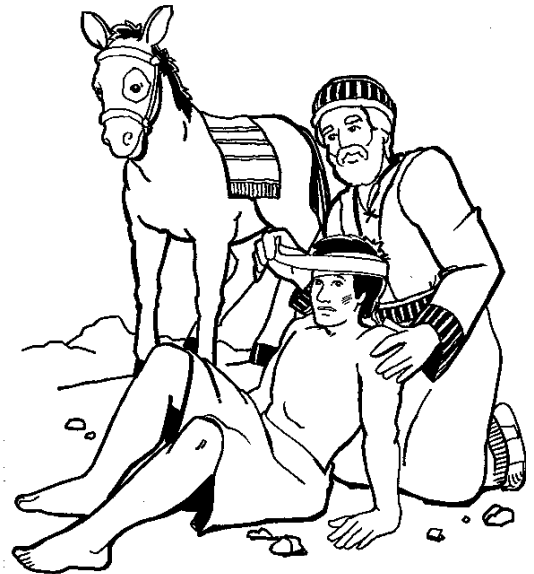
Later another important person came by, and he also did not stop to help.

But then someone from another country came by, saw this poor fellow, and was moved with pity. He tended his wounds, poured lotion on them, hauled him to a local hotel and took care of him.

The next day, he gave the hotel some money and asked them to help, too.”

Then Jesus asked the man, “Which one of these three people was a neighbor to the man who got robbed?” He said, “The one who stopped and helped him.” “That's right,” Jesus said □ “Go and do the same.”

(Based on Luke 10:25-37)



Color this picture together...



*"The good Samaritan has compassion on the man who had been beaten."
Luke 10:25-37*

Now work together to play the Beatitude Game.

The Beatitude Game

Work together to complete this little game.

First, tell the story of the Beatitudes....

Many people were following Jesus.

They wanted to learn
what he was teaching.

One day, there were so many
that he went up on a mountain
and taught people all day long.



What did he teach?

Circle the correct word to finish each of the Eight Beatitudes. Circle every word you do not understand. At the end, ask your teachers or parents to help you understand.

- ✚ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of (**HEAVEN, EARTH**).
- ✚ Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be (**WEEPING, COMFORTED**).
- ✚ Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit (**THE EARTH, NOTHING**).
- ✚ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be (**FILLED, EMPTY**).
- ✚ Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain (**JUDGMENT, MERCY**).
- ✚ Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see (**GOD, NO ONE**).
- ✚ Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of (**GOD, THUNDER**).
- ✚ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of (**EARTH, HEAVEN**)."

(Based on Matthew 5:3-10)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessing our Sins

How do we confess our sins to the Priest?

Use these words to begin:

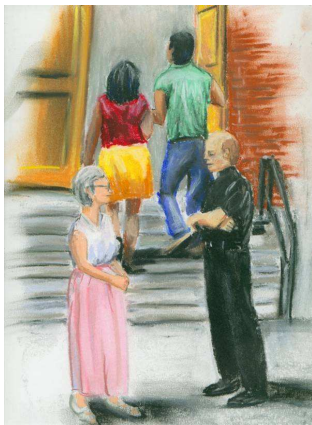
**Bless me, Father,
I have tried hard to be good
But I have committed some sins.**

Then tell the priest the ways you have sinned.

- The priest will not remember or tell anyone what you tell him.
- He promises to keep it all secret.
- Be very honest and open with the priest, and do not hide anything from him.
- He represents Jesus – and he loves you as much as Jesus does!



The Priest Gives Us Advice



- The priest also represents the whole community of the Church
- Every sin hurts all those around you, and the priest speaks the words of forgiveness on behalf of all.
- He may ask you questions or give you advice because he wants to help.

An Act of Contrition

When you are finished, pray a simple Act of Contrition such as this:
Dear God, I am very sorry for any ways that I failed to love and committed sins. I'm sorry because I know you love me very much. I promise to do better, and I know you will help me. Amen.



At home this week

Work on this together at home as a way of continuing the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, children should examine their consciences to see how they may have sinned. To truly enjoy the benefits of the sacrament, a candid look back over past actions is required. Even a young child making his or her first reconciliation must look back and ask him or herself, "How've I done?"

This may not be an easy task, especially for youngsters unfamiliar with the practice.

Many parishes and programs suggest the use of the 10 Commandments as a guideline in the confessional. But young children may have trouble relating that to their own lives. Second-grade children are simply too young for many of the complex situations and concepts in those Commandments, such as adultery, envy, and the like.

Try this instead. Here is an examination of conscience for children using the Lord's Prayer as a guideline. Sit with your child and pray the Our Father one line at a time. Pause between each to ask these questions:

An Examination of Conscience for Children Based on The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name.

- Do I think about God every day?
- Do I say my prayers?
- Do I pay attention and participate at Mass?

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- Am I kind to others?
- Do I do what Jesus wants me to do?
- Do I share with others?
- Am I helpful to my family?
- Do I show respect to my teachers and classmates?

Give us this day our daily bread

- Do I remember to say thank you?
- Am I sometimes greedy?
- Do I appreciate the good things I have in my life?
- Do I think of ways to help those who have no food?
- Do I take things that don't belong to me?

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

- Do I say I'm sorry when I have been wrong?
- Do I forgive and forget when someone does something bad to me?
- Do I help solve problems between my friends or do I cause more trouble?
- Do I say bad things about people who have hurt me?

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

- Do I play fairly in sports and games?
- Do I cheat in school?
- Do I tell the truth?
- Do I set a good example by my kindness?
- Do I let other kids tempt me to do things I know I shouldn't do?