

Lesson Planner

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	OBJECTIVES	LESSON PROCESS	ACTIVITIES	MATERIALS
CELEBRATE	 15 minutes Pages 2–3 Ritual Focus <i>Signing with the Cross</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including signing, and being called by name	Celebrate the opening prayer.		 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 1 OTHER MATERIALS Bible, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 4–5 To explore the meaning of the ritual actions To explain that at Baptism we become children of God	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity.  Read about and discuss baptismal names.  Share stories of Baptism.  Read about and discuss Baptism .	 Reflect Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of signing with the Sign of the Cross, and being called by name.	
REMEMBER	 30 minutes Pages 6–7 Faith Focus <i>How does God show his love for us?</i> To reinforce that God gave us life	Discuss how we know that God loves us.  Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>Acts 17:16–34</i> Complete the activity.	 Share Children write about God's love.  Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 1, p. CE1 Copies of Scripture Drama 1, pp. CE2–3 OTHER MATERIALS Lectionary and/or Book of the Gospels
	Pages 8–9 Faith Focus <i>What are the Sacraments?</i> To explain that Sacraments are signs of God's love	Identify Original Sin and the Sacraments .  Read about and discuss the Holy Trinity . Discuss the Sacraments of Initiation as a group and as individual Sacraments.	 Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	 15 minutes Page 10 To lead children in expressing praise in belonging to the Church	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about Francis of Assisi.	 Respond Children write in and decorate a banner.	 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 1
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CELEBRATE	 15 minutes Pages 12–13 Ritual Focus <i>Renewal of Baptismal Promises</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including the Renewal of Baptismal Promises	Celebrate the opening prayer.		 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 2 OTHER MATERIALS Bible, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 14–15 To explore the meaning of the ritual actions of the Renewal of Baptismal Promises To present the concept of forgiveness	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity.  Read about and discuss holy water . Present what sin is and is not.  Read about and discuss candles .	 Reflect Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.	
REMEMBER	 30 minutes Pages 16–17 Faith Focus <i>What happens when Jesus welcomes us?</i> To show that Jesus welcomes sinners	Discuss how Jesus brings us good news.  Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>Luke 19:1–10</i> Complete the activity.	 Share Children write about welcoming Jesus into their homes.  Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 2, p. CE4 Copies of Scripture Drama 2, pp. CE5–6 OTHER MATERIALS Lectionary and/or Book of the Gospels
	Pages 18–19 Faith Focus <i>How are we welcomed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?</i> To explain how we are welcomed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Identify Reconciliation as a second chance at living a good life. Discuss free will, mortal sin , venial sin , and communal and individual celebrations of Reconciliation.  Read about the Reconciliation room .	 Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	 15 minutes Page 20 To reflect on preparing for Reconciliation	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about Saint Monica.	 Respond Children write a letter to God.	 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 2
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CELEBRATE	 15 minutes Pages 22–23 Ritual Focus <i>Reverencing the Word</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including Reverencing the Word	Celebrate the opening prayer.		 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 3 OTHER MATERIALS Bible or lectionary, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 24–25 To explore the meaning of the ritual actions of Reverencing the Word To present how the Bible is used in liturgy	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity.  Read about and discuss bowing. Describe how God speaks to us in the Bible.  Read about and become familiar with the Bible and Scriptures.	 Reflect Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of Reverencing the Word.	
REMEMBER	 30 minutes Pages 26–27 Faith Focus <i>What is the greatest commandment?</i> To discuss what Jesus said about the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment	Discuss why laws and commandments are needed. Compare the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment.  Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>Luke 10:25–28</i> Complete the activity.	 Share Children draw a picture of following the Great Commandment.  Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 3, p. CE7 Copies of Scripture Drama 3, pp. CE8–9
	Pages 28–29 Faith Focus <i>What happens during the examination of conscience?</i> To explain the examination of conscience and the place of Scripture in Reconciliation celebrations	Identify and explain the terms conscience, examination of conscience, precepts, and homily.  Read about and discuss the Precepts of the Church. Examine the use of Scripture in Reconciliation celebrations.	 Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	 15 minutes Page 30 To reflect on the commandments and their meaning to us	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about Saint Vincent de Paul.	 Respond Children complete a prayer.	 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 3
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CELEBRATE	 10 minutes Pages 32–33 Ritual Focus <i>Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including the examination of conscience and Act of Contrition	Celebrate the opening prayer.		 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 4 OTHER MATERIALS Bible, lectionary or <i>child's book</i> , prayer table, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 34–35 To explore the meaning of the ritual actions of the examination of conscience and Act of Contrition To present the importance of asking forgiveness	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity.  Read about and discuss the meaning of kneeling.  Explain reasons for asking forgiveness.  Read about and discuss contrition .	 Reflect Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of the examination of conscience and the Act of Contrition.	
REMEMBER	 30 minutes Pages 36–37 Faith Focus <i>How do people tell Jesus they are sorry?</i> To show how people express sorrow for sins	Discuss ways of showing sorrow.  Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>Luke 7:36–38, 44–48, 50</i> Complete the activity.	 Share Children write a prayer of sorrow.  Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 4, p. CE10 Copy of Scripture Readers' Theater 4, p. CE11
	Pages 38–39 Faith Focus <i>Why do we confess our sins?</i> To explain the role of confession and penance in Reconciliation	Identify and explain confession and penance as part of the Reconciliation celebration. Define confessor , confess, contrition, and firm purpose of amendment.  Explain who a penitent is.	 Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	 20 minutes Page 40 To reinforce the idea of contrition for sins	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about Saint Paul.	 Respond Children write and illustrate a story.	 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 4
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CELEBRATE	 15 minutes Pages 42–43 Ritual Focus <i>Prayer over the Children</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including a Prayer over the Children	Celebrate the opening prayer.		 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 5 OTHER MATERIALS Bible, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water
	Pages 44–45 To explore the meaning of the ritual action of the Prayer over the Children To present the meaning of reconciliation	  Read about and discuss laying on of hands. Describe the meaning of reconciliation . Read about and discuss Heaven: Together Forever.	 Reflect Children reflect on the meaning of forgiveness.	
REMEMBER	 30 minutes Pages 46–47 Faith Focus <i>What does Jesus tell us about God's forgiveness?</i> To reinforce the concept of God's forgiveness	 Recall Scripture stories of God's forgiveness. Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>Luke 15:11–24</i> Complete the activity.	 Share Children complete a description of God's forgiveness.  Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 5, p. CE12 Copy of Scripture Echo Pantomime 5, p. CE13 OTHER MATERIALS A priest's stole, preferably purple
	Pages 48–49 Faith Focus <i>How are sins forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?</i> To explain the function of absolution in Reconciliation	 Identify how Reconciliation unites people. Read about and explain the use of the stole . Explain the connection between forgiveness and absolution and the Act of Contrition.	 Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	 20 minutes Page 50 To reinforce the idea of forgiveness in our lives	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about John Vianney.	 Respond Children write a story showing forgiveness.	 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 5
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CELEBRATE	 10 minutes Pages 52–53 Ritual Focus <i>Sprinkling with Water and the Sign of Peace</i> To experience a celebration of the word, including the sprinkling with water and the Sign of Peace	Celebrate the opening prayer.		 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 6 OTHER MATERIALS Bible, prayer table, candle, large glass bowl filled with water, small branch
	Pages 54–55 To explore the meaning of the ritual actions of sprinkling with water and Sign of Peace To explain the effects of conversion	Reflect on the celebration. Complete the activity.  Read about and discuss sprinkling with holy water. Describe what conversion means  Read about and discuss the Sign of Peace.	 Reflect Children reflect on the experience of the celebration and the meaning of sprinkling with water and Sign of Peace.	
REMEMBER	 30 minutes Pages 56–57 Faith Focus <i>What did Jesus send the disciples to do?</i> To present the mission of the Church to forgive sins	Discuss how the disciples carried on Jesus' work.  Proclaim the Gospel story. <i>John 20:19–23</i> Complete the activity.	 Share Children draw a picture of sharing forgiveness and peace.  Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	PROGRAM RESOURCES Copies of Activity Master 6, p. CE15 Copies of Scripture Narrative 6, p. CE16
	Pages 58–59 Faith Focus <i>How do we share reconciliation with others?</i> To encourage children to share reconciliation with others	Identify how we share in the Church's mission of reconciliation and the Holy Spirit's part in it.  Read about how bishops and priests teach us about the Church's mission. Examine the Dismissal Rite.	 Faith at Home Suggested activities for the home	
LIVE	 20 minutes Page 60 To review what it means to be a reconciler	Introduce the activity. Pray the Closing Blessing. Read aloud the People of Faith story about Oscar Romero.	 Respond Children complete a graphic organizer about being a reconciler.	 PROGRAM RESOURCES <i>Songs of Celebration</i> CD, track 6
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