

Topic: The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ
Family Small Group for Confirmation Week 1.17 (January 28th, 2024)

Parent and Student Resources	
The resources listed below will be used in some capacity throughout the lesson. Please read them when prompted.	
Student Resources	Parent Resources
Formed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Search: Am I Saved? (Ep. 6)</i> 	Catechism for Adults: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catechism for Adults Ch. 10 & 11, pg. 111-140

1. Opening Prayer (read together)	2. Personal Connection
<p style="text-align: center;">Our Father</p> <p>Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</p>	<p>Parents- Reflect on then discuss the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">What does the Sacrament of Reconciliation mean to you? How do you feel after giving your sins over to Jesus?</p> <p>After sharing, ask your student:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">How do you feel about going to Confession? Do you struggle with receiving this sacrament? How do you feel after?</p>

3. Formed Video
https://watch.formed.org/videos/am-i-saved-the-search-begins-episode-6

4. Activity
<p>How often do you go to confession together as a family? What do you think would be a good practice? Sit down together and discuss how often you should go and then go to confession together. These are the times when the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available:</p> <p>Tuesdays: 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Wednesdays: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Saturdays: 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM</p> <p>And if none of these times work for your family, you can call the church office and set up a time with Father Tilley or you can go to confession with another priest at another parish. There's nothing standing in your way to receive the Father's infinite mercy!</p> <p>Bonus: Spend some time looking at Jesus on the cross. Look up the seven last sayings of Christ (Father talked about these in the Sunday Sanctuary lesson) and imagine Jesus saying these from the cross. Meditate on this for a while. Thank Him for the gift of His sacrifice for you.</p>

4. Discussion Questions (writing down answers prior to discussion may encourage deeper conversations)

1. Sometimes we can feel like we are too much of a sinner to receive God's mercy. Have you ever felt like that?
2. Can we ever earn our salvation? Why or why not?
3. What are some ways you have experienced God's mercy in your life?
4. When have you said "YES" to God and invited him into your life more fully?

5. Closing

As a family, discuss your current prayer intentions and take a moment to pray together.