

Topic: Jesus Teaches about Loving Everyone / The Prodigal Son

Family Small Group for FHC Cycle Week 1.18 (February 4, 2024)

1. Opening Prayer <i>Pray this prayer morning and night or more over the next 2 weeks to help your student learn it.</i>	2. Story Time <i>Read the bible story below in your Illustrated Children's Bible.</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Nicene Creed</p> <p>I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.</p> <p>I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.</p> <p>God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.</p> <p>For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.</p> <p>For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.</p> <p>He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.</p> <p>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.</p> <p>I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.</p> <p>I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bible Story</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Illustrated Bible<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jesus Teaches About Loving Everyone pgs 241-245○ The Prodigal Son pgs 246-250
3. Formed Video <i>Before clicking on the link below, you will want to log in to your FORMED account or be ready with your user id / password to log in after clicking the link below.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● https://watch.formed.org/the-jesus-stories/season:1/videos/the-good-samaritan	

4. Activity

It's easy for us to think of big ways to help people all over the world, but sometimes it is harder to focus on ways to love and help our family. St. Therese of Liseux said to do "Small things with great love".

- Write a list of ways you can be helpful for different people in your family.
- See how many you can come up with.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you to think of acts of kindness you can do for others.

Over the next couple of weeks, see how many things you can check off your list. It makes God happy when you do acts of kindness for people in your family!

5. Sacrament Book Readings

Read through the pages below with your student based on their grade level.

Grades 1-3

- Loyola Reconciliation, Chapter 5 pgs 41-50

Grades 4-6

- Loyola Intermediate Reconciliation Chapter 4 and Eucharist pgs 19-22

Discussion Questions

1. In the first Bible story, Jesus tells the story of the good Samaritan. The first two people were supposed to be religious friends of the traveler and walked away when they saw the man in trouble. Have you ever been afraid of doing what was right? Can you describe a situation where you think it would be hard to choose to do the right thing?
2. Jesus talks about doing good for people who can not repay your kindness. Who are some people you can help who can not repay the kindness? What are some things you could do for them?
3. When Jesus told about the prodigal son, the older brother in the story was jealous of how happy his father was that his brother had returned. Have you struggled with feeling jealous before? What did you do about those feelings?

5. Closing

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