

Grade 5 - Chapter 15

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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objectives

- Compare the faith journeys of the two brothers in the story of the Prodigal Son, which depicts God's forgiving love.
- Identify the four parts of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Reconciliation and Forgiveness

Ask the question at the top of the page.

- List the children's responses on the board or on chart paper.

Have a volunteer read aloud the first paragraph.

- Ask the children what Jesus thought about anger. ***It can have a negative effect on even close relationships.***

Scripture

Proclaim the parable to the children.

- Discuss the question that follows.

Work With Words

Ask four volunteers to each read one of the terms and its definition from the Catholic Faith Words box.

- Encourage the children to watch for the use of these words in the copy on page 211.

A Generous Father

Ask the children to silently read the text.

► Music Option: While the children read, play “Through My Fault,” downloaded from **aliveinchrist.osv.com**.

- Point out the highlighted words that you already discussed, and see if their use in text opened up any other questions.
- Provide time for the children to review the Act of Contrition on page 323 in the Our Catholic Tradition section at the back of the Student Book.

Penance and Reconciliation

Call the children's attention to the chart.

- Review the parts, signs, and effects of this Sacrament.

Activity

Read aloud the directions.

- Have the children work in pairs. Tell both partners to write down the ideas for their parables.
- Invite several volunteers to explain their ideas to the group.

Quick Review

God's forgiveness and reconciliation are available through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. God shares his divine life with us through the Sacraments.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Connect with Saint Damien who modeled compassion for the sick and outcast.
- Develop an understanding of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

A Healing Sacrament

Tell the children that you will be discussing the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and why it is called a Sacrament of Healing.

Read aloud the first paragraph.

- Before beginning the next section, explain to the children that people with Hansen's disease (leprosy) develop ulcers and scabs on their skin.

Saint Damien and the Lepers

Have the children silently read the text.

- Ask: What do you think it meant to the people that Father Damien said “we lepers”?
- Direct the children to discuss the question with a partner.

Compassion for Those Who Are Sick

Have a volunteer read aloud the first paragraph of the text.

- ★ Have the children highlight what Father Damien taught the exiles.
- Read aloud the next paragraph.
- Emphasize the categories of people whom the Church invites to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. *people who are seriously ill or facing surgery*

Anointing of the Sick

Review the chart about this Sacrament with the children.

- Ask: What is happening in the photo on this page?

If any of the children have witnessed this Sacrament being performed, invite them to share the experience.

► Music Option: While the children work on the activity, play “God of Mercy,” downloaded from **aliveinchrist.osv.com**.

Activity

Read aloud the directions.

- Allow the children time to make their lists and then discuss ideas they can implement.

Quick Review

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick brings healing and forgiveness. Catholics should follow the example of Jesus and show his compassion for those who are sick.

Catechist Tips: A Famous Story

In The Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32), meat plays an important symbolic role.

- Jewish law forbade the consumption of pork. When the younger son is reduced to feeding pigs, the implication is that his life can get no worse.
- When the son returns home, his father has a fattened calf killed for dinner. This shows the extent of the father’s joy. Ancient Jews ate meat only on special occasions.

Catechist Tips: Modern Molokai

Although the island is no longer a leper colony, many island residents still prefer that it remain isolated from contemporary life.

- Some see value in the old ways of farming and fishing. Others want to bring in tourism and modern business practices.
- Some residents fear that improving economic conditions will mean sacrificing their cultural heritage.

Catechist Tips: Cartoon Strip

You will need poster board and colored markers.

Organize the large group into smaller groups of four or five. Distribute one large poster sheet to each group along with colored markers. Tell the children they are to create a three to five frame cartoon strip that illustrates a situation of an angry fifth grader. Show the effects of the anger on the fifth grader and those around him or her, and then some kind of healing from the effects.

Glossary Activity: Reparation

Organize the children into small groups. Have each group draw a mural that illustrates the harm that pent-up anger can cause.

- Assign each group a section of the board, or provide the groups with pieces of chart paper on which to draw.
- Ask groups to explain their work.

Additional Activity: Guided Meditation

Consider leading the children in a guided meditation on The Parable of the Lost Son. For additional information, see “The Prodigal Son” in *Guided Meditations for Children*, by Jane Reehorst, BVM (Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division).

Additional Activity: Videotape or Record Messages

Have the children videotape or record get-well messages.

- Have them make a list of people they know who are ill.
- Remind the children to decide what they want their messages to say before taping begins.
- Be sure to inform each recipient that he or she will be receiving a message.

Additional Activity: Story

To help the children reflect on the themes of this chapter, you might have them read *That Summer*, by Tony Johnston (Harcourt Trade Publishers, 2002). This is the story of people who show courage and love as they care for a dying family member.

Additional Activity: Making Amends

Have the children recall stories in which characters made amends for wrongdoing.

- Invite the children to retell the stories in their own words.
- As an alternative, they may role-play key scenes for the group.

Parish Video Connection: Pope Francis Goes to Confession

Before the children begin the Share Your Faith activity on page 211, have them watch this short video on Pope Francis receiving the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Ask: What does it mean to you to see the Pope going to Confession?

Say: It is necessary for everyone to receive God’s peace and grace, even Pope Francis. God is here to listen to and forgive everyone. He is faithful, as we should be to him.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/BKHKmEtpWao>

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