

God's Love and Mercy



Living a holy life is not easy. Sometimes we do things that are against God's commandments. This lesson explores sin and the mercy of God. The parable of the Prodigal Son helps the children understand how miserable we can be when we stray from the Father. In addition, the parable demonstrates the heart of God. Catechists remind the children that God stands ready to forgive us for anything we've done, but we first must acknowledge that we have done wrong. This lesson lays the foundation for the teaching on conscience and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Becoming Disciples at Home:

1

PARENTS

Help your child understand sin is choosing to disobey God in thought, word, deed, or omission (CCC glossary, sin)

2

CHILD

Think about ways you sin and ask Jesus to give you the strength to do good and turn away from sin

3

FAMILY

Discuss how we can accept God's mercy and try again when we sin (Luke 15:1-7, 15:11-32)

Lesson Themes in Class



Sin

We learn about God's mercy through the Parable of the Prodigal Son



Virtues

We learn how virtues lead us to be good friends



Activities

We do activities that focus on sin and the 10 Commandments