

Second Grade: Lesson 11

Forgiveness

Lesson Objective:

This lesson continues the theme of forgiveness from the previous lesson. Just as God forgives us of our sins, we are called to forgive others. The Our Father prayer is reviewed here to emphasize our call to forgive others as the Father forgives us.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Describe how Jesus modeled forgiveness (Lk 7: 36-50; CCC 2842-2845).
- Imitate Jesus by forgiving others (Luke 7:36-50; CCC 2842-2845).

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bibles, pencils, crayons, blank paper
- Copies needed: Beginning of class coloring sheet, Act of Contrition handout, Our Father Activity Page, Our Father in your own Words, Parables Reflection page, The Our Father coloring page

As Students Enter Class

- Consider having a coloring sheet about forgiveness available for children to color as they wait for class to begin.
- You could do the Our Father Coloring Page, located at the end of this lesson or you could do the forgiveness page below.
- [Forgiveness Coloring Sheet](#)



Beginning of Class:

- Gather students around your prayer space and select a traditional Catholic prayer.
- Also provide time for intentions; you will probably need to model what a prayer intention is.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 11 Video	<p>This video is 13:30 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: Last week, we learned that God is merciful, loving, and forgives our sins. We are called to forgive others, too. Today, we will look deeply into the Our Father prayer, and review the parable of the unforgiving servant and the parable of the prodigal son.</p> <p>Carla reads GN: 3:1-24 (this runs from .50 through 5:28 in the video).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam and Eve live in the Garden of Eden and it is good. • Then the serpent tricks Eve into eating from the tree of knowledge, which God told Adam and Eve not to eat from. • Eve encourages Adam to eat a piece of fruit too. • Their eyes were opened into knowing good and evil, which means the peace they had in the garden was gone. • After eating the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve hid from God. They were afraid. Sin entered the world and this came with consequences. • Adam and Eve hid from God, because they did something wrong. <p>DISCUSSION: Have you ever done something wrong? How did it make you feel?</p> <p>Next, an analogy about a neighbor that hits a baseball through your bedroom window. Now the neighbor and his parents have to deal with the consequence of his actions.</p> <p>The story of Adam and Eve's sin is more severe than breaking a window. Adam and Eve's sin broke something in humanity that they couldn't fix. God told them in the Bible verses we just read, what their consequences would be. Just like the neighbor boy needs help repairing a broken window, all humankind needed help to fix the consequence of the sin of Adam and Eve.</p>

	<p>We call this sin original sin. We need a Savior to fix this problem of original sin. God loves us so much He sent His only son to suffer and die for our sins.</p> <p>Carla then reads from Luke 23:26-43: Jesus's Death. This point in the video is 9:10 – 10:53.</p> <p>We see here that Jesus forgives the people that put Him on the cross. Even when in great pain, facing death, Jesus forgives them!</p> <p>The last two sessions we talked about the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant and the Parable of the Prodigal Son.</p> <p>Unforgiving Servant: did not extend the same mercy he received from his Master.</p> <p>Prodigal Son: Returned to his father, after spending all his inheritance and sinning, to ask forgiveness. The father was so happy his son returned; he forgave His son before he was able to ask for forgiveness.</p> <p>DISCUSSION: What do these two parables have in common?</p> <p>Answer: Guide students to understand they both show how much God loves us. Even when we sin, we can ask forgiveness. We need to turn away from sin and toward God.</p> <p>Let's look at the Our Father Prayer:</p> <p>Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.</p> <p>DISCUSSION: What does this mean to you?</p> <p>We don't want to be like the unforgiving servant, do we? We want to be like the father of the prodigal son and forgive and show love.</p>
Genesis 3: Adam and Eve	This animated video is 1:58 in length.

	<p>It summarizes the story heard in our first video in an engaging way.</p> <p>SUGGESTION: Give students a blank piece of paper and have them draw what they learned from the story of Adam and Eve. To help all learning styles, you can pose the question first, hold a quick discussion, and then provide time to draw.</p>
Reconciliation Video 1 You can choose to show either video, which ever works best for your class.	A Kids' Guide to Reconciliation is 4:45 in length. A young girl asks questions to a priest and he answers them. You may want to turn the volume up, as it can be quiet in spots.
Reconciliation Video 2	This video is 4:45 in length. This video has words printed on each slide, with colorful pictures, but it is not read to students. You will want to read it. It follows a question/answer type format. This gives you an option to start/stop/discuss etc... and continue until finished.
The Our Father Song	This Christine in Action video is 1:22 in length.
The Act of Contrition	This Christine in Action video is 1:07 in length. It has the words of the Act of Contrition on the screen, while Christine says them clearly and slowly.
Act of Contrition Handout	This handout can be shared with students either during the Christine in Action video or after it. You can send it home. You may want to have smaller copies of the Act of Contrition for your students to practice during your class times. This would be kept with your supplies at Church. Please see the page at the end of this lesson plan. You could copy on card stock or laminate, depending on what you have available to you.
The Our Father Activity Page	Fill in the blanks together, as you pray the Our Father. Once completed, recite the prayer one more time as a whole class.
The Our Father Prayer in your own Words	This activity calls for students to further reflect on the meaning of each line in the Our Father. Depending on the abilities of your students, you will need to guide them through this activity.

	<p>Suggestion: Instead of passing out this activity to each student, consider writing it out on a large piece of paper, and then complete as a whole class. This could be done over the course of several class periods. This will give you and your students quality time focusing on the words and their meaning. This poster could remain in your classroom as a display of the great learning you are doing!</p>
Parables Reflection	<p>This page looks at the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the Unforgiving Servant, and the Lost Sheep and asks, what do they all have in common?</p> <p>The Lost Sheep would need to be reviewed with the children before completing this activity.</p>
The Our Father Coloring Page	If you did not do this at the beginning of class, you can provide time now.
Closing Prayer	Gather around your prayer space and pray the Our Father or Act of Contrition.



The Act of Contrition Prayer

Practice reading this prayer with someone. Stop after each sentence and "say something" about what you just read in the prayer (ex. Talk about what that part means to you, share any questions you might have, discuss a tricky word, etc.)

Act of Contrition

O my God,
I am heartily sorry for having
offended you, and I detest all
my sins because of your just
punishments, but most of all
because they offend you, my
God, who are all good and
deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help
of your grace, to sin no more
and to avoid the near
occasions of sin.

Amen.