

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Lesson 8

### Encountering God's Family Through Baptism

#### Lesson Objective:

Considering the previous two lessons, children can now appreciate the significance and power of the sacrament of Baptism. This sacrament is the gateway to the Christian life and the moment when each child becomes a son or daughter of God. Not only is sin washed away in this sacrament, but the Holy Spirit comes to live in the individual's soul. Catechists should remind the children that baptized Christians have the responsibility to live as disciples of Christ and help others come to know Him.

#### Learning Outcomes: Students Will ...

- Identify the sacrament of Baptism as the liturgical event at which we are welcomed into the Christian community as followers of Jesus (Acts 10:44-49; 11:26, CCC 1267-1270).
- Tell that God takes away original sin in Baptism and gives us his gift of grace (CCC 405, 1250).

#### Materials Needed:

- Prayer Space items, Crayons and pencils,
- Copies Needed:

#### As Students Enter Class:

- Given that this is Advent, you may have a special Advent activity or coloring sheet that you want to do.
- Or, since last week was about the 7 Sacraments you could have the sacraments listed on the board and give students a piece of plain paper and have them draw and/or write what they remember about the 7 Sacraments. Give them time to share after opening prayer.

#### Beginning of Class:

- Begin class with an opening prayer and invite students to your prayer space. Pick one student to pull a name of a prayer from your small bag or basket that contains the names of the traditional Catholic prayers you are memorizing this year.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 8 Video	<p>This video is 1:09 in length.</p> <p>Highlights:  Last week we learned about the 7 Sacraments and how we receive grace through them. The first sacrament is Baptism. God takes away original sin and gives us grace. Also, the Holy Spirit came to live in our souls when we were baptized. Grace is invisible and it entered your body through the Holy Spirit. Through the sacraments, we come to know and love Christ.</p> <p>When we love Jesus Christ, we are responsible to live as a Disciple of Christ and help others to come to know Him, too.</p>
The Seven Sacraments Song	A Christine in Action Song lasting 2:08 in length introducing the 7 Seven Sacraments
Baptism Video  Stop and discuss along the way as needed with your class. Give them a stretch or movement break.	<p>This video is 6:39 in length and the narrator speaks quite fast. The illustrations are black and white drawings that are done while the narrator is talking.</p> <p>There is a great deal of good information in the video. Here are highlights:</p> <p>To understand Baptism, we need to recognize how God has used water throughout salvation. History. The world was sinful during the time of Noah. So, God sent in a flood of water that washed away the wickedness and made the world new.</p> <p>In Exodus, God used water to bring death and rebirth. He sent Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and parted the Red Sea so the Israelites could pass from slavery (in Egypt) into a new life in the promised land.</p> <p>The Lord uses water to end evil and bring forth life. When we are baptized, our former sins are washed away with water.</p> <p>God created you with a body and soul. Our soul can live forever in Heaven or Hell. We need God's life called Grace, in our soul, into order to go to Heaven. We are not born with grace. Why? Because Adam and Eve chose to</p>

disobey God by eating the apple from the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden.

Important to note that Adam and Eve were born with God's grace in their souls. BUT when they chose to listen to Satan and eat the apple, they broke unity between Heaven and Earth. Remember, they had a choice but made the wrong choice and sinned. Now the grace that allowed man to live forever with God was lost. Remember, God never stopped loving them.

So why does this one original sin still affect us today? Because Adam and Eve's sin ruined human nature, giving us the inclination to sin. It is why we argue, lie, etc....

We are all descendants of Adam and Eve and so we inherited their original sin.

The only way we can be united with God is through Jesus. He rose from the dead so we have a chance to reach Heaven. Jesus paid the punishment for original sin to unite us back to God. The Holy Spirit is present at our baptism and cleanses your original sin and reroutes you toward Heaven.

Baptism is so important that Jesus commanded the Apostles to baptize people in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The video goes on to explain what we see during baptism and then explains what we do not see.

What we don't see: The Holy Spirit descends upon you and the father calls you his beloved child. It sets us on the path to be God-like by being conformed to Jesus. Your soul is no longer dark and empty because the Holy Spirit now swells within you. Heaven has been open to you.

Remember we have the same choice as Adam and Eve! We will all sin from time to time; however, we have grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we confess our sins to a priest, we are forgiven and our soul is pointed back toward Heaven.

Discussion	<p>This video had a great deal of information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ask the children what stuck with them?</li> <li>● Why do we need Baptism?</li> <li>● What would happen to our souls if we didn't have the sacraments?</li> <li>● What (or who) did God give us after Adam and Eve committed the original sin?</li> </ul>
Song	Christine in Action: The Sacraments of Initiation Song: It lasts 59 seconds.
Introduction to the Activities	Carla talks about the Act of Contrition prayer and introduces the activities
Discussion:	What are your thoughts about Baptism? Allow students time to share and process all the information they have heard.
Act of Contrition Song/Meditation	In this meditation, we hear the Act of Contrition. It is noteworthy to share with the children that there can be different words in the Act of Contrition, such as "Thee" or "Thou" instead of "You" and "Your". Many people grow up memorizing a specific version, but it can change from time to time in the Church as the Catholic Church grows and evolves in every age. Just as the Catholic Church embraces its diversity in cultures, so too do we embrace diversity in our prayers with many approved options in the formal Order of Reconciliation which contains the many options for the act of contrition prayer and the specific words the priests say during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Act of Contrition Prayer Response	Consider passing this out the Act of Contrition and reading and praying it as a class. Talk about what the words mean. This can be sent home after class. Encourage the kids to pray it each night and start to memorize this prayer.
Eucharist Craft, Temple of the Holy Spirit, and Sacraments Mini-Retreat	You have many activities to choose from. Consider sending home for extra credit or a prize content which is not done in class.