

Lessons of Forgiveness in the Religious Education Program



Grade One UNIT 8

We Belong to God's Family

- recognize that Jesus accepts all people and invites them to become more loving
- grow in understanding of the need to give and receive forgiveness
- witness how Jesus welcomes and forgives
- discover that when people forgive they are children of God

Grade Two UNIT 8

Let's Break

- understand the importance of asking God to nourish us as we try to love and care for one another
- appreciate that when people pray the Our Father and exchange Signs of Peace they are asking God to help them nourish each other
 - recognize the need for forgiveness

Grade Three UNIT 8

The Holy Spirit Reconciles People

- discover how Jesus accepted sinners
- grow in understanding of the meaning of sin
- recognize that Jesus' reaching out to sinners brought about a change in them
- grow in awareness of the reality of sin in the world
- recognize that it is not easy to forgive
- appreciate the need to be forgiven

- recognize that God always reaches out in love and forgiveness to people who have done wrong
- deepen awareness of how God calls people in need of forgiveness to change their hearts
- learn about the sacrament of Reconciliation
- understand more fully how Jesus gave his life for all people

Grade Four - UNIT 9 (To be done at the end of March)

My Lord and My God

- experience the joy of the resurrection
- witness Jesus' love and forgiveness

Grade Five - UNIT 7

The Church Reconciles

- recognize disharmony in creation
- begin to see creation as God's covenant
- grow in appreciation of how the Judaeo-Christian faith tradition seeks to understand the mystery of God in the face of evil
- recognize the effects of evil on society
- deepen understanding of God's covenant
- acquire an increased understanding of God's reconciliation
- discover the connection between baptism and reconciliation
- deepen awareness that Lent is a time to look inside and change one's heart
- understand that the Eucharist celebrates God's reconciliation

Grade Six - UNIT 7

What You Do To The Least Of My Brothers And Sisters You Do To Me

- deepen understanding of the message and significance of the characters in the story of the Prodigal Son
- be introduced to the corporal works of mercy
- become aware of those in need and their right to justice
- witness and be inspired by the ways people respond to Jesus' statement: "What you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me"

UNIT 8

No Greater Love

- understand the meaning and importance of giving and receiving forgiveness

Grade Seven UNIT 6

We Believe in Jesus Our Lord

- deepen awareness of what is required to be happy
- show understanding of Jesus' guidelines for happiness as found in the Sermon on the Plain
- experience how Jesus used parables to change the way people thought about God and God's desires for everyone
- apply the concept of living in the kingdom of God to modern day life
- increase understanding of the challenge to live in the kingdom of God expressed in the Lord's prayer

