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Unit 2 – Session 8 – God Loves Us Even When We Sin

Parents,

This session is about sin and how even those we offend God; he still loves us and shows us mercy. Here is some vocabulary that may help you. This is not for your child but to help you as you explain this session to them.

- Mercy: The goodness and kindness of God that He shows us even though we sin.
- Mortal Sin: Serious sin that we choose to commit even though we know it is wrong. Mortal sin separates us from God and completely rejects His love for us.
- Sin: A deliberate offense against God. It is something we say, think, do, or fail to do that is against the eternal law of God.
- Venial Sin: Less serious sin that hurts our relationship with God but does not destroy it.

The students should learn

- Sin is an offense against God, and we sin when we fail to love God, ourselves, and our neighbor.
- God shows His mercy in many ways, but most powerfully in the forgiveness of sins.
- The Act of Contrition helps us to express our sorrow to God for our sins.

Here is a video for parents about sin. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGghX65-9Zg>

Here is what you need to do this week.

- Ask your child to tell you the story about the Fall of Adam and Eve. Help them along.
 - Tell them that Adam and Eve put their own preferences over God's. They sinned.
 - Explain what the word sin means.
 - Explain the difference between Original Sin and the sins we commit (personal sin)
 - Explain that some sins are more serious than others.
 - Venial sin wounds our relationship with God
 - Mortal sin is grave violation of God's law and severs our relationship with Him.
 - Have them complete activity online.
- Explain that the Church gives us a special kind of prayer to help us say we are sorry for our sins so we can begin to change our ways.
 - There are 3 parts
 - We tell God we are sorry
 - We make a serious commitment to God not to sin anymore and to avoid anything that tempts us to sin.
 - We remember what Jesus did to save us from sins.
 - Now have your child complete activity 2 online.
 - Have your child circle the part of the prayer where we say we are sorry in purple
 - Have them circle in yellow the part of prayer where we say we will stay away from sin
 - In red have them circle the part that says we do this because of what Jesus did
 - Now asks them to tell you the following
 - What makes a sin mortal (*serious, we know it is wrong, and we do it freely*)
 - What is an examination of conscience (*It is remembering the sins we have committed in our lives so we can begin to change our ways*)
 - What is an Act of Contrition (*It is a prayer that the Church gives us to help us think about what it means to say we are sorry for the sins we've committed.*)
- Gods Mercy
 - Ask your child to share examples of ways in which God shows His love for us.
 - Explain that one of the greatest gifts God has given us is His mercy.

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- Mercy refers to the goodness and kindness God wants to show us even though we sin.
- God shows His mercy in many ways, but most powerfully in the forgiveness of sins.
- We don't get his mercy because we deserve it, rather, we get it because He is good and loves us despite our sin.
- Have them complete activity 3 online. The left ray should be read and the right ray should be white.
- Talk to them about how Jesus visited Sister Faustina in 1931. He told her that He wanted her to help Him let the world know a special message – the message of Divine Mercy. Jesus wanted the world to know of His great love for people even though we sin. He wanted people to know that all they had to do was ask Him for His mercy and with the help of the Sacraments, He would give it. He also asked all of us to forgive each other when we hurt one another just as He forgives our sins. He wanted us all to trust in Him with our whole hearts.
- What kind of animal is at the left of the figure?
- Continue walking through the steps of a confession. Work on a step a week. Take it slow. There is a chapter that covers this topic but it is good if the kids understand it before the chapter.
- Continue to review the 10 commandment list with your child. This again should help them begin to examine their consciences.
 - http://www.johnpaul2center.org/JohnPaulIICenter/LayFormation/AdultFormation/SeasonofMercyFaithFormationRes/10Commandments_Child_EC.pdf
- Continue to practice the Act of Contrition.
 - My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all of my sins, because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend you, My God, who are good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.