Program Outline: Reconciliation

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| 1 | Jesus Is Always with Us  | to identify that Christ died, rose from the dead, and is with us now to recognize that we meet Jesus in the sacramentsto express that we confess our sins and are forgiven by God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation | The Risen Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11–18) | sacraments, grace, sin, Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, confession, conversion |
| 2 | We Trust in God’s Mercy | to recognize that God is a loving Father to identify that God always forgives us when we are truly sorry for our sins to explain that God’s mercy comes to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation  | The Forgiving Father(Luke 15:11–32)  | mercy |
| 3 | We Follow Jesus’ Message of Love | to identify that we follow Jesus by loving God and others to recognize that we can learn about love in Sacred Scriptureto explain that we can ask for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we fail to love fully  | Love Is the Greatest Commandment (Mark 12:28–34) | Greatest Commandment, Sacred Scripture |
| 4 | We Followthe Ten Commandments | to express that God gave us rules to keep his people safe and happy to recognize that the Ten Commandments are rooted in God’s love for us to explain the difference between a sin and an accident | God Gives His People the Ten Commandments(Exodus 19:16–20:17) | Ten Commandments, accident |

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| 5 | We Ask for Forgiveness | to recognize that our sins can be forgiven if we are truly sorry to identify that we have more room for love when we are forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliationto explain the difference between mortal sin and venial sin | Jesus Forgives a Woman’s Sins (Luke 7:36–50)  | mortal sin,venial sin |
| 6 | Jesus Loves and Caresfor Us | to recognize that Jesus loves and cares for us as a good shepherd cares for his sheepto recall that Jesus seeks us out when we stray, and we can return through the Sacrament of Reconciliation to explain that we express our sorrow for having sinned in the Act of Contrition | Jesus Is the Good Shepherd (John 10:1–18)  | penance,Act of Contrition, contrition  |
| 7 | Jesus HelpsUs Always  | to recognize Jesus as the Son of God who is with us in times of troubleto define ourselves as disciples of Jesus who call on him in the Sacrament of Reconciliationto explain that our sins are forgiven and we are restored to peace when we receive absolution  | Jesus Helps Us in Times of Trouble (Matthew 8:23–27)  | disciple,absolution, conscience  |
| 8 | The Holy Spirit Teaches Us | to recognize that the Holy Spirit is our helper and guideto identify that the Holy Spirit helps us in an examination of conscience as we prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliationto review the key words and important concepts of these chapters in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation | Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit to Help Us(John 14:15–31)  | examinationof conscience |