

## Program Outline: Reconciliation

Chapter Number	Chapter Title	Lesson Goals	Featured Story	Key Words
1	Jesus Is Always with Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to identify that Christ died, rose from the dead, and is with us now</li> <li>• to recognize that we meet Jesus in the sacraments</li> <li>• to express that we confess our sins and are forgiven by God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> </ul>	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to recognize that God is a loving Father</li> <li>• to identify that God always forgives us when we are truly sorry for our sins</li> <li>• to explain that God's mercy comes to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> </ul>	The Forgiving Father (Luke 15:11–32)	mercy
3	We Follow Jesus' Message of Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to identify that we follow Jesus by loving God and others</li> <li>• to recognize that we can learn about love in Sacred Scripture</li> <li>• to explain that we can ask for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we fail to love fully</li> </ul>	Love Is the Greatest Commandment (Mark 12:28–34)	Greatest Commandment, Sacred Scripture
4	We Follow the Ten Commandments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to express that God gave us rules to keep his people safe and happy</li> <li>• to recognize that the Ten Commandments are rooted in God's love for us</li> <li>• to explain the difference between a sin and an accident</li> </ul>	God Gives His People the Ten Commandments (Exodus 19:16–20:17)	Ten Commandments, accident



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5	We Ask for Forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to recognize that our sins can be forgiven if we are truly sorry</li> <li>to identify that we have more room for love when we are forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> <li>to explain the difference between mortal sin and venial sin</li> </ul>	Jesus Forgives a Woman's Sins (Luke 7:36–50)	mortal sin, venial sin
6	Jesus Loves and Cares for Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to recognize that Jesus loves and cares for us as a good shepherd cares for his sheep</li> <li>to recall that Jesus seeks us out when we stray, and we can return through the Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> <li>to explain that we express our sorrow for having sinned in the Act of Contrition</li> </ul>	Jesus Is the Good Shepherd (John 10:1–18)	penance, Act of Contrition, contrition
7	Jesus Helps Us Always	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to recognize Jesus as the Son of God who is with us in times of trouble</li> <li>to define ourselves as disciples of Jesus who call on him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> <li>to explain that our sins are forgiven and we are restored to peace when we receive absolution</li> </ul>	Jesus Helps Us in Times of Trouble (Matthew 8:23–27)	disciple, absolution, conscience
8	The Holy Spirit Teaches Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to recognize that the Holy Spirit is our helper and guide</li> <li>to identify that the Holy Spirit helps us in an examination of conscience as we prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> <li>to review the key words and important concepts of these chapters in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> </ul>	Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit to Help Us (John 14:15–31)	examination of conscience

