

# Topic: God Loves You Sooooo Much!

Family Small Group for FHC Cycle Week 2.3 (October 13, 2024)

## Lesson Overview for Parents

*This week our sacrament books review much of what we covered last week at our Sanctuary Lesson but the main point we want to get across to our students this week is that God loves us SO much! God loves us (all of us) so so much. He did not want to leave us in a state where we are missing the mark (sinning) all the time with no way to restore the broken relationships that sin creates. God wants to give us grace to help us. We will touch on that God sent Jesus to save us. It is important our students understand how much God loves them. We are working our way toward the Sacrament of Reconciliation that will be covered in a few weeks.*

### 1. Opening Prayer

*Let's pray this prayer one more time. Pray this prayer every morning, in the car, at night, etc over the next 2 weeks to help your student learn it.*

*Remember, if your student knows the prayer, you are welcome to work on another prayer from your list of prayers in your parent folder.*

### 2. Mass and Mass Journal

*Did your student write in their mass journal this weekend?*

*Remember to use the prompts on the Mass Journal Bingo card.*

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen

*Spend a minute or two talking about what your student wrote in their mass journal.*

*If you haven't gone to mass yet, take a minute or two to look at the Mass Journal Bingo card and pick one or two options your student would like to write about this week. Suggesting they pick an option that relates to the Liturgy of the Word is a great way to reinforce our lesson this week!*

### 3. Sacrament Book Readings

*Remember, you are your student's first and most important Catechist. You have options on how you cover the material below. You can read the information in the books below yourself and then talk about it with your student. You can read it together like story time and talk about it as you read it. We are asking you to focus on **parts** of the chapter. If you would like to go through the entire chapter with your student, please do so.*

#### Grades 1-3

Book: *God's Gift Reconciliation Primary*

**Chapter 1, pages 2-3:** Have your students put the stickers on the pages and notice the harmony on page 2 and then on page 3 we see the effects of original sin – Adam and Eve are hiding.

**Chapter 1, page 4** – read the poem together as a summary

**Chapter 1, page 6** – Jesus helps to restore our relationship with God and others. Through Jesus, we have strength to not sin or miss the mark!

**Chapter 1, page 7** – Have your student complete the story. This is a great review!

After working in the book, continue to the Formed Video.

#### Grades 4-6

Book: *God's Gift Reconciliation and Eucharist Intermediate*

#### Chapter 1, page 2

After reading page 2, complete Discussion questions 1 and 2 below.

#### Chapter 1, page 3

After reading page 3, complete Discussion question 3 below.

After your discussion, watch the video and do the activity.

#### 4. Formed Video

*Before clicking the link below, log into your FORMED account or be ready with your userid/password to log in after clicking the link below.*

*The main point of the video below is that God loves us!*

*If you need to take a break and view this at a later time or another day, decide now when that will be and put it on your calendar. If your student is able, continue on. We do not want you to skip this section entirely, it just may work best for your student to watch this at a later time.*

#### [You Are Forgiven: Episode 2](#)

#### 5. Activity

*You will need to print the last page of this lesson. If you do not have a printer, stop by the parish office to pick up copies. Copies will be in a folder labeled "FHC". The folder will be sitting outside the metal drop down window by the staff offices. Invite the whole family to do this. This is an important activity to do. Your student needs every reminder they can get that God loves them.*

Gather the crayons, markers, and colored pencils in your house.

Gather the family around the kitchen table to do this activity. Make some popcorn. Have some fun!

Give each member a copy of the "God Loves" page.

Have each person write their own name in the last heart that is empty. Then color / decorate the page.

Have each family member hang their "God Loves" coloring page in a place where they see it every day!

#### 6. Discussion Questions

*We are going to review it all here with our discussion questions. Be sure to listen to your student and to share your answers too!!*

1. Think about creation when there was perfect harmony. Talk about how amazing that must have been. Can you describe to each other what living in perfect harmony is like?
2. Talk about some examples of some common sins we all may commit at some time in our lives: disobeying, lying, cheating, hurting friends or family members with our words, hitting someone, taking something that is not ours, etc. How do we feel when we sin? Talk about the relationships that are hurt when those sins are committed.
3. Now talk about how much God loves each one of us. Start by talking about something each of you love a LOT. Then talk about how God's love for us is infinitely greater!

#### 7. Story Time

*Now, prepare for next week. You may want to schedule time to read this story later in the week. Be sure to put it on your calendar or make a note on your frig so you don't forget. Be sure to read it before our Sunday Sanctuary Lesson next weekend. Read the bible story below in your Illustrated Children's Bible.*

Story Name: *God's Promise to Abraham*  
Pages: 34-42