

February

First Reconciliation

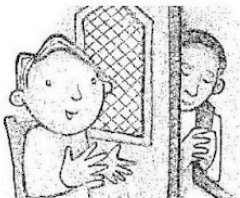
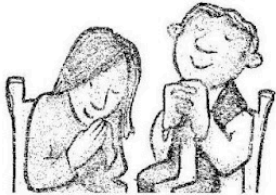
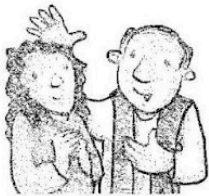
	Session	Lesson Concepts	Faith Words
5	<p><u>We Confess and Do Penance</u></p>	<p>Informing the Mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discover that as members of the Church, God calls each of us to spread the Good News of his Kingdom by our words and actions ● Recognize that confessing our sins and taking responsibility for them opens our heart to God’s mercy and forgiveness ● Learn that conversion is turning away from sin and responding to God’s love and forgiveness ● Realize that performing acts of penance helps us to reconcile with God and with others <p>Forming the Heart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understand that when we confess our sins, we are following the promptings of the Holy Spirit ● Appreciate that we are drawn further into the mystery of salvation when we do acts of penance ● Accept that Christ is King of our hearts, lives, and the whole world ● Recognize that God continually calls us back to him and a life of conversion 	<p>Kingdom of God, conversion, mortal sin, venial sin, penance, Works of Mercy</p>
6	<p><u>We are Forgiven and We Forgive</u></p>	<p>Informing the Mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understand that, in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we are offered absolution—forgiveness of our sins ● Learn that when we forgive others, we are following Jesus’ example ● Recognize that, as members of the Body of Christ, we are called to show mercy, compassion, and kindness to others <p>Forming the Heart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deepen our awareness of God’s willingness to forgive all of our offenses ● Appreciate that Jesus grants us pardon and peace and sends us to be peacemakers in his Kingdom ● Discover the importance of the words and gestures in the Prayer of Absolution 	<p>Body of Christ, Prayer of Absolution</p>

February Activity

We Receive Forgiveness

You can ask God to forgive you at any time. But being forgiven requires us to do more than just say, "I'm sorry." During the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a priest will help you to think things through. Afterward you will go in peace, absolved of sin.

Read the passages that describe five steps of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then decide which picture best matches each passage. Draw a line between the passage and a picture.



The Steps of Reconciliation

- 1. Welcome and the Word of God.** The priest welcomes you. Then you make the Sign of the Cross. You listen to a story from God's Word about forgiveness.
- 2. Confession.** You tell your sins to the priest. The priest may give you a prayer to say or something else to do as a penance.
- 3. Act of Contrition.** The priest asks you to say a prayer of sorrow for your sins.
- 4. Absolution.** In God's name the priest forgives your sins. He says a special prayer called *absolution*.
- 5. Go in Peace.** The priest helps you thank God, and he invites you to go in peace.

February Prayer

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
Amen.

The Apostles' Creed Fill-in-the-Blank

Directions: Write the missing words in the blank spaces.

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Creator of _____ and earth,

_____ in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into _____;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;

he ascended into _____,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of _____,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

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