

# Faith Lesson 18 - Grades 1 & 2 - God Sent Jesus to Save Us & Forgiveness and Healing

## First Reconciliation

Resource: Dynamic Catholic

[First Reconciliation Student Workbook](#)

[First Reconciliation Parent's Guide](#)

Link to videos: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/program-view/first-reconciliation/session-3>

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/program-view/first-reconciliation/session-4>

*This lesson will be a combination of Sessions 3&4. We will use session 3 episodes 1 and session 4 episodes 4&5. We have limited time in class for watching videos, but I encourage you to have your child(ren) watch all the episodes from Session 3&4.*

## Lesson

### **Opening Prayer:**

God, our loving Father, thank you for all the ways you bless me. Help me to be aware that every person, place, and adventure I experience is an opportunity to love you more. Fill me with a desire to change and to grow and give me the grace to become the-best-version-of-myself in every moment of every day. Amen.

**Say:** Our first video today shows Sarah saving Hemingway from a messy situation with some ice cream. Have you ever needed to be saved from a mess?

**Watch:** "The Mess" (Blessed 1<sup>st</sup> reconciliation session 3:1, 8:40)

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/first-reconciliation/blessed-program-view-first-reconciliation-session-3-1.html>

### **Ask:**

- How did God's chosen people get into a mess? (They stopped listening to God)
- Jesus is the savior of the world. What do you think that means? (He wants us to be free from sin so that we can be with Him happy in heaven forever)

**Say:** We have all gotten ourselves into a very big mess by not listening to God and following his rules. The mess is too big for us to fix ourselves. Even though God's people did not always listen to him or follow his rules, He loved them and sent Jesus to save the whole world. Jesus being the savior of the world means that he saved every person who has ever lived, and who will ever live, from their sins so we can all be happy on earth and happy with God in Heaven. We all need to be saved.

Jesus saved us by suffering and dying on the cross for our sins. While He was on the cross, he thought of you and how much he loves you and wants you with him forever.

**Ask:** Did you know that? How does that make you feel? Why do you think Jesus came to save you? (He loves you and wants to be your best friend)

**Say:** Jesus wants to be your best friend and he wants you to be happy. Sometimes we do things that do not make God happy and do not make us happy. When we hurt someone, it is important to say that we are sorry. Because we sin, we need God's forgiveness.

**Read/Watch:** <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/first-reconciliation/blessed-program-view-first-reconciliation-session-4-2.html>

Here is a story to help us all understand. One day Max got his very own bedroom. Everything was perfect and in its place. But the next day, after church, Max threw his nice church clothes on the floor. as he got changed to go outside and play with his friends. He did not realize it at the time, but this was the beginning of a growing problem.

The next day Max threw his pajamas on the floor instead of putting them where they belong. That afternoon after soccer he left his soccer gear on the floor in the middle of the room. The following day he had some potato chips and a candy bar, but instead of putting the wrappers in the trash can, he threw them on the floor. This went on for three weeks. Max just kept throwing things where they did not belong.

Then one day he came home, and he could not open the door to his room. He went looking for his mother and asked, "Mom, why did you lock my room?"

"I didn't lock your room," his mom said.

"Well, I can't get in there. Someone must have locked it."

Max's mom tried to get in the room, but she could not.

"Maybe something is blocking the door," she said.

Max and his mother went outside and looked in the window to see what was blocking the door. They were amazed at what they saw. All of Max's stuff that he had been leaving everywhere for weeks had fallen in front of the door and was blocking him from getting into his room.

When Max's dad came home, he pushed very hard against the door and forced everything to move so Max could climb into his room. Max spent four hours putting everything away in the right places. He put his clothes in his closet or hamper, he put all his toys away, and he put anything that was trash in the trash can. When he was finished, he promised never to let his room get so messy again.

Just as Max made a mess of his room, sometimes we make a mess in our souls. We leave little sins lying around here and there, and before you know it, they are piling up.

Jesus wants to work with you to tidy up your soul. That is what he is going to do during your First Reconciliation.

**Say:** Just like the more often you pick up your things the cleaner your space is, the more often you go to confession the cleaner your soul will be, and it will help you not to choose to do the same sin again.

**Watch:** “Our Father” (Blessed 1<sup>st</sup> reconciliation 4:4, 2:48)

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/first-reconciliation/blessed-program-view-first-reconciliation-session-4-5.html>

**Ask:**

- Why is the Our Father a very special prayer? (Of all the prayers that Jesus could have said, He taught his apostles this prayer. Jesus teaches us that God is our loving Father.)
- Have you ever thought about the Our Father? What are you praying for when you say the Our Father? (Talking to your father who loved you, you are praising God, asking God to help you want the things He wants, asking God to give us all we need, asking God to give us Jesus in the Eucharist, Telling God that we want him to forgive us in the same way we forgive other people, etc.)
- How does it feel to be the Son or Daughter of the Great King?

**Say:** In the next video, Hemmingway gets lost. Let’s see if Ben and Sarah can find him.

**Watch:** “God Always Loves You” (Blessed 1<sup>st</sup> reconciliation 4:5, 5:42)

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/first-reconciliation/blessed-program-view-first-reconciliation-session-4-6.html>

**Ask:**

- What did you learn from this video?
- Will God always love you? (Yes!)

**Say:** Remember no matter what we do, or say, or think, God will always love you. When you sin and are lost, He is right there looking for you and wanting to bring you back with him. Have you ever gotten separated from your parents or gotten lost? Did your parents ever stop loving you or trying to find you? God loves you even more than your parents and he will never give up looking for you when you are lost.

**Closing Prayer:**

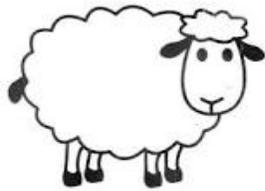
The Act of Contrition: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. And I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

**Optional Faith Activity: The Lost Sheep**

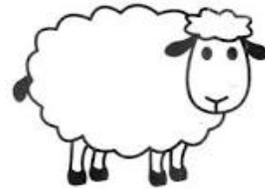
**Activity Objective:** To help the children understand the parable of the lost sheep (Mt 18:12-14). To help the children understand the love of Jesus in searching for them when they are lost in sin and bringing them home again.

**How to:** Cut out about 10 lost sheep from the template provided on the next page. Parents hide the sheep around a certain space i.e., your yard, a bedroom, or playroom. The child must look for their lost sheep. Tip: You may want to either print the sheep out on colored paper or paste them to colored paper, so they are easier to find.

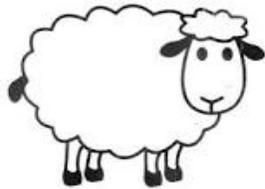
**Ask:** Was it hard to find some of the sheep? Did you give up on finding the sheep? Just like you did not give up until you found all your lost sheep. Jesus does not give up on us. He keeps looking for us even when we have gotten very lost.



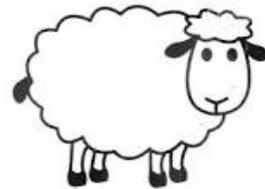
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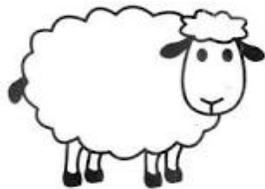
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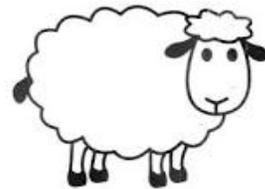
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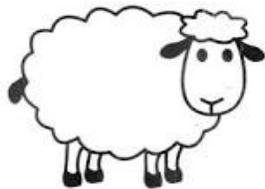
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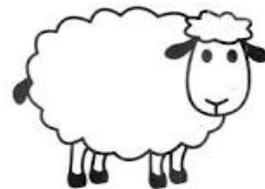
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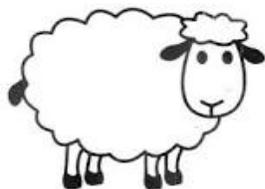
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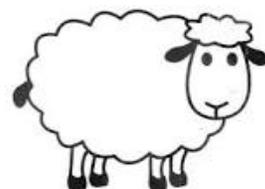
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## Show What You Know

### True or False

1. \_\_\_ When Jesus was on the cross, he thought of you because he loves you.
2. \_\_\_ Jesus wants you to become one of his disciples.
3. \_\_\_ You are blessed to be a member of the Catholic Church.
4. \_\_\_ The Sacraments help make you the-worst-version-of-yourself.
5. \_\_\_ Jesus wants you to be a part of his story.

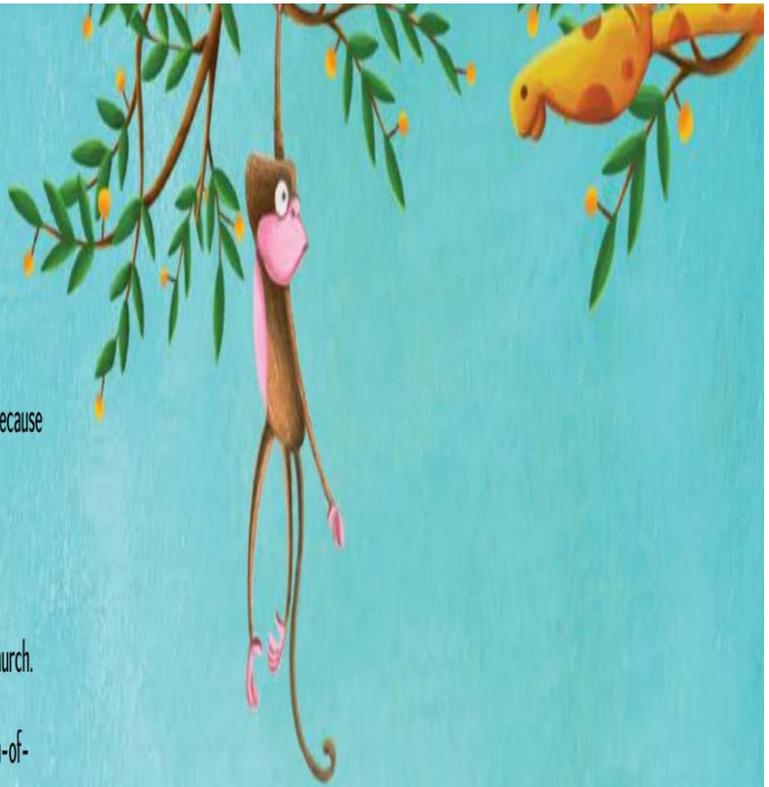
### Fill in the blank

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ life.
2. It takes \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to see God's ways and walk in them.
3. Jesus wanted \_\_\_\_\_ people to be able to understand his message and make their way to God.
4. God will go to unimaginable lengths to prove his \_\_\_\_\_ for you.
5. Jesus performed miracles because he felt tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ for people.

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important event in history.
7. God wants you to live with him and the angels and saints in \_\_\_\_\_ forever.
8. Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_ between heaven and earth.
9. With God's grace and the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ we can do great things.
10. Jesus invites you to have a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with him so that he can share his happiness with us and we can share it with others.

### Word Bank

LOVE DYNAMIC HOLY SPIRIT WISDOM HEAVEN MERCY  
LOVES PERSONAL ORDINARY BRIDGE RESURRECTION



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## True or False

1. \_\_\_ Forgiveness is essential to healthy relationships.
2. \_\_\_ God doesn't forgive us.
3. \_\_\_ God gives us Confession so we can feel bad about ourselves.
4. \_\_\_ Your priest is one of your spiritual coaches.
5. \_\_\_ God is always willing to forgive you.

## Fill in the blank

1. God delights in a healthy \_\_\_\_\_ with you and others.
2. God invites you to become the-best-version-of-yourself because he wants you to live a holy life and be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In relationships two of the most important life lessons are: how to \_\_\_\_\_ and how to be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In the \_\_\_\_\_ we pray, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."
5. Because we all sin, God blesses us with the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_ so we can live with joy and share his joy with others.
6. A Sacrament is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love for humanity.
7. Jesus wants to help us get to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Reconciliation is an opportunity for us to say \_\_\_\_\_ to God and ask for \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Great champions \_\_\_\_\_ to their coaches.
10. God is my \_\_\_\_\_ and will always \_\_\_\_\_ me no matter what.

### Word Bank

LOVE FORGIVE LISTEN SORRY FATHER FORGIVEN RECONCILIATION  
HAPPY HEAVEN FORGIVENESS RELATIONSHIP OUR FATHER CELEBRATION



## Show What You Know

### True or False

1. T When Jesus was on the cross, he thought of you because he loves you. (p.74)
2. T Jesus wants you to become one of his disciples. (p.82)
3. T You are blessed to be a member of the Catholic Church. (p.95)
4. F The Sacraments help make you the-worst-version-of-yourself. (p.95)
5. T Jesus wants you to be a part of his story. (p.96)

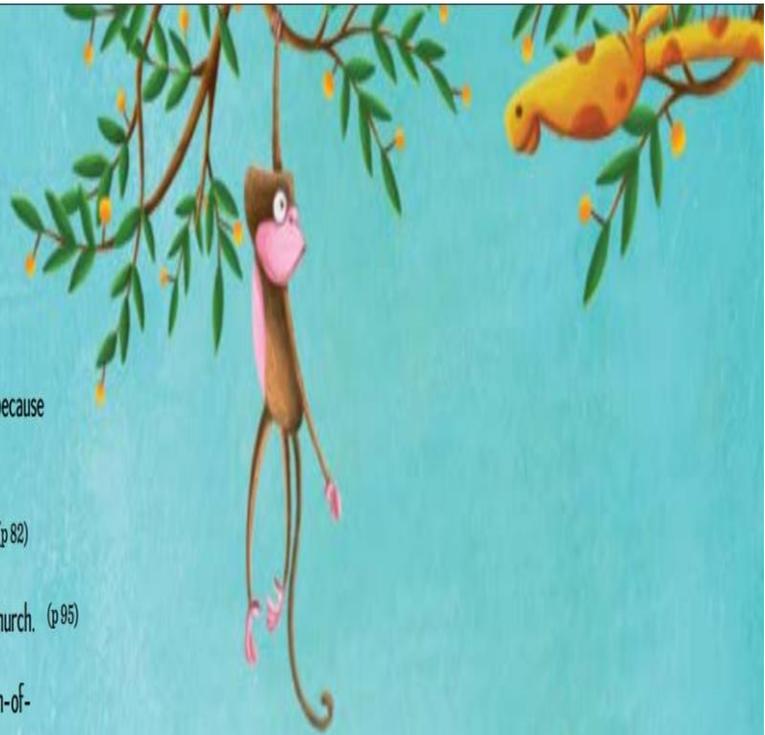
### Fill in the blank

1. Jesus loves life. (p.80)
2. It takes wisdom to be able to see God's ways and walk in them. (p.76)
3. Jesus wanted ordinary people to be able to understand his message and make their way to God. (p.84)
4. God will go to unimaginable lengths to prove his love for you. (p.89)
5. Jesus performed miracles because he felt tremendous mercy for people. (p.86)

6. The Resurrection is the most important event in history. (p.90)
7. God wants you to live with him and the angels and saints in heaven forever. (p.90)
8. Jesus is a bridge between heaven and earth. (p.91)
9. With God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit we can do great things. (p.93)
10. Jesus invites you to have a dynamic and personal relationship with him so that he can share his happiness with us and we can share it with others. (p.97)

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## Show What You Know

### True or False

1. T Forgiveness is essential to healthy relationships. (p.107)
2. F God doesn't forgive us. (p.126)
3. F God gives us Confession so we can feel bad about ourselves. (p.109)
4. T Your priest is one of your spiritual coaches. (p.116)
5. T God is always willing to forgive you. (p.126)

### Fill in the blank

1. God delights in a healthy relationship with you and others. (p.107)
2. God invites you to become the-best-version-of-yourself because he wants you to live a holy life and be happy. (p.106)
3. In relationships two of the most important life lessons are: how to forgive and how to be forgiven. (p.107)
4. In the Our Father we pray, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." (p.107)
5. Because we all sin, God blesses us with the Sacrament of Reconciliation so we can live with joy and share his joy with others. (p.108)

6. A Sacrament is a celebration of God's love for humanity. (p.114)
7. Jesus wants to help us get to heaven. (p.115)
8. Reconciliation is an opportunity for us to say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness. (p.116)
9. Great champions listen to their coaches. (p.116)
10. God is my Father and will always love me no matter what. (p.126)

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