

TOPIC: Jesus Teaches Us to Forgive

LEVEL: Grade IV

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 1

CHRISTIAN MESSAGE	SOURCES/ MEANS	OBJECTIVES
<p>DOCTRINE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• God is a merciful loving God who always forgives us. <p>MORALS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are called to forgive as God lovingly forgives us. <p>WORSHIP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We celebrate God’s forgiveness by praying the Lord’s Prayer, going to Mass, and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.	<p>SOURCES:</p> <p>SACRED SCRIPTURE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Unforgiving Servant (Mt. 18:21-35) <p>CHURCH TEACHINGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CFC 2187: God’s forgiving mercy does not really penetrate our hearts unless we realize our own sinfulness, and in joyfully accepting God’s forgiveness, find the strength and inspiration to forgive those who have offended us (<i>cf. CCC 2840</i>). <p>RESOURCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting Jesus in the Gospels (The Unmerciful Servant)• Powerpoint Presentation• Visual Aids• Music – Lord’s Prayer• Crucifix and candles• Dove-shaped paper <p>MEANS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Singing• Listening to and reading a Biblical narrative• Group work• Class discussion with powerpoint presentation	<p>The lesson is ordered to enable the students to:</p> <p>DOCTRINE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• understand that God shows mercy to those who are sorry for their sins and that He calls us to be forgiving. <p>MORALS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• express God’s forgiveness by forgiving others and asking for forgiveness. <p>WORSHIP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• recognize the importance of prayer, Mass, and Sacrament of Reconciliation in receiving and giving forgiveness.• celebrate a penitential service.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing letters of apology and forgiveness • Celebrating a penitential service <p>EVALUATION:</p> <p>Journal entry writing: Reflect on an experience of receiving forgiveness. How has forgiveness affected how you treat others?</p>	
HUMAN EXPERIENCE (Before)	HUMAN EXPERIENCE (During)	HUMAN EXPERIENCE (After)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, go to Mass, and pray the Lord's prayer believing God forgives them. • However, these same students do not see the need to forgive those who have offended them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are reminded that they can only truly receive God's forgiveness by forgiving those who have offended them. Students recount an experience of asking for forgiveness and being forgiven. • Students think of someone who has offended him/her whom they have to forgive. • Students are made aware that God shows mercy when we are truly sorry. • Students are taught that Jesus calls us to be forgiving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students seek forgiveness by apologizing to the people they have offended. • They receive God's forgiveness through praying, going to Mass, and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. • And in accepting God's forgiveness, they forgive others.

CLE 4 - Jesus Teaches Us to be Forgiving

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	LEARNING CONTENT	LEARNING EXPERIENCES	LEARNING ASSESSMENT
<p>To lead the students to:</p> <p>D: understand that God shows mercy to those who are sorry for their sins and He wants us to be forgiving.</p> <p>M: express God’s forgiveness by forgiving others and asking for forgiveness.</p> <p>W: recognize the importance of prayer, Mass, and Sacrament of Reconciliation in receiving and giving forgiveness.</p> <p>celebrate a penitential service.</p>	<p>A. Unit One: Announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ</p> <p>B. Lesson 10: Jesus Teaches Us to be Forgiving</p> <p>C. Christian Values: love and forgiveness</p> <p>D. Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFC 2187: God’s forgiving mercy does not really penetrate our hearts unless we realize our own sinfulness, and in joyfully accepting God’s forgiveness, find the strength and inspiration to forgive those who have offended us (<i>cf. CCC 2840</i>). • Children’s version of the parable of the 	<p>A. Opening Prayer (2 minutes)</p> <p>The students will sing <i>Ama Namin</i>.</p> <p>B. Prelection (3 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recently you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. How do you feel now? Ask a few students to share. 2. Does this mean you have now forgiven all who have offended you? 3. Tell the students that today we will learn that Jesus teaches us what it is to truly receive God’s forgiveness. <p>C. Lesson Development (23 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask a volunteer to read out loud the <i>Parable of the Unmerciful Servant</i> on page 96 of the book <i>Meeting Jesus in the Gospels</i> while everybody else reads silently. 2. In groups, the students will talk about what struck them the most in the story. Discuss what the story is all about through the students’ answers. Focus on master’s forgiveness and first servant’s refusal to 	<p>HW: (1 min)</p> <p>Journal Entry Writing</p> <p>Reflect on an experience of receiving forgiveness.</p> <p>How has forgiveness affected how you treat others?</p>

	<p>Unmerciful Servant (Mt. 18:21-35) on page 96</p> <p>E. Means: singing, listening to and reading a Biblical narrative, class discussion with PowerPoint presentation, writing letters of apology and forgiveness, celebrating a penitential service</p> <p>E. Materials: PowerPoint Presentation, Visual Aids, Music – Lord’s Prayer, Crucifix and candles.</p>	<p>forgive.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Emphasize that through the parable, Jesus teaches us of God’s loving mercy towards those who are sorry and of the need to be merciful to others. The forgiveness they receive is something they have to give. 4. At this point, instruct the students to remember a person whom they have hurt and another person who have hurt them. Tell them that they will now have a chance to truly experience God’s forgiveness by writing letters of forgiveness and apology on dove-shaped paper. (Instrumental music will be played.) 5. Pray the Communal Prayer for Forgiveness. Before praying the Lord’s Prayer at the end, the students will be given time to give their dove letters if the recipients are in class. Remind the students to maintain the prayerful atmosphere. <p>D. Reflection (3 minutes) How can you help others truly experience God’s forgiveness?</p> <p>E. Action Together with celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, praying, and going to Mass, the students forgive and ask for forgiveness. The students can tell their friends and family of their experience of God’s forgiveness in forgiving others.</p> <p>F. Summary (3 minutes) In being sorry, we receive God’s mercy. We are called to express God’s forgiveness by forgiving others and asking for forgiveness. We celebrate God’s forgiveness in the Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and prayer.</p>	
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