

First Reconciliation • First Eucharist Activities for Intermediate Grades

These books of age-appropriate reproducible activities are the perfect supplement for intermediate-grade children preparing to receive Eucharist or Reconciliation for the first time. Games, puzzles, and other activities help reinforce their lessons in a way that entertains, teaches, and holds their attention. Each book, with 20-23 reproducibles, follows the progression of most sacramental preparation programs – yet each activity stands on its own so you can decide when to use it. Activities are also ideal for RCIA programs, for review with children who have already received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.



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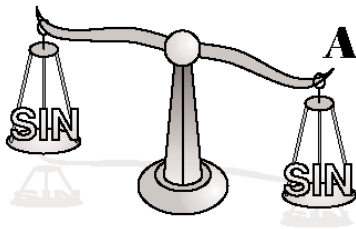
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Are All Sins Equal?

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Sin is a deliberate choice to go against God's laws and turn away from God's love.

There are two kinds of sins: mortal and venial. Read about mortal sin, then go to Page 2 and answer the True/False questions.

Mortal Sin

Mortal sin *separates* a person from God and from the whole Church community. It must be confessed to a priest, and the sinner must be absolved before he or she can be reconciled to God and receive the Eucharist again.

There are three things that make a sin mortal.

- 1 The sin must involve a serious (or grave) matter.**
For instance, the fifth commandment says, "You shall not kill." There are many ways to break this commandment, some more serious than others. For instance, if you push your little brother down because he's in your way, that breaks the fifth commandment because you deliberately caused him harm. But it is not as serious (or grave), as deliberately killing someone who is in your way.
- 2 You must know that the sin is seriously wrong, yet deliberately choose to do it anyway.**
Age and mental capacity can be factors here, along with other things. For instance, a child of three who sneaks a sip of her mother's cocktail may not realize the dangers of alcohol. A thirty-year-old who deliberately drinks and drives knows that this can bring serious and sometimes deadly consequences.
- 3 You have to be free to commit the sin.**
If someone is being forced in any way, then that person is not able to choose to do good rather than evil. Force can come in different degrees and forms. Peer pressure is a kind of force that is hard to ignore, but it is not as forceful as having someone threaten to beat you up if you don't do what they say.

Now go to Page 2 and see what you've learned about mortal sin.

Venial Sin: True or False? (Read Page 2 before trying to answer these.)

1. ___ If you commit a venial sin, you must go to confession before receiving Communion again.
2. ___ A venial sin is worse than a mortal sin.
3. ___ Venial sins weaken one's relationship with God, but they do not break it.
4. ___ Venial sins are too small to worry about.
5. ___ Venial sins, if ignored, can become bad habits.

Name _____

Different Names, Same Result



Whether you call the sacrament Reconciliation, Penance, or "going to Confession," the results are the same once you've received it.

Find each word in the Word List in this puzzle. Words can go horizontally, vertically, and diagonally in all directions. When you are done, the unused letters in the puzzle will spell out a hidden message. Pick out the letters from left to right, top line to bottom line. Write the hidden message on the lines below.

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F P E A C E O F M I N D A C
O R A A M E I N T O F P E N
R N A B N C T E W E M U O O
G T S H S T A B E T R I U I
I R L E Y O I S O R T R Y T
V A Y A M A L K E C A C G A
E T O L O D I U E C R O N L
N S F I E S C N T E S I O O
E H N N D O N O M I U R P S
S S E G N O O A N C O E A N
S E N D C P C L A N T N O O
D R O E B E E T T E R I N C
F F R U T U R R E G R A C E

WORD LIST

ABSOLUTION
CONSOLATION
FORGIVENESS
FRESH START
GRACE
HEALING
MERCY
PEACE OF MIND
RECONCILIATION
RECONNECTION

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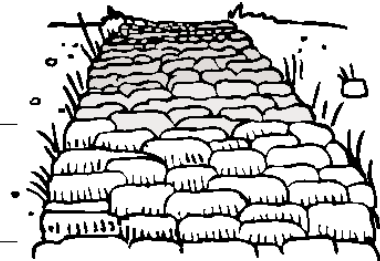
Meals with Jesus (Page 2)

LUKE 24:13-31

1. What were the two men talking about?

2. Why did Jesus call the men "foolish"?

3. What made the two men recognize Jesus?

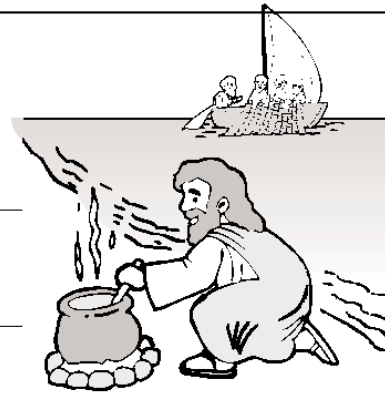


JOHN 21: 9-14

1. What made the apostles realize they were seeing Jesus?

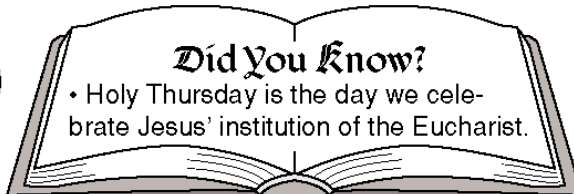
2. What did Jesus do for the men after they came to shore?

3. What was so significant about this event?



BONUS QUESTION

What sacrament did Jesus give us at the Last Supper? _____



Name _____

Our Family Stories

Do you know from where your ancestors came? Do you know what language they spoke, what skills they had, what foods they ate, what fashions, traditions, and customs they followed? Knowing these things about your family helps you understand yourself better. Your family story is a special gift passed from one generation to the next.

At Mass, we hear the stories of our faith family. These stories, which come from the Bible, help us understand our religious heritage. The first Scripture reading we hear at Mass is from the Old Testament. It tells us the story of the Jewish people before the time of Christ. The second reading, or story, is from the New Testament, and it tells us about the early Christians after Jesus died and rose from the dead.

Use your Bible to look up these readings from the Mass celebrated on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. After reading each one, answer the questions. Then, from what you read, write what you think the story tells you about your ancestors in faith. For more room, use the back of this page.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Who was speaking? _____

Where were the people? _____

How long had they been there? _____

Where were they going? _____

What was their story? _____



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Who was speaking? _____

To whom was he speaking? _____

What cup of blessing did he mean? _____

What loaf of bread did he mean? _____

What was their story? _____

