

SESSION	OBJECTIVES (The children will:)	READINGS	FAMILY ACTIVITY	SYMBOLS & MATERIALS	HANDOUTS
1 I Belong to a Loving Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> appreciate that they belong to a loving community. distinguish loving from unloving actions. distinguish actions that bring people together from the ones that leave people out. recognize how Jesus ask them to treat others. preview First Reconciliation preparation. celebrate "I Love." 	<p>Good Samaritan Luke 10: 29-37</p>	<p>Work on Session # 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask question in Family Time. At home do we share or are we selfish? Do I use kind words, or do I yell? Work on the hearts. Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible in every session. Sign of the Cross News print, paper Markers Act of Contrition 	I Care, Page 17; Act of Contrition, Page 48
2 We Keep God's Commandments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognize that rules can help people be more loving. recognize that God's Ten Commandments help the people of Israel live together. identify ways we keep the commandments today. celebrate the "We love God" Prayer Ritual. learn the Examination of Conscience. 	<p>Exodus 20: 1-16</p>	<p>Work on Session # 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss ways we live commandments at home. Do I have a crucifix? What commandment? Respect My brother? (Etc.) Work on 10 questions list. Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible News print, paper Markers 	We Love God, Page 23
3 We Can Act Like Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> role-play solutions to common children's conflicts. dramatize Sermon on the Mount and identify how Jesus asks them to handle conflicts. recognize that Jesus, God's Son, became truly human while remaining truly God. reflect on their own actions following Jesus' way. celebrate "We Follow Jesus." 	<p>Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5 Parents Read Matthew Chapter 5, 6 and 7</p>	<p>Work on Session # 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write family rules. Review how family rules help to follow Jesus. Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible News print, paper Markers 	We Follow Jesus, Page 29
4 Jesus Teaches Us to Forgive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify hurtful and hard-to-forgive actions. recognize that God is forgiving. recognize that Jesus calls them to forgive. celebrate an "I Can Forgive" Prayer Ritual. 	<p>Luke 15: 11-24</p>	<p>Work on Session # 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review a couple of sentences asking forgiveness. Reflect on the effect. Work on "forgiveness chains." (Cut dozens of small strips, to give and receive.) Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible News print, paper Markers Colored construction paper Scissors Forgiveness Chain 	I Can Forgive, Page 35
5 Jesus Gives Us the Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognize that Jesus gives followers the Holy Spirit and calls them to forgive others. recognize ways we ask forgiveness at Mass. identify words and gestures of forgiveness in daily life and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. make a peace medal and celebrate the "We share Peace" Prayer Ritual. 	<p>John 20:19-22</p>	<p>Work on Session # 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make children understand that Jesus loves us and gave his life for us. Jesus shares his life with us in the Eucharist. We are the Body of Christ. Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible News print, paper Markers Colored construction paper Scissors Yarn, 15 inches 	We Share Peace, Page 40
6 I Prepare for First Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> visit the parish Reconciliation room. recognize that we can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. recognize the four parts of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. participate in family reconciliation prayer. 	<p>Review Readings Select favorite one</p>	<p>Work on Session # 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the prayers. Prayers the children need to know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act of Contrition Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father Creed Review experience after First Reconciliation. Read the prayer with your child. Together, pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosary Act of Contrition 	Family Reconciliation Prayer, Page 47; We Love God Page 23; Act of Contrition, Page 48