



# Unit Planner: Unit 4: Reconciliation - Jesus' Gift of Peace

## Religion 2

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### Unit 4: Reconciliation - Jesus' Gift of Peace

Stage 1: Desired Results	
<p><b>General Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In this unit students will learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). They will know how and why we celebrate this sacrament and develop an increased understanding of how the Holy Spirit can help them.</li> <li>Students will learn about Jesus' love, how to make good/bad choices, and the importance of apologizing to God and others when we do something wrong.</li> <li>The feast days and liturgical celebrations during this time frame in which these lessons take place (per Unit 1) are: Advent, St. Nicholas, Christmas, Catholic Schools Week...</li> <li>Scripture stories that can be incorporated into this unit are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luke 15:1–7; Luke 18:10–14; Luke 19:1–10; John 15:14,16; John 15:15</li> <li>Luke 7:36–50; John 20:19–23; 1 John 1:9</li> <li>John 14:16,26; 1 John 4:12–13; Ephesians 3:16</li> <li>Mark 2:1–12; John 20:19–23; Mark 1:15</li> <li>Psalms 51:1–14; Luke 19:1–10; Psalm 138:3</li> <li>Luke 10:38–42; Psalm 138:7–8</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Essential Question(s)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does it mean to be friends with God?</li> <li>How can the Holy Spirit help us forgive ourselves and others?</li> <li>How can we offer and receive peace?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Enduring Understandings and Knowledge</b></p> <p><b>Students will understand:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus is a good friend who forgives us.</li> <li>After we have sinned, Jesus gives us peace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</li> <li>The Holy Spirit helps us examine our consciences and become better people.</li> <li>Jesus forgives us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we confess our sins.</li> <li>Through sorrow for sin and penance, we become better friends of Jesus.</li> <li>God's love brings us healing and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</li> <li>Recommended Prayers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–Act of Contrition</li> <li>–Prayer to the Holy Spirit (adapted)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Skills</b></p> <p><b>Students will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define sin as saying no to God.</li> <li>Describe why accidents, mistakes, and temptations are not sins.</li> <li>Describe how the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Jesus' gift for peace and forgiveness.</li> <li>Explain that Jesus forgives us through a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</li> <li>Describe how God's love for them is constant, even when they have done wrong.</li> <li>Describe why it is important to apologize when we do something wrong and how it helps our friendships.</li> <li>Distinguish between good and bad choices.</li> <li>Demonstrate how the actions of an individual can influence the way other people feel.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate how expressing sorrow for sins shows their love for Jesus and others.</li> <li>• Model ways to share love, peace, and joy with others.</li> <li>• Describe why we pray to the Holy Spirit and how to examine their conscience.</li> <li>• Describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a way to stay friends with Jesus.</li> <li>• Describe how to confess sins and understand that confessing sins to a priest is confessing them to Jesus.</li> <li>• Define penance - how we make up for unloving acts.</li> <li>• Describe the importance of contrition and the significance of absolution.</li> <li>• Demonstrate how to give praise to God through prayer and actions.</li> <li>• Retell the story of Zacchaeus and explain how Jesus forgave him.</li> <li>• Pray the Act of Contrition.</li> </ul>
<p>Connections to Catholic Identity / Other Subjects</p> <p><b>ELA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show knowledge of the 5 parts of a letter when writing a note/letter of apology.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 3: People of the Nations and World - different cultural/religious beliefs &amp; traditions</li> </ul>	<p>Vocabulary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• absolution</li> <li>• Act of Contrition</li> <li>• Amen</li> <li>• Baptism</li> <li>• beatification</li> <li>• confession (confess)</li> <li>• conscience</li> <li>• contrition</li> <li>• examination of conscience</li> <li>• free will</li> <li>• friends</li> <li>• grace</li> <li>• heaven</li> <li>• Holy Spirit</li> <li>• initiation</li> <li>• leper</li> <li>• mortal sin</li> <li>• pardon</li> <li>• penance</li> <li>• Pharisee</li> <li>• praise</li> <li>• Reconciliation</li> <li>• seven sacraments</li> <li>• sinner</li> <li>• sorrow</li> <li>• venial sin</li> </ul>

## Standards & Frameworks Addressed

### Religion

#### Grade 2

#### Creed

**Standard 1: CREED: Understand, believe and proclaim the Triune and redeeming God as revealed in creation and human experience, in Apostolic Tradition and Sacred Scripture, as entrusted to the teaching office of the Church.**

2.01.02 Recognize that there are three Persons in one God: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit that make up the Holy Trinity.

#### Sacraments

**Standard 3: SACRAMENTS: Understand and participate in the sacraments of the Church as efficacious signs of God's grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church.**

2.03.07 Understand the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) allows us to receive forgiveness from God and restores our friendship with God.

#### **Liturgy**

**Standard 4: LITURGY: Understand and celebrate the liturgical rites of the Church as expressed in the Church Year and celebrated in the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life.**

2.04.04 Show awareness of the activity of the Holy Trinity in the sacraments.

#### **Conscience**

**Standard 5: CONSCIENCE: Develop a moral conscience informed by Church teachings.**

2.05.02 Describe how sin is an offense against God and others.

2.05.03 Describe "venial sins," "mortal sins," "mistakes and accidents," and "free will and conscience."

2.05.04 Express that we are given the gifts of free will and that our choices affect the lives of others.

#### **Christian Spirituality & Prayer**

**Standard 7: CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER: Understand and express the Catholic tradition of prayer individually and communally as the way we deepen our relationship with God, recognizing the context of community, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the meaning of self-surrender to God.**

2.07.01 Recite a prayer of contrition.

#### **Teaching Ideas/Resources**

- [Content Area Expert Resources](#)