

## **Third Grade**

### **March 12, 2025 At-Home Lesson**

**Opening Prayer:** We are in the liturgical season of Lent during which we seek forgiveness. Begin today with the Act of Contrition

My God,

I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong

and failing to do good,

I have sinned against you

whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help,

to do penance,

to sin no more,

and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

**After Prayer:** Talk as a family about what you have been doing in these first days of Lent. If your family has not made your Lenten promises yet, consider committing to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving together. What will that be in your family?

### **Lesson: Reconciliation**

- Share with your child that this is a great time in the liturgical year to ask for forgiveness. In what sacrament do we ask forgiveness? (Reconciliation or Confession)
- View this video on [Reconciliation](#) (You may want to pause the video as different questions are shown to allow your child to answer first.)
- Then, read the scripture about the Prodigal Son from the Bible— Luke 15: 11-32.
- After reading the scripture, take time to use these questions for discussion.
  - 1. Why did the younger son decide to return to his father?
  - 2. What are the ways in which people waste their money today?

- 3. If you were the younger son, would you be surprised by the way the father greeted him upon his return? Why or why not?
- 4. Think about the times when you have had feelings of guilt for doing something wrong. What lessons about forgiveness can you learn from the life of the younger son in the parable?
- 5. The father in the story forgives the younger son for a horrible mistake just like God the Father forgives us for our sins. How can we turn to God to seek his mercy for our mistakes?
- 6. What did the older son do wrong and what can we learn from his mistake?
- 7. When someone says sorry to you (and means it), how can you show compassion and mercy back?

**Activity:**

- 1) Try to attend Reconciliation on Saturday from 3:00-3:30 at church.
- 2) Attend Mass this weekend together as a family.

**Next Class: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 In-Person**