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MONTH	CHAPTER TITLE	SCRIPTURE	KEY CHURCH TEACHING	LITURGY	PRAYER	LIVING RECONCILIATION
October	1, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit	The first sin and the need for forgiveness (Genesis 2: 7-9, 15-17; 3: 1-24)	Baptism washes away sin and gives new life. Jesus gives us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to bring us back to God when we sin.	The priest welcomes us.	The Sign of the Cross We Praise the Trinity	We need to forgive and be forgiven.
	2. Trust in God's Mercy	Jesus teaches about the forgiving Father. (Luke 15: 11-24)	The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift of God's life that makes us new again.	The priest prays that we trust God's mercy.	We Pray for God's Mercy We Pray for Forgiveness	When we make bad choices, God is ready to forgive us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CONNECTING THE PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION: Parish, Home and School

TIME	PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM	HOME ACTIVITY	CATHOLIC SCHOOL
0.00	<p>Opening Prayer</p> <p>Sign of the Cross – review the importance of this sign on page 1 of the student text</p> <p>Student Text Page 10 – We Praise the Trinity Children introduce themselves (Explain the “Glory Be” prayer and emphasize God in three persons))</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2 Believing Strand BL1 God’s self-revelation in the person of Jesus Christ, Sacred Scripture and Tradition Big Idea – Sacred Scripture reveals God as a Trinity of persons</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Believing, BL1.4 Demonstrate an understanding of the Trinity as a central belief of Christianity</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Believing, BL 2.4 Identify a time in the liturgical life when Christians are invited to make a profession of faith in the belief that God is a Trinity of Persons ...when making the sign of the cross</p>

			<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Praying PR 1.1: Demonstrate an understanding of the sign of the cross as part of the communal prayer of the Church</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Opening Lesson (Sign of the Cross – Poster 2) and Lesson 1; Glory Be – Poster 14</i></p>
		<p>All About Me – opening pages at the beginning of the student text (no page #s) have spots for six pictures of the child, the family, the parish, etc.</p> <p>Student Text pages 6 & 7 – The Sacrament of Reconciliation - see family activity on page 7 and talk with your child about a word to describe how they feel about the sacrament (see page 7 of the student text)</p> <p>Student text – page 8 – talk with your child about forgiveness and</p>	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8,</u> Grade 2 Celebrating CL 1: Focus – Reconciliation/forgiveness and Eucharist/sacrificial love. Understand that the Church celebrates God’s presence and his gift of love in the sacraments.</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2, Living a Moral Life, ML3 Demonstrate an understanding that God wants to help us through the gift of His grace to live a Christian life and that we</p>

		how they feel after resolving a conflict and coming to peace	can respond to this gift by the way we live our lives. <i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 4, Lesson 2.</i>
0.10	<p>Student Text Page 2 - God forgives us Catechist reads Genesis 2: 7-9, 15-17; 3: 1-24) Scripture story about the First Sin</p> <p>See Page 2 of Catechist Guide for questions related to scripture story.</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Believing, BL 2.3 Examine a selection of Scripture passages from the Old and New Testaments to find references to God as Father/Creator (Gen. 1-2)</p> <p><u>ICE, Family Life 1-8</u> Grade 2: A1. Appreciating God's goodness: demonstrate an appreciation that humans have been created in the image of a loving God.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 2, Lesson 1; pp. 12-17 - Adam & Eve</i></p>
		Student Text Page 12 The Forgiving Father – see the note for families on page 13 and there is an activity in the student text on page 19.	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> BL 1.3 Examine a selection of scripture passages to identify and describe that the mission of Jesus, the</p>

		<p>There is an activity on pages 13 and 19 which parents can complete with their child.</p> <p>The Forgiving Father Scripture story will be discussed in the November session</p>	<p>Son and the Holy Spirit is to fulfill the Father's plan of salvation.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 3, Lesson 1</i></p>
0.20	<p>Student Text page 4 – explain how sin draws us away from God to hide from God in the same way as Adam and Eve</p> <p>Student text – page 5 - Jesus gives us the sacraments to bring us back to God.</p> <p>Student Text – page 7 Celebrating the sacrament</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> ML 2.2 Identify certain actions in our lives which demonstrate our lack of love for God and our neighbor (ie. Sin) and how in the Eucharist (ML 3.1 Penance) Jesus extends to us the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Celebrating CL1: Focus: Reconciliation/forgiveness and Eucharist/sacrificial love – Understand that the Church celebrates God's presence and his gift of love in the sacraments.</p> <p><u>ICE, Family Life, 1-8</u></p>

			<p>B2.2 recognize the need for forgiveness among brothers and sisters</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2 Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lesson 2. Adam and Eve, pp. 12-17</i></p>
		<p>Student Text pages 18 God's gift of new life – talk with your child about their baptism and the moment of receiving God's life.</p>	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> BL 2.4 Identify time in the life of the Church when Christians are invited to make a profession of faith in the belief that God is a Trinity of Persons (E.g. before receiving the Sacrament of Baptism...</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 4, Lesson 3.</i></p>
0.35	<p>Student Text Page 14 God sent Jesus to Forgive Sins (Key words – mercy and contrition) Activity on student text page 15 – draw a time where you were sorry for something you did</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Believing, BL1.3 Examine a selection of scripture passages to identify and describe that the mission of Jesus, the Son and the Holy Spirit is to fulfill the Father's plan of salvation</p>

			<i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 5, Lessons 1, 6 and 7.</i>
		Family Activity on a saint – page 19 – selecting a favourite saint to be the saint of forgiveness for the child and their family – this will be discussed in the November session.	<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> LC 2.2 Give examples of how the Church remembers its Christian ancestors throughout the year (e.g. feast days, images, prayers, etc.) and at the celebration of the Eucharist (e.g. Eucharistic prayer – include saints, martyrs, apostles and especially Mary, Mother of God.) <i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lesson 8.</i>
0.45	Student Text Page 16 and the top of page 17 – review how the Church forgives our sins through the priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation		<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML3 Grace, Virtue, Holiness and Sin and Forgiveness – Big Ideas – Through the sacraments God offers an unconditional gift of Grace; to receive it we must accept it with humility recognizing our dependence on God for all that we accomplish in this world that is good.

			<i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lesson 2.</i>
		Student Text Page 20 – We Pray for Forgiveness	<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> PR 2: Understand that Christians have developed certain rhythms of prayer and that prayer can take many forms that are used in personal prayer, communal prayer and in the particular celebration of the Eucharist <i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 2, Lesson 1.</i>
0.60	Closing Prayer Student Text Page 11– Trust in God’s Mercy Divide the group into two sides and name them as “1” and “2” explaining the prayer for God’s mercy.		<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> PR 2: Understand that Christians have developed certain rhythms of prayer and that prayer can take many forms that are used in personal prayer, communal prayer and in the particular celebration of the Eucharist
		Resource pages for Families – student text – pages 81 to 93	

NOVEMBER

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MONTH	CHAPTER TITLE	SCRIPTURE	KEY CHURCH TEACHING	LITURGY	PRAYER	LIVING RECONCILIATION
November	3. We Follow God's Word	The Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus. (Exodus 19:20, 20: 1-17, Mark 12: 28-31, John 13:34)	Jesus came to show us how to follow God's rules and he gave us the new commandment of love.	We listen to God's Word.	We Pray with the Word of God We Pray to Follow God's Word	Jesus teaches us the new commandment of love.
	4. I Confess	Jesus is baptized by the prophet John the Baptist. (Matthew 3: 1-6, 13-17)	The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament of conversion.	We confess our sins.	Return to the Lord We Pray to God our Father	The Holy Spirit gives us courage.

CONNECTING THE PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION: Parish, Home and School

TIME	PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM	HOME ACTIVITY	CATHOLIC SCHOOL
0.00	Opening Prayer Student Text page 21 – We Pray with the Word of God (There are 8 readers)		<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> PR 1.2 Understand the importance of the Liturgy of the Word and how listening attentively to the scripture readings or being involved with Bible Study programs, we

			<p>can learn how to deepen our life of prayer as Christians.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lessons 1, 3 and 5</i></p>
		<p>Student Text – pages 24 and 25 – God gave us rules out of love. The scriptures guide us in our faith practice. Student Text – pages 24 and 25 – God gave us rules out of love. The scriptures guide us in our faith practice.</p>	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> ML2: Demonstrate an understanding that God has established Laws to guide us (i.e. to judge) in deciding (i.e. choice) how to act and that when we act in ways that break God’s Law of Love we need to seek forgiveness from God and from the ones we have offended.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 2, Lesson 3</i></p>
0.05	<p><u>Home Activity Review:</u> Saint Activity – ask the children to talk about their family’s patron saint for forgiveness The Forgiving Father – page 19 in the student text – tracing through the maze – ask the children to piece together the scripture story of the Forgiving Father</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> LC 2.2 Give examples of how the Church remembers its Christian ancestors throughout the year (e.g. feast days, images, prayers, etc.) and at the celebration of the Eucharist (e.g. Eucharistic prayer – include saints, martyrs, apostles and</p>

			<p>especially Mary, Mother of God.)</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> BL 1.3 Examine a selection of scripture passages to identify and describe that the mission of Jesus, the Son and the Holy Spirit is to fulfill the Father’s plan of salvation.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 3, Lesson 6; Unit 5, Lesson 1.</i></p>
		Page 29 – Activity in Student Text about the place of rules in our lives as reflected in the Old Testament	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Believing, BL 2.3 Examine a selection of Scripture passages from the Old and New Testaments to find references to God as Father/Creator</p>
0.15	Page 22 of the Student Text – 10 Commandments and The Commandment of Love (Spend time with The Old Testament – the Commandment of Love is reviewed again on page 28 of the student text)		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML2: Demonstrate an understanding that God has established Laws to guide us (ie to judge) in deciding (ie choice) how to act and that when we act in ways that break God’s Law of Live we need to seek forgiveness from</p>

			<p>God and from the ones we have offended.</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML 2.3: Identify the Law of God in the Old Testament (ie The Ten Commandments) and in the New Testament (ie Commandment of Love) and show how they guide us in making choices to act in ways that show love to God and our neighbour.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, God's Laws and the Great Commandment (Poster 4)</i></p>
		<p>Page 30 – We Pray to Follow God's Word Review this prayer with your child recognizing that God reveals Himself in the Word and that Scripture guide us in living out our faith.</p>	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> PR 1.2 Understand the importance of the Liturgy of the Word and how listening attentively to the scripture readings or being involved with Bible Study programs, we can learn how to deepen our life of prayer as Christians.</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u></p>

			<p>ML3.2 Identify how we receive grace from God and identify ways we can use the gift of Grace to help others and build up the Church.</p>
<p>0.25</p>	<p>Page 26 – We are called to follow Jesus - Mortal and Venial Sin</p> <p>Page 27 – emphasize that God’s grace and mercy is available to us in the sacrament to return to God when we feel sorry for our sins and resolve not to do it again</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Celebrating CL1 The Seven Sacraments of the Church, Big Idea: The grace of the Holy Spirit has the power to cleanse us from our sins and turn us back to God (conversion).</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML3 Grace, Virtue, Holiness and Sin and Forgiveness – Big Ideas – Through the sacraments God offers an unconditional gift of Grace; to receive it we must accept it with humility recognizing our dependence on God for all that we accomplish in this world that is good.</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML2.2: Identify certain actions in our lives which demonstrate</p>

			<p>our lack of love for God and our neighbor (ie sin) and how in the Eucharist Jesus extends to us the gift of God’s mercy and forgiveness for our sins.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Opening Lesson</i></p>
		<p>Page 32 – Prepare for the Lord! (Story of John the Baptist and the Baptism of our Lord, Jesus) Talk with your child about preparing the way for the Lord and how our good works can inspire others to walk in Jesus’ footsteps.</p>	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> BL 1.1 Examine a selection of biblical passages from the New Testament in which God reveals Jesus as the Son of God and the second person of the Blessed Trinity and the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Blessed Trinity.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 5, Lesson 1; John Baptizes Jesus (pp. 12-15) Big Book 1</i></p>
0.35	Page 28 – The Commandment of Love		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Celebrating CL1: Focus: Reconciliation/forgiveness and Eucharist/sacrificial love – Understand that the Church celebrates God’s presence and</p>

			<p>his gift of love in the sacraments.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Opening Lesson</i></p>
		<p>Page 34 and 35 – We ask for God’s forgiveness</p> <p>These two pages draw out themes from the mission of John the Baptist – repentance, confession, penance and conversion</p>	<p><u>ICE, Family Life 1-8</u></p> <p>D3 Apply an understanding of the role of commitment in human relationships in personally relevant contexts</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 5, Lesson 1</i></p>
0.45	<p>Page 36 – Our conscience guides us</p> <p>Talk about how a conscience is faithfully formed; how we pray for God’s spirit to guide us and how an examination of conscience can help us to reflect upon our thoughts, actions, deeds and intentions.</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u></p> <p>Grade 2: Living a Moral Life – Fundamental Concept: ML1 Christian Morality as a living response of our human vocation to life in the Spirit as revealed by reason, the Scriptures and Tradition</p>
		<p>Page 38 – The Courage of the Holy Spirit; activity on page 39</p> <p>Talk with your child about the role of the Holy Spirit as a helper to us. We pray to the Holy Spirit asking for the grace and wisdom to make good choices in our lives.</p>	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u></p> <p>BL 1.1 Examine a selection of biblical passages from the New Testament in which God reveals Jesus as the Son of God and the second person of the Blessed Trinity and the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Blessed Trinity.</p>

		Page 39 reviews 5 words – this will be reviewed at the December session.	<i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 5, Lesson 1</i>
0.55	Page 37 – Read the top of the page about celebrating the sacrament emphasizing our openness to making amends through penance. Complete the colouring activity to reveal the message.		<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML2: Demonstrate an understanding that God has established Laws to guide us (ie to judge) in deciding (ie choice) how to act and that when we act in ways that break God’s Law of Live we need to seek forgiveness from God and from the ones we have offended. <i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 5, Lesson 2</i>
		Resource pages for Families – student text – pages 81 to 93	
0.60	Closing Prayer – Our Father (Student Text page 40)		<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> PR 1 God’s universal call to prayer and our human response <i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Our Father – Poster 4</i>

DECEMBER

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MONTH	CHAPTER TITLE	SCRIPTURE	KEY CHURCH TEACHING	LITURGY	PRAYER	LIVING RECONCILIATION
December	5. I Am Sorry	Jesus forgives the sorrowful sinner. (Luke 7: 36-40, 47-50)	Sorrow for sin includes a resolve not to sin again.	The priest gives us a penance.	We Pray an Act of Contrition We Pray the Hail Mary	We try to make up for our sins.
	6. Pardon and Peace	Jesus calls upon Zacchaeus to make up for his sins. (Luke 19: 1-9)	In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are reconciled with God and all his people, the Church.	The priest gives us absolution.	We Sing a Song of Peace We Pray to Jesus	We have to work for peace.

CONNECTING THE PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION: Parish, Home and School

TIME	PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM	HOME ACTIVITY	CATHOLIC SCHOOL
0.00	Opening Prayer Student Text page 41 – Act of Contrition		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> PR 1 God’s universal call to prayer and our human response</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lesson 1; Act of Contrition – Poster 10</i></p>
		<p>Pray the Hail Mary together (Student text page 50)</p> <p>Student Text page 41 – Also, review the Act of Contrition which will be part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation</p>	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> PR 1 God’s universal call to prayer and our human response</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Hail Mary – Poster 6 and Act of Contrition – Poster 10</i></p>
0.05	<p><u>Home Activity Review:</u> Review the Activity on page 39 (repentance, confession, penance, conversion, examination of conscience) Talk about how these five aspects of our life experience lead to forgiveness and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Celebrating CL1 The Seven Sacraments of the Church, Big Idea: The grace of the Holy Spirit has the power to cleanse us from our sins and turn us back to God (conversion).</p>

			<p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, The Sacraments – Poster 9</i></p>
		<p>Student text page 45, 46 and 47 – talk with your child about how the sacrament of reconciliation is celebrated emphasizing conversion, forgiveness and peace</p>	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Celebrating CL1 The Seven Sacraments of the Church, Big Idea: The grace of the Holy Spirit has the power to cleanse us from our sins and turn us back to God (conversion).</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 3, Lesson 3; The Sacrament of Reconciliation (pp. 37-39)</i></p>
0.10	<p>Student Text page 42 & 43 – Jesus forgives the sorrowful sinner (woman with the perfume oil)</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Believing, BL1.3 Examine a selection of scripture passages to identify and describe that the mission of Jesus, the Son and the Holy Spirit is to fulfill the Father’s plan of salvation</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Celebrating CL1.1: Examine a selection of gospel narratives that reveal God’s grace as a gift that changes lives... and connect these</p>

			<p>narratives to the gift of Grace in the sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML2.1: Identify those passages found in the New Testament which illustrate the following themes: Love of God and neighbor, sin, God’s mercy and forgiveness and explain how they can guide us in judging our relationships with parents, friends and teachers.</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living in Solidarity LS 2.1 Retell scripture passages which show the poor, the outcasts and the marginalized discovering their dignity and being invited to share meals of friendship with Jesus (eg Zacchaeus..)</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Opening Lesson; God forgives</i></p>
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			Zacchaeus (pp.10-13) Big Book 1
		Student text – page 52 – Jesus loves all people (Zacchaeus) and the activity on page 53 – this will be reviewed at the January session.	<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living in Solidarity LS 2.1 Retell scripture passages which show the poor, the outcasts and the marginalized discovering their dignity and being invited to share meals of friendship with Jesus (eg Zacchaeus...) <i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lesson 10;</i> God forgives Zacchaeus (pp.10-13) Big Book 1
0.20	Student Text – page 44 and 48 (Being sorry and showing we are sorry)		<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML2 Freedom and Responsibility, Reason, Conscience and Conscience Formation – Big Idea – In the introductory rite of the Mass, God calls us to repent and offers us forgiveness for our sins; through the Mass the Holy Spirit inspires us to seek God’s forgiveness and Grace. <u>ICE, Family Life 1-8</u>

			<p>Grade 2 B Living in Relationship B2.2 recognize the need for forgiveness among brothers and sisters</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lesson 11.</i></p>
		<p>Page 56 in the student text and the activity on page 57 – reviewing with your child how the sacrament of Reconciliation and how the priest grants absolution. (also see note at the top of page 55)</p>	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML2 Freedom and Responsibility, Reason, Conscience and Conscience Formation – Big Idea – In the introductory rite of the Mass, God calls us to repent and offers us forgiveness for our sins; through the Mass the Holy Spirit inspires us to seek God’s forgiveness and Grace.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 3, Lesson 3.</i></p>
0.35	<p>Student text page 54 & 55 – Jesus brings us salvation – salvation, absolution, peace</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML3 Grace, Virtue, Holiness and Sin and Forgiveness – Big Ideas – Through the sacraments God offers an unconditional gift of Grace; to receive it we must accept it with humility recognizing our</p>

			<p>dependence on God for all that we accomplish in this world that is good.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Opening Lesson Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lesson 2</i></p>
		Page 59 – saint spotlight and prayer on page 60	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> LC 2.2 Give examples of how the Church remembers its Christian ancestors throughout the year (e.g. feast days, images, prayers, etc.) and at the celebration of the Eucharist (e.g. Eucharistic prayer – include saints, martyrs, apostles and especially Mary, Mother of God.)</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 3, Lesson 6.</i></p>
0.45	<p>Page 58 – Seeking peace through reconciliation, making amends and working to bring about unity and stronger friendships and relationships.</p> <p>Page 59 – Write or draw one way that you can work for peace</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML3: Demonstrate an understanding that God wants to help us through the gift of His grace to live a Christian life</p>

			<p>and that we can respond to this gift by the way we live our lives.</p> <p><u>ICE, Family Life 1-8</u> Grade 2: E. Living in the World E 1.1 appreciate the goodness of God’s world E 3.1 identify some aspects of the world that make it a good place for them</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Opening Lesson</i></p>
		Resource pages for Families – student text – pages 81 to 93	
	<p>For the December or January session:</p> <p>Take the children on a tour of the Church and ask them to bring their books, <i>Celebrate and Remember Reconciliation</i>. Go through the Church with them and point out the items on page 81.</p> <p>Review pages 81 and 82 about the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</p> <p>Review the Examination of Conscience on page 84.</p>		<p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Act of Contrition – Poster 10; Symbols of our Faith (pp.109-112)</i></p>

	Remind and encourage the children to memorize the Act of Contrition on page 92.		
0.60	Play the song "Peace is flowing like a river" and offer prayer in song.		<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> PR 2: Understand that Christians have developed certain rhythms of prayer and that prayer can take many forms that are used in personal prayer, communal prayer and in the particular celebration of the Eucharist

JANUARY

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MONTH	CHAPTER TITLE	SCRIPTURE	KEY CHURCH TEACHING	LITURGY	PRAYER	LIVING RECONCILIATION
January	7. His Mercy Endures Forever	The Good Shepherd cares for his sheep. (Luke 15: 1-7)	Jesus loves us even when we sin, and he rejoices when we come back to him.	With the priest, we thank God for his mercy.	We Praise God's Mercy We Pray to Jesus the Good Shepherd	Jesus never stops loving us.
	8. Go in Peace	Jesus promises his disciples that the Holy Spirit will help them to keep his word. (John 14: 23-27)	The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to live as disciples of Jesus.	We go in peace, because we are freed from our sins.	Jesus Blesses Us We Are Easter People!	We walk with Jesus along the "Conversion Road".

CONNECTING THE PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION: Parish, Home and School

TIME	PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM	HOME ACTIVITY	CATHOLIC SCHOOL
0.00	Opening Prayer Student Text – page 61 – We Praise God's Mercy (3 readers are needed)		<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML2 Freedom and Responsibility, Reason, Conscience and Conscience Formation – Big Idea – In the introductory rite of the Mass, God calls us to repent and

			<p>offers us forgiveness for our sins; through the Mass the Holy Spirit inspires us to seek God's forgiveness and Grace.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 4, Lessons 1 and 2.</i></p>
		<p>Pages 67, 68 and 69 – review with your child how we feel when we are reconciled to God. There is an art activity to do on page 69 which focuses on the moment of being reunited in the happiness, safety, peace, care and love of God.</p>	<p><u>ICE, Family Life 1-8</u> Grade 2: E. Living in the World E 1.1 appreciate the goodness of God's world E 3.1 identify some aspects of the world that make it a good place for them</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 3, Lesson 1</i></p>
	<p><u>Home Activity Review:</u> Student text – page 52 – Jesus loves all people (Zacchaeus)</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living in Solidarity LS 2.1 Retell scripture passages which show the poor, the outcasts and the marginalized discovering their dignity and being invited to share meals of friendship with Jesus (eg Zacchaeus..)</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lesson 10;</i></p>

			God forgives Zacchaeus (pp.10-13) Big Book 1
		Student Text – page 72 – Jesus Gives Us Peace Jesus promises his disciples that the peace of God will be with them and that they will receive the Holy Spirit.	<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML3 Grace, Virtue, Holiness and Sin and Forgiveness – Big Ideas – Through the sacraments God offers an unconditional gift of Grace; to receive it we must accept it with humility recognizing our dependence on God for all that we accomplish in this world that is good. <i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 4, Lessons 1 and 2; Pentecost and the Descent of the Holy Spirit (pp. 176-180) – Poster 23</i>
0.05	Jesus Is the Good Shepherd – page 62 – the Lost Sheep		<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Believing, BL1.3 Examine a selection of scripture passages to identify and describe that the mission of Jesus, the Son and the Holy Spirit is to fulfill the Father’s plan of salvation <u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u>

			<p>Grade 2: Celebrating CL1.1: Examine a selection of gospel narratives that reveal God’s grace as a gift that changes lives... and connect these narratives to the gift of Grace in the sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML2.1: Identify those passages found in the New Testament which illustrate the following themes: Love of God and neighbor, sin, God’s mercy and forgiveness and explain how they can guide us in judging our relationships with parents, friends and teachers.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 3, Lessons 1 and 2.</i></p>
		<p>We Are Easter People – pages 76 & 77 Alleluia is our song!</p>	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> CL3 Understand that throughout the liturgical year, the Church unfolds the mysteries of Christ’s life, death and resurrection making Christ</p>

			<p>present to us through the Liturgy of the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 2, Lessons 1 and 3.</i></p>
0.10	The Good Shepherd Loves His Sheep - Page 64 and maze activity on page 65		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML3: Demonstrate an understanding that God wants to help us through the gift of His grace to live a Christian life and that we can respond to this gift by the way we live our lives.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lesson 2.</i></p>
		Pages 78 & 79 Following Jesus Daily call to faithfulness and conversion	<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> CL3.3 Share a personal understanding of how God can bless us in our lives, which is a divine and life-giving action and relate this to the importance of the Eucharist and the life-giving action of Jesus.</p>

			<i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 2, Lesson 3; Unit 3, Lesson 5.</i>
0.30	<p>Page 66 – The Good Shepherd Keeps His Sheep close</p> <p>Review of key concepts about how Jesus keeps us close to God.</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML3 Grace, Virtue, Holiness and Sin and Forgiveness – Big Ideas – Through the sacraments God offers an unconditional gift of Grace; to receive it we must accept it with humility recognizing our dependence on God for all that we accomplish in this world that is good.</p> <p><u>ICE, Family Life 1-8</u> Grade 2: D. Growing in Commitment D 1.1 appreciate the value of dependability</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 1, Lesson 2.</i></p>
		Resource pages for Families – student text – pages 81 to 93	
0.40	<p>Review content of page 83 for the individual celebration of the sacrament and the Act of Contrition with emphasis on page 74 of the student text that Jesus keeps calling us to conversion.</p>		<p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> Grade 2: Celebrating CL1: Focus: Reconciliation/forgiveness and Eucharist/sacrificial love – Understand that the Church</p>

			<p>celebrates God’s presence and his gift of love in the sacraments.</p> <p><u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u></p> <p>Grade 2: Living a Moral Life ML 3.1 Identify the specific graces that come from God and that we receive in our lives when we celebrate the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist and explain how they help us to live the Christian life and how we should respond.</p> <p><i>Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ 2, Unit 4, Lesson 1, (Act of Contrition)</i></p>
	<p>For the December or January session:</p> <p>Take the children on a tour of the Church and ask them to bring their books, <i>Celebrate and Remember Reconciliation</i>. Go through the Church with them and point out the items on page 81.</p> <p>Review pages 81 and 82 about the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</p> <p>Review the Examination of Conscience on page 84.</p>		

	Remind and encourage the children to memorize the Act of Contrition on page 92.		
0.60	Closing Prayer – page 70 – We Pray to the Good Shepherd		<u>ICE, Rel. Ed. 1-8</u> PR 2: Understand that Christians have developed certain rhythms of prayer and that prayer can take many forms that are used in personal prayer, communal prayer and in the particular celebration of the Eucharist

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 Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
 In his name, my God, have mercy.