

5th Grade Religious Ed Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Theme: Reconciliation

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I. 6:15-6:30 Welcome

Sarah, Jessi, Ali

- Attendance

- Cell Phones

- Rosary,

- Items needed:

- ***Copies needed:***

- Examination of Conscience card (previously copied; have copies available for kids as it has the "how to" included)

- Examination of Conscience for Kids (based on the Our Father)

- Examination of Conscience by Fr. Edward Filardi (based on the 10 Commandments)

- ***Set-up needed:***

- Candles around room for mood lighting

- Thurifer and grains of incense

- Chalk/ charcoal

- Bowl & pitcher with warm slightly soapy water

- Couple of hand towels

II. 6:30 – 6:40 Opening Prayer

Sarah

- Moment of silence to prepare our thoughts and minds for God.

- For our opening prayer tonight, we will be praying the Our Father and then we will pause, and go through it slowly, as an examination of conscience.

- This is a way to prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation, so that we can be prepared to take our sins to God.

- Use Examination of Conscience for Kids based on the Our Father

- Leader ask questions, students reflect (this is not a time for feedback)

III. 6:45-6:55 Examination of Conscience

Sarah

- We'll be going to reconciliation in a few moments

- When we sin, we stain ourselves

- Adults go around class, marking students' hands with charcoal (don't need to get them completely black)

- Our sin is on our soul like this charcoal is on your hands

- We step away from God and cover ourselves in dirt, in filth, in SIN

- It affects us at every level of our lives, from our emotional and mental health to our physical health

- Pass out Examination of Conscience cards for those who don't have them from last week
- Lead through Examination of Conscience again, if time permits

V. 6:55-7:05 Class Reconciliation Sarah

- With Father Pat (*Location? How will it work--processing out together or individually?*)

VI. 7:05-7:15 Washing Hands, Gratitude Sarah

- As students return from Reconciliation, adults/catechists greet them. One washes hands gently, other gently pats them dry with a towel.
- After everyone's hands are cleaned and dried, talk about being washed clean by Confession, being free of the stain of sin
- Invite each student to come forward and take a grain of incense and place it in the thurifer
 - As you place your grain of incense, see the smoke--that's your prayer, going to heaven
 - Thank God for the great gift of forgiveness, for his mercy on you
 - Know, as you place the tiny grain in the thurifer, how much you are loved
 - No matter what you do, you can always come back to Confession. Nothing is too big.
 - And yet, we can't be fooled into thinking that the small stuff doesn't matter, doesn't add up. Look at how adding more than one grain makes more smoke.

VII. 7:15-7:20 (if time) Trivia & Questions Sarah

- This week's trivia:
 - Which Eucharistic Prayer did Father use at Mass over the weekend?
- Any new questions?
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- Next week's trivia:
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X. 7:20 - 7:25 Closing Prayer Sarah

- Decade of the rosary, reflecting on _____
- (possibly audio using Little Flower version)

X. 7:25 - 7:30 Clean-up & Dismissal Sarah, Jessi, Ali

- Return Phones!!

