

GRADE 5  
CHAPTER Fifteen  
Forgiveness and Healing

Objectives

- To understand that forgiveness is something Jesus asks us to do
- To learn the words contrition, absolution, reconciliation, healing
- To recognize the importance, signs and effects of the sacrament of reconciliation and of the anointing of the sick

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Complete the activity on p. 161
- Look up the meaning of the words contrition, absolution and reconciliation on pp. 162-163. How could these words be used to “heal” the situation described on p. 161?
- Tell of a time when you needed forgiveness and what happened.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God’s Word

- Read the scripture on p. 162 and answer the questions. Talk about how you might have reacted in that situation. Which character is most like you in that story?
- Look at the boxes on p. 163 and 165 that talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.
- Complete the activity on p. 167
- Talk about the two sacraments and your experience. Decide to join the community at the next Penance Service and Anointing Service to see how they are conducted.
- Complete the Review and apply on p. 167

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Read the story of St. John Vianney on p. 168
- Use the family prayer on p. 168 to close.

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked “Activity.”
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter’s activity to take its place.