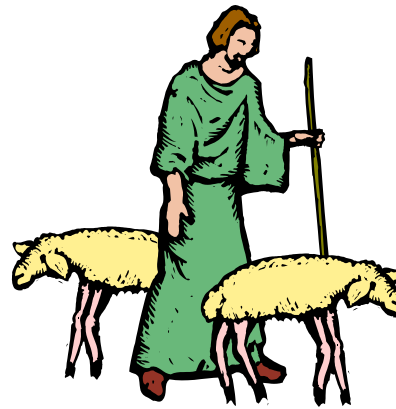


# Lesson 1

**Theme:** God's Faithful Love



## **Learning Objectives:**

By the end of this lesson, your child should be able to:

- Reconciliation begins with God's great love for us
- Jesus came to bring people back to God's love
- The Sacrament of Baptism celebrates God's saving love and takes away Original Sin

## **Key Words**

1. Original Sin
2. Baptism
3. Grace

## **Materials Needed for this Week:**

- Candle, Bible, and items from/pictures or videos of your child's Baptism
- Copy of Mass questionnaire to be completed and turned in each week.
- If your child has to miss Mass, please fill out backside of questionnaire and turn in.

**Looking Ahead:** Start researching which Saint your child will present next month! (Due: 10/8)

## ***PARENTS***

### *Keep in Mind*

*This week, focus on highlighting the loving actions within your family. This will help your child better understand God's love. Point out how important it is for people who love each other to value each other's feelings, needs, and opinions. Ex: "I feel so loved when you help me when I ask."*

This chapter's theme is not about the sheep that have strayed, rather it is about God's love. *Please reassure your child that God continues to love them when they stray. We celebrate that love in the Sacraments, beginning with Baptism.*

## **Preparatory Thoughts:**

- How have you experienced God's pardon and peace this week?
- How is God calling you to reconcile with another?

**Daily Prayer:** Lord, help me to be like a shepherd leading my child to Your life giving streams of sacramental grace. *Amen.*

## **PARENT & CHILD**

## **LESSON 1**

*\*\*Don't rush ~ A page (or two) a night = easily done! \*\**

### **Day One: INTRO**

- Ask your child to outline the Number One. On the number have them print their name and the words, "With God, every one counts". They can cut it out and/or decorate it, as they choose.
- Hang this up in their room to remind them that they count with God.
  - ✓ Practice the Sign of the Cross and Our Lord's Prayer together.

### **Day Two: Everyone is Here**

- Prior to reading this story, ask your child to recall their last field trip. Where did they go? What happened? Did they stay with a partner or in a group? Why was that important?
- Discuss questions in gold boxes.
  - ✓ Practice the Sign of the Cross and have your child lead Grace before dinner.

### **Day Three: The Lost Sheep**

- Light a candle and let your child hold your bible or prayer book to connect the story to the Word of God.
- Prior to reading, invite your child to look at the pictures on the pages. Point out the sheep & remind them they are part of a flock.
- Read the story and then discuss a memory they have of losing something important – how'd they feel? What did they do?
- Count how many times the word LOVE is used in the last paragraph? (three)
- What is the story about? (God's love)
- Discuss questions in LETS TALK box
- *Reinforce: For young children: Strengthen the concept of lost/found by playing hide and seek this week. Older children: Make up a skit about the parable of the Lost Sheep.*
  - ✓ Practice saying a pray of thanksgiving – 'Thank you, Lord for loving me even when I .....'

### **Day Four: God Saves & Baptism**

- Prior to meeting, try to find pictures and/or objects from your child's Baptism.  
(\*If you have their Baptismal candle – light it as a reminder of the last time it was lit.)
- While reading, make sure you point out the **key words** highlighted throughout today's text.
- Explain that we are Baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (underline those words in the box on page 14/15) SEE pg. 143 – Sacraments: read Baptism
- Share your memories of your child's Baptism with them & talk about their godparents and why you chose them to help guide them in their faith.
- *Reinforce: Consider buying a small spiral and use it as a Book of Key Words where your child writes all the study's keywords and their accompanying definitions.*
  - ✓ Practice the Sign of the Cross and say The Glory Be

### **Day Five: WRAP UP**

1. Complete YOUR STORY on page 16/17
2. As a family, talk about the ways you wrote that God shows His love for all of us.



Fall 2014 SAC PREP Calendar  
Parent Ed/Wednesdays  
6:30-7:45pm

## SEPTEMBER 2014

SEPT. 17: SAC PREP PARENT MTG. (Parish Hall)

SEPT. 24: PARENT ED 1

## OCTOBER 2014

OCT. 1: PARENT ED 2

OCT. 8: PARENT ED 3

OCT. 15: PARENT ED 4  
**1/2 way CHECKPOINT**

OCT. 22: **SAINT PRESENTATIONS** (only if necessary, due to #s)  
PARENT ED 5

OCT. 29: **SAINT PRESENTATIONS**  
PARENT ED 6

## NOVEMBER 2014

NOV. 5: **NO CLASS** (Catechist Meeting-only)

NOV. 12: PARENT ED 7

NOV. 19: **NO PARENT ED**  
**\*\*SAC PREP WB DUE\*\***  
*SAC PREP KIDS Q & A ~ Exam of Conscience/during class*

NOV. 26: **NO CLASS** (Happy Thanksgiving!)

## DECEMBER 2014

DEC. 3: PARENT ED 8  
**( 1<sup>st</sup> ) RECONCILIATION FOR FAITH FORMATION /KIDS-only**

DEC. 10: Please join us for OUR LADY of GUADALUPE community learning night.

## JANUARY 2015

JAN 14: Eucharist Sac Prep begins