

All are invited

FOCUS

1. The Catholic Church celebrates Penance and Anointing of the Sick as Sacraments of Healing.
2. The Sacrament of Penance brings us together again with God, with others and with ourselves.
3. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for the seriously sick, the elderly who have become noticeably weakened or frail, and those who are dying.
4. Those who die in God's grace and friendship will live forever in Christ.
5. God wants everyone to choose eternal life and enter heaven.

In these lessons your child may have:

- listened and responded to the parable of the Lost Sheep;
- identified the Sacrament of Penance as a celebration of our change of heart and our return to God;
- investigated the needs of the ill and examined how the Christian community might minister to them;
- developed an awareness that God invites us to share in eternal life in heaven;
- identified personal acts that accept and reject God's invitation to share in eternal life in heaven.

Luke 15: 1-10

"What man among you with a hundred sheep losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? 'Rejoice with me,' he would say, 'I have found my sheep that was lost.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance."

James 5: 14-15

If one of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church, and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him. The prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up again; and if he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.

Luke 14: 16-24

There was a man who gave a great banquet, and he invited a large number of people. When the time for the banquet came, he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, "Come along: everything is ready now." But all alike started to make excuses. Then the master said to his servant, "Go to the open roads and the hedgerows and force people to come in to make sure my house is full; because, I tell you, not one of those who were invited shall have a taste of my banquet."

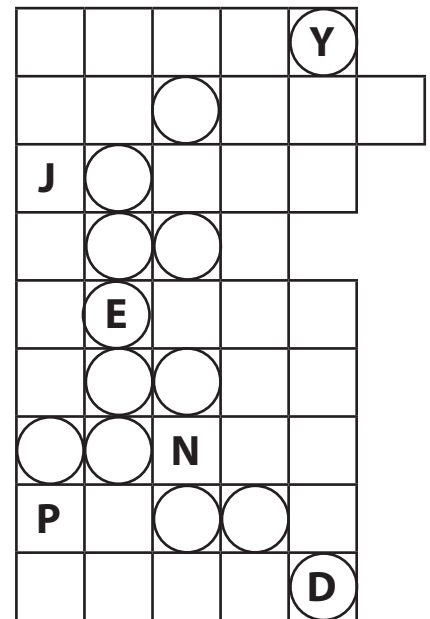
SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

The following are suggested activities for you to do with your child.

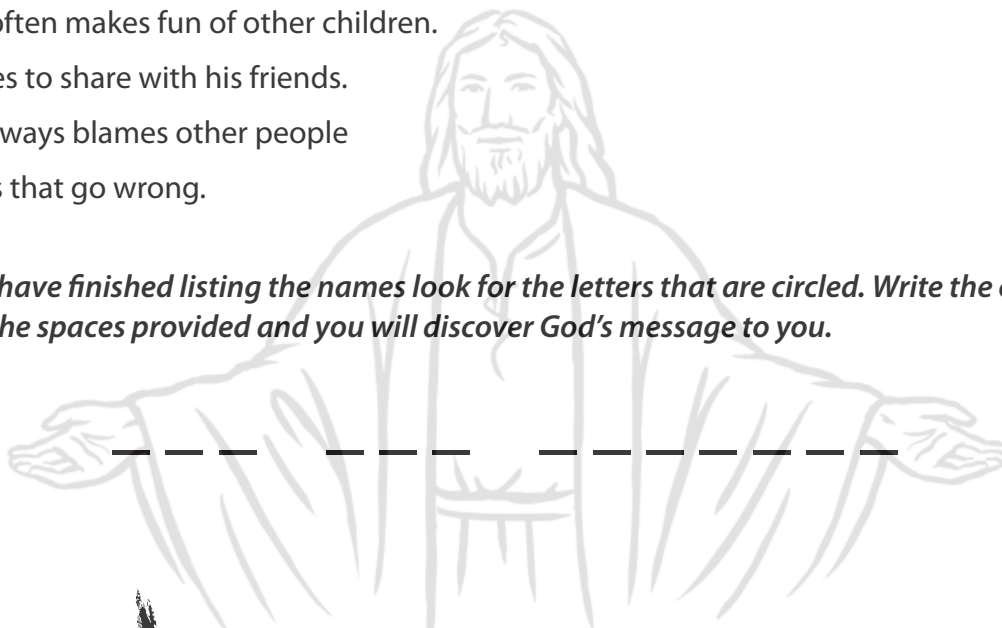
1. Discuss with your child how it feels to say sorry and be reconciled with another person and to forgive someone who has wronged you.
2. Encourage your child to be more accountable for their actions. In particular, encourage them to acknowledge and accept blame if they are in the wrong.
3. Encourage your child to reconcile their relationships with people they may have had conflict with.
4. As a family pray for those who are ill or in need of healing. Perhaps you could obtain a Sunday bulletin from your parish and pray for a person on the sick list.
5. Talk to your child about God's desire for us to share in eternal life with him.
6. Encourage your child to consider how they can say 'Yes' to God's invitation.
7. Encourage your child to complete the Activity provided with this lesson.
8. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on **Home Activities**.

• *Some of the children listed below are living as God would like them to. As you find these children, write their names down in the spaces provided.*

- Danny helps his brother with his homework.
- Michael bullies his brother.
- Sally always talks in class.
- Rhonda always listens to the teacher.
- Julie keeps her room tidy without being asked.
- Tony always uses bad language.
- Mark makes an effort to talk to God whenever he can.
- Jenny likes to spend time talking to her grandmother.
- Denise argues with her parents.
- Linda always helps her mum with the housework.
- Vince is always honest, even if he has done something wrong.
- Peter is a good sportsman, even when he loses.
- Michael often makes fun of other children.
- David likes to share with his friends.
- Angela always blames other people for things that go wrong.



• *Once you have finished listing the names look for the letters that are circled. Write the circled letters in the spaces provided and you will discover God's message to you.*



TO REMEMBER:

God invites everyone to Heaven.



Lord, you have invited us to the banquet of eternal life in heaven. Help us to accept your invitation by the way we live. Let us never be separated from you. May we always say 'yes' to you. Amen.