

Ages 5-6

1 John 2:1-5a

Invitation to Prayer

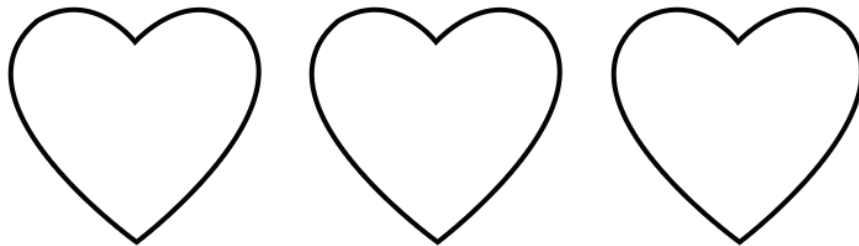
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

OBEY AND LOVE

Loving

God loves you. We show God our love when we obey God's laws.



Prayer

Dear God, I love you. I want to obey you. Amen.

Living

- Put your picture in your room or on the refrigerator at home so that you can remember to be the loving person God wants you to be. Have a family member help you make a list of some ways you can return God's love.
- Learn and say this prayer each day: Dear God, I love you. I want to obey you. Amen.

Ages 7-8

1 John 2:1-5a

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

Listen to these words about how much Jesus loves us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;
1 John 2:1

Loving

Write a letter to God about how you ask for forgiveness.

DEAR GOD,

I am sorry.

Love,

Prayer

God, thank you for always forgiving me when I say I am sorry. Amen.

Living

- Put your letter somewhere in your room to remind you to ask God for forgiveness whenever you have done something wrong.
- Learn this prayer and say this prayer each day: **God, thank you for always forgiving me when I say I am sorry.**

Ages 9-11

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

Loving

Reflect silently on the words from Scripture. As you reflect, think about some of the ways you seek forgiveness for your sins. How do you feel about knowing Jesus is our way to forgiveness? Jesus is not only the one who pleads on our behalf but he forgives us as well. This is a great gift and grace for us.

Prayer

Form a prayer to thank God for this wonderful gift.

Living

- Share the Scripture reading with a member of your family. Talk with this person about some ways you can seek forgiveness:
 - within you family.
 - with friends.
 - with your classmates.
 - within your parish.

Ages 12-14

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

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1 John 2:1-2

Loving

Reflect silently on the words from the Scripture passage. Think about some of the ways you seek forgiveness for your sins. How do you feel about knowing Jesus is our way to forgiveness? Through his death on the cross Jesus saved us from sin. He is the means of God's forgiveness as well. We celebrate God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a great gift and grace for us.

Reflect on the last time you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. How did you feel before you went to talk to the priest? How did you feel after you received forgiveness?

Prayer

Sign of Peace

Living

- Write two or three notes of forgiveness to someone who has hurt you or who you have hurt. You need not send or give these notes to anyone. Instead, use them as a way of reminding you to pray for, seek, and give forgiveness always.