

Session Planning

What You Do

What You Need



Invite, 15 minutes

Page 49 • **The Advocate** (John 14:23–26), Reflect prayerfully on God’s Word.
 Show Opening Video 5.

video on sacraments.osv.com

Page 50 • **Activity** Reflect on ways that we use our hands and how blessed we are to be so wonderfully made.

pencils or pens



Discover, 40 minutes

Page 51 • **Catholic Signs & Symbols** Learn about the importance of hand gestures used during the Sacrament of Penance.
 • **Meet Jesus** Introduce Jesus as Christ the King who calls us toward the Kingdom of God.

Pages 52–53 • Discuss that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and chosen by God the Father to establish a new Kingdom.
 • **Zacchaeus the Tax Collector** (Luke 19:2–10), Read this passage.
 • Relate Jesus’ actions toward Zacchaeus to the Good Shepherd, who will always look for his lost sheep.
 • Describe the meaning of conversion.
 • **Activity** Guide Zacchaeus through a maze to his conversion.
 • **Entering the Mystery** Emphasize that God’s forgiving love helps us toward conversion and becoming the people we were made to be.

pencils or pens

Pages 54–55 • Explain how being truly sorry for the sins we’ve committed leads us toward reconciling with God and others.
 • Talk about the difference between venial and mortal sins.
 • Emphasize that confessing our sins is important, even when it feels uncomfortable, and reassure the children that the priest will keep their confessions private.
 • Explain penance and the different types of penance we might receive to help us become more like Jesus.
 • **Activity** Identify actions that help to repair harm caused by sin.

board or chart paper
 people cutouts
 wedge shapes
 pencils or pens

Page 56 • **Activity** Write the names of people who help us along our journey of reconciliation.

communal celebration program
 pencils or pens



Live, 15 minutes

Pages 57–58 • Remind the children that Jesus loves and protects us as our King.
 • **Activity** Recognize words and actions that lead us away from living in happiness with God, and those that lead us toward his Kingdom.
 Point out the **My Family in Our Parish** activities for the upcoming week.
 • Conclude with the closing prayer and ritual.

pencils or pens
 tablecloth, Bible, crown, pledge cards
 copies of Session 5 **Family + Faith Pages**

Catholic Faith Words Kingdom of God • conversion • mortal sin • venial sin • confession • penance • Works of Mercy