
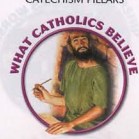
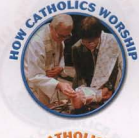




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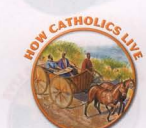


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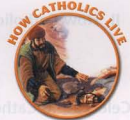


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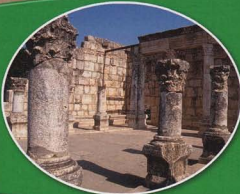
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We meet the Lord Jesus Christ in his work that we read about in the Gospels. We learn to be the likeness of God our Father. We do this through the love we receive from his divine Son.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

Luke 4:18

It was in a
synagogue, much
like the ancient
one shown here
in the city of
Capernaum, that
Jesus read from
the scroll of the
prophet Isaiah.





Jesus Shows Us How to Forgive and Heal

For most people, the family is the first experience of God's love and grace. The family also usually provides our first experiences of sinfulness and our first opportunities to forgive and heal. There are occasions when the people we love may disappoint or hurt us. When this happens God calls us to forgive them so we can continue to grow in his love.

ACTIVITY

Forgiveness Teach your child to forgive by example. Recall when you were hurt by something a family member said or did. Share how you forgave that person. Talk about how much happier you felt after forgiving the person.



WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

At the beginning of Mass, we reflect on our sinfulness and ask for God's forgiveness.

On the Web

blestarewe.com



Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

Saint of the Week



Saint Francis of Assisi
(1181–1226)

Francis born to a wealthy family in Assisi, Italy. One day, Jesus called to him in a vision. He gave up his wealthy life and lived as a poor person. He started a new religious group called the Franciscans.

Patron Saint of: animals, environment

Feast Day: October 4



A Prayer for the Week

Our Father, help us walk in Saint Francis' footsteps and follow Jesus Christ as he did. Give us the grace to act with kindness toward all we meet. May our giving come from loving you. Amen.

Getting ready for Chapter 5

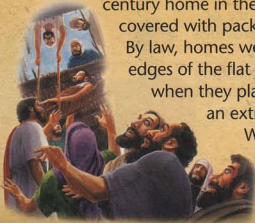
Take Home



Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Holy Land Rooftops The roof was a distinctive feature of a first century home in the Holy Land. Made of woven branches covered with packed clay, the roof served many purposes. By law, homes were required to have a low wall along the edges of the flat roof. This helped to keep the children safe when they played there. Families also used the roof as an extra sleeping area, especially on hot nights. Women placed laundry on the roof to dry.



In Luke 5:17–26, read about a group of men who lowered their paralyzed friend through an opening in a roof so that Jesus could heal him.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Architecture

St. Michael's Cathedral

The archangel Michael is the patron saint of Kiev in Ukraine. St. Michael's Monastery of the Golden Dome was originally built there in the twelfth century. Stalin's army demolished it in 1936. The cathedral was rebuilt from scratch and completed in 2001. Artists painted and adorned the interior of the church with new frescoes and mosaics, done according to the style and techniques of the twelfth century. Its six golden domes reveal the splendor of its architecture.



5 Jesus Shows Us How to Forgive and Heal



He shared our sadness and understood our pain.

Based on Isaiah 53:4

Share

God sent Jesus, his Son, to show us how to forgive and heal one another. Think carefully. Remember people who forgave you when you did wrong. Remember people who helped you heal when you had done wrong. How did they help you heal when you were hurting?

Activity

Look at the pictures. In what ways is Monique being hurt? Help Monique find healing and forgiveness by drawing a line to the person who can best help her. Then choose one person from the pictures. Share with a partner how that person helps Monique.



If we sin,
how can we
be forgiven
and healed?

Hear & Believe

Scripture Jesus Cures a Sick Man

Crowds followed Jesus wherever he went. Many came to hear the Good News and be healed. Some were sick in body and others were troubled in spirit. They believed that Jesus had the power to heal them. One day, a group of men carried a paralyzed friend to the place where Jesus was teaching. They were sure Jesus would heal their friend.

When they arrived at the house where Jesus was speaking, there were so many people that they could not get inside!

One of them had a great idea! The men climbed on the roof. They were able to make a hole in the roof. Very carefully, they lowered their friend inside.

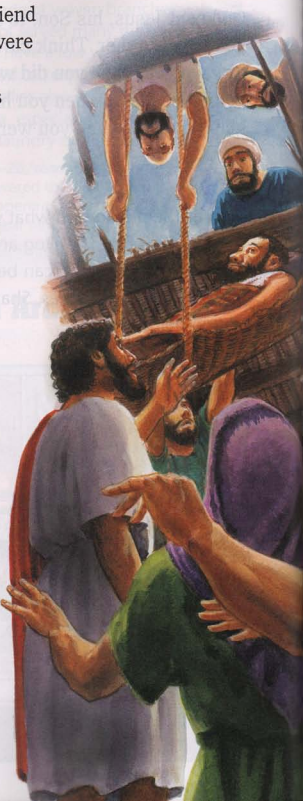
Seeing this, Jesus knew that they trusted him to heal their friend. He said to them, "As for you, your sins are forgiven."

But someone asked, "How can he say that? Who but God alone can forgive sins?"

To show that God had given him the power to forgive sins, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "I say to you, rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home."

The man who had been paralyzed stood up! He picked up his stretcher and walked out of the house. The man praised God all the way home. Everyone was surprised and said, "We have seen amazing things today!"

Based on Luke 5:17-26



God Sends Jesus to Heal

God sends Jesus to heal us because we were born with **Original Sin** that has been passed on to all people. This is the sin of the first man and woman. When Jesus saw the great faith of the paralyzed man and his friends, he reached out to them with forgiveness and healing. Jesus looked at the friends' troubled spirits and freed them of sin. Jesus saw the man's sickness and made him well. Jesus' power to forgive and heal comes from God.

Activity

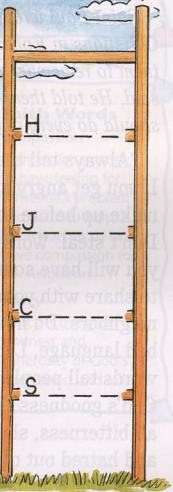
Help the paralyzed man's friends get onto the roof of the house. Fix the rungs of the ladder by completing the word puzzle. First, fill in the blanks in the following sentences. Then, put the words on the steps of the ladder.

1. The men were sure Jesus would h _____ their friend.
2. J _____ knew they trusted him.
3. C _____ followed Jesus.
4. Jesus said, "Your s _____ are forgiven."

Faith Words

Original Sin

Original Sin is the sin of the first man and woman. We received this first sin from them.



What does Jesus teach us about mercy and compassion?

Hear & Believe

† Jesus Shows Us How to Act

Jesus understood the paralyzed man's problems. He wanted the man to be happy and healthy, so he helped him. Jesus teaches us how to be compassionate and merciful. But, sometimes, Christians forget to follow Jesus' example.

Saint Paul wrote to the Christians in Ephesus. He told them to remember what Jesus said. He told them what they should do every day. He wrote:

□ "Always tell the truth. If you get angry at someone, make up before the day ends. Don't steal. Work hard so you will have something to share with your neighbors. Do not use bad language. Let your words tell people about God's goodness. Throw all bitterness, shouting, and hatred out of your mind and your heart. Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

Based on Ephesians 4:25-32

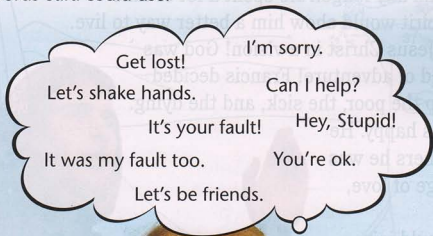


Our Church Teaches

Jesus followed his Father's will. He forgave people their sins and healed them. He acted with **compassion** and **mercy**. Jesus showed compassion to the paralyzed man because he understood the man's need and helped him. He showed mercy to the man's friends because he was kind, generous, and forgiving. Jesus tells us to do the same because it is God's will. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would stay with us always, to help us do God's will.

Activity

Sara wants to act with compassion and forgiveness as Jesus teaches, but she is not sure what to say. Circle the words Sara could use.



We Believe

God sent Jesus to heal and forgive us. We follow God's will when we live and act as Jesus did. The Holy Spirit is with us and guides us to do God's will.

Faith Words

compassion

Compassion means to have feeling for someone's problem and want to help. Jesus teaches us to have compassion for our neighbors.

mercy

Mercy is the great kindness and generosity of God's forgiveness and love.

How did Saint Francis show compassion to others?

Respond

Saint Francis of Assisi



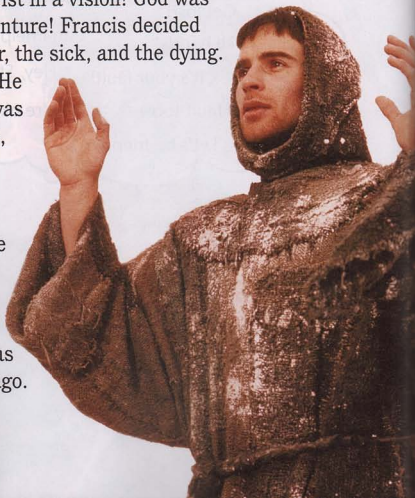
Francis was born in 1182 in Assisi, Italy. As a young boy, he wanted to be a rich cloth merchant just like his father. Francis quickly learned how to buy and sell cloth. He liked the hard work and all the money that he made. Francis enjoyed spending money, too. With all that work and money, Francis thought that he was happy.

But as Francis grew older, he became bored with his life. He wanted adventure. So, he became a soldier in the Assisi army. Once, Francis fought in a battle and was taken prisoner by the enemy.

After he was set free, Francis returned to his father's business. But he found out that making money and selling clothes did not please him any longer. He spent a lot of time praying that the Holy Spirit would show him a better way to live.

One day Francis saw Jesus Christ in a vision! God was calling him to a new kind of adventure! Francis decided to do all he could to help the poor, the sick, and the dying. At long last, Francis was happy. He knew that by helping others he was spreading Jesus' message of love, peace, and happiness.

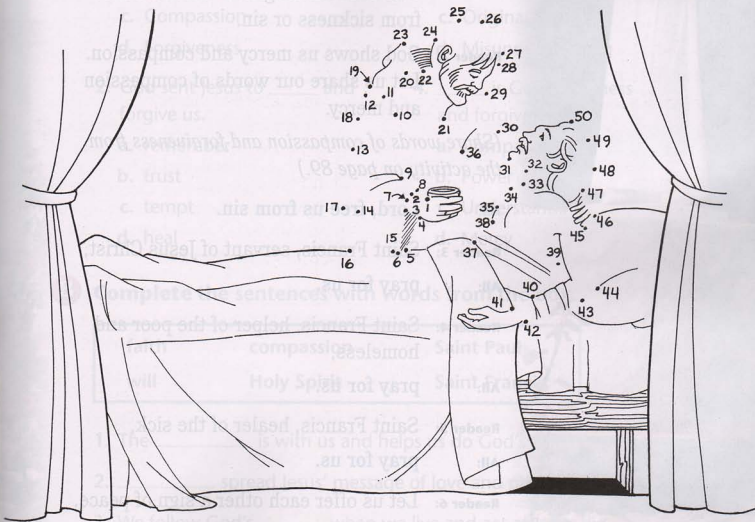
Soon, many others would join Francis to work among the sick, poor, and homeless. These people became a group called the Franciscans. Today, Franciscan friars and sisters spread Jesus' message of love and peace, just as Saint Francis of Assisi did long ago.



Activities

Jesus acted with compassion and mercy when he cured the paralyzed beggar. Jesus taught that there are many ways we can be healing and forgiving. Saint Francis learned from Jesus' actions.

1. Connect the dots below to draw a picture of Saint Francis spreading Jesus' message. Then, color in the drawing.



2. Unscramble the letters to see what Saint Francis learned.

ssiopcoanm + yemrc = eapce & nessipahp

How do we ask
for guidance
to heal
and forgive?



Prayer Celebration

A Response Prayer

Reader 1: God called Saint Francis to bring his healing and forgiveness to others. God does not forget us when we hurt from sickness or sin.

Reader 2: God shows us mercy and compassion. Let us share our words of compassion and mercy.

(Share words of compassion and forgiveness from the activity on page 89.)

All: Lord, free us from sin.

Reader 3: Saint Francis, servant of Jesus Christ,

All: pray for us.

Reader 4: Saint Francis, helper of the poor and homeless,

All: pray for us.

Reader 5: Saint Francis, healer of the sick,

All: pray for us.

Reader 6: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.
(All shake hands with persons near them.)

All: Peace be with you.

5

Chapter Review

A Circle the letter of the best answer.

- _____ means to feel sorry for someone and want to help.
 - Power
 - Mercy
 - Compassion
 - Forgiveness
- God sent Jesus to _____ and forgive us.
 - remember
 - trust
 - tempt
 - heal
- _____ is the sin of the first man and woman.
 - Power
 - Greed
 - Original Sin
 - Misunderstanding
- _____ is God's kindness and forgiveness.
 - Compassion
 - Power
 - Understanding
 - Mercy

B Complete the sentences with words from the box.

faith

compassion

Saint Paul

will

Holy Spirit

Saint Francis

- The _____ is with us and helps us do God's will.
- _____ spread Jesus' message of love and peace.
- We follow God's _____ when we live and act as Jesus did.
- _____ wrote to the Christians in Ephesus and told them to be kind to one another and to forgive one another.
- The friends of the paralyzed man had _____ in Jesus' healing power.

C Who Am I?**Write the the number of each sentence on the correct line.**

1. My friends carried me to Jesus. _____ Jesus
2. I understood the sick man's problems. _____ Saint Paul
3. I advised Christians to remember what Jesus said. _____ Saint Francis
4. I prayed for help from the Holy Spirit. _____ Holy Spirit
5. I help you follow and obey God. _____ paralyzed man

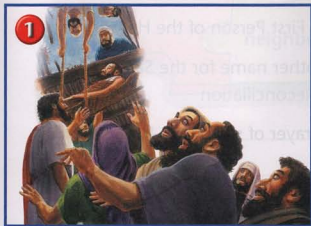
D Respond to the following.

1. Write about two things Jesus did for the paralyzed man.

2. Write about some things Christians can do to show compassion and mercy.

Unit Wrap-up

Look at each picture. Then carefully read each sentence below. Write the picture's number next to the sentence that best tells something about the picture.

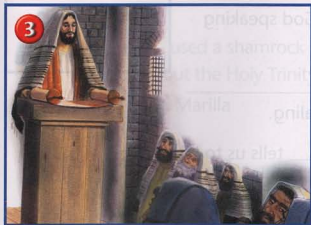


_____ Jesus freed the men of their sin and took away their friend's sickness and pain.

_____ Jesus tells people that he was sent by God to spread the Good News.

_____ We should never stop asking God the Father for all we need.

_____ Jesus heals and forgives us.



- A** Match column A with column B by writing the correct number in the space provided.

A

B

- | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|--|
| 1. Holy Trinity | _____ | the First Person of the Holy Trinity |
| 2. God the Father | _____ | another name for the Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 3. Sacrament of Penance | _____ | a prayer of sorrow |
| 4. Act of Contrition | _____ | Father, Son, and Holy Spirit |
| 5. neighbors | _____ | the people God wants us to love |

- B** Choose the correct word from the box to complete each sentence.

- Jesus said that his power or _____ came from God.
- The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament of _____.
- The _____ is God speaking to us from the Bible.
- Jesus _____ and _____ through the Sacraments of Healing.
- The Great _____ tells us to love God above all things and to love our neighbor.

Healing
authority
Word of God
forgives
heals
Commandment

- C** Complete the sentences below with words from the puzzle pieces.



1. The Great _____ is to love God and to love our _____.
2. The _____ guides us to do God's will.
3. We _____ when we turn away from God's love.
4. Jesus followed his Father's _____.

- D** Circle the letter of the best answer.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saint _____ worked closely with Saint Vincent de Paul to help the sick and poor. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Patrick b. Louise de Marillac c. Francis d. James 3. Saint _____ used a shamrock to teach about the Holy Trinity. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Louise de Marilla b. Francis c. James d. Patrick | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Making money did not make Saint _____ happy, so he prayed that the Holy Spirit would show him a better way to live. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Patrick b. Francis c. Louise de Marilllac d. James 4. Saint _____ wrote a letter to remind sick people that God will help them. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. James b. Frances c. Patrick d. Louise de Marillac |
|---|---|

- E Match** column A with column B by writing the correct number in the space provided.

A

B

- | | | |
|--|-------|---|
| 1. Original Sin | _____ | to lead or show the way |
| 2. compassion | _____ | the sin of the first man and woman |
| 3. Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation | _____ | one God in Three Divine Persons |
| 4. mortal sin | _____ | feelings for someone's problems |
| 5. Commandments | _____ | a Sacrament that celebrates God's love and healing |
| 6. Holy Trinity | _____ | God's laws that teach us how to love God, others, and ourselves |
| 7. guidance | _____ | the sin in which we turn away completely from God's love |

- F Describe** two ways the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation could help you or someone your age.

Jesus, Heal Us

Words and Music by David Haas

REFRAIN

Je - sus, heal us; Je - sus.

Je - sus, hear us now.

VERSE

1. All who fear the Lord: Wait for God's mer - cy.

All who love the Lord: Come, he will fill you.

2. All who fear the Lord:
Follow the way.
All who love the Lord:
Hope in God's goodness.
Refrain
3. All who fear the Lord:
Keep your hearts prepared.
All who love the Lord:
Be humbled in God's presence.
Refrain
4. All who trust the Lord:
God will uphold you.
Let us cling to our God;
Let us fall in the arms of the Lord!
Refrain