Jesus Invites Us to Receive God's Mercy

GRADE 4

CHAPTER 6 Study Guide

*Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 6**.*

During his ministry, Jesus forgave the sins of many people. He wanted them to be reconciled, or brought back together, with his Father.

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In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we meet Jesus through the priest. Only priests can forgive our sins in Christ's name and in the name of his Church.

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God has given us the commandments and the Beatitudes to guide us. He has also given each of us a conscience that helps us know his law and recognize right from wrong. We must obey the certain judgment of our consciences.

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We form good consciences when we read the Bible, pray, and study church teachings. Our consciences call us to do good and avoid sin.

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An examination of conscience helps us prayerfully think about how our actions have shown love or not shown love and hurt our relationship with God or others.

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Mortal sin is a decision to freely choose to do something that we know is seriously wrong; it cuts us off from God. Venial sin is less serious, but it weakens our relationship with God and others and should be avoided.

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Through our consciences, the Holy Spirit calls us to be sorry for our sins and seek his forgiveness.

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