

## LEVEL TWO: RECONCILIATION

<b>MESSAGE</b> <b>(Knowledge of the Faith)</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b> <b>(Liturgy)</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN MORALITY</b>	<b>COMMUNITY</b> <b>(Service)</b>
<p><b>1. God is the Creator of life.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He created us in His image, to love as He does.</li> <li>- He loves with a "covenant love" (with commitment, faithfulness).</li> <li>- God's love helps me to use my entire self to grow in love for God and neighbour.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. We belong to God's family, the Church.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Through Baptism, we become members of the Church and are called to be disciples of Jesus.</li> <li>- Being a disciple means being a faithful friend to Jesus, who loves us as a best friend. It also means being a friend to all, as Jesus was.</li> <li>- God asks us to do our best in our relationships (faithfulness and commitment).</li> </ul> <p><b>3. "Covenant love" means we make choices as Jesus would.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God gave us the gift of freedom, so that might make good choices.</li> <li>- We develop habits which either help (virtue) or hurt (sin) others as well as ourselves.</li> <li>- Rules help us to develop good habits. They help us to keep our promises. They keep us safe, happy, and loving.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prayer:</b> Our Father. Attention words: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- trespasses (wrongdoing)</li> <li>- temptation (something that may be attractive, but leads us to do wrong)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mass focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the Penitential Rite, we pause to remember the times that we have made choices that have hurt ourselves or others. We ask God's forgiveness. ("Lord, have mercy...")</li> <li>- At the Sign of Peace, we make peace to show that we are willing to forgive others, as Jesus forgave us. He showed this in His willingness to die to redeem us from our sins.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Prayer:</b> Confiteor ("I confess to Almighty God..."). Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sin hurts not only ourselves, but others around us.</li> <li>- Sin consists not only in doing something wrong. We might also sin in our thoughts, or in failing to do something good when the was an opportunity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The First Commandment: Nothing should be more important than God in our lives.</li> <li>• The Second Commandment: We speak God's name with reverence and respect.</li> <li>• The Third Commandment reminds us that the Church is Christ's Body. We come together to worship as a community. We participate in the Church's prayer, the Sacred Liturgy.</li> <li>• The Fourth Commandment: God wants us to respect, obey, and care for our parents. He also wants us to respect all rightful authority.</li> <li>• The Fifth Commandment: We must respect all life, because all life comes from God. We protect life, our own and that of others, and show special care for unborn babies, the elderly, those with disabilities, and those who are sick.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a class, take part at the Parish Sunday Mass, by leading the Penitential Rite.</li> <li>• Make a photo collage of sin in the world, and discuss how wrong choices hurt others.</li> </ul>

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