

**CCD GRADE 3: OUR LIFE WITH JESUS**

Chapter 13: God’s Tender Mercy

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 153-163

Materials: Student textbooks and Activity books, pictures of shepherds and sheep, Holy Bible

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

God is all-merciful; He desires to forgive us and restore our relationship with Him.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* God’s merciful love is endless. It is greater than any sin man can commit. God can forgive any sin and wants to reconcile man to Himself.
* There is no sin that God cannot forgive.
* Mortal sins are very serious sins that kill God’s life in our souls.
* Venial sins are smaller sins that diminish God’s life in our souls and make us inclined to commit mortal sins.
* Jesus taught man about the forgiveness of sins through healing, stories, and through the forgiving example of His life.
* Jesus is the Good Shepherd
* Jesus forgives our sins today through the priest in the sacrament of Reconciliation.
* Peter and Mary Magdalene are examples of repentant sinners who were shown mercy and compassion.
* Peter denied Jesus and was forgiven after the Resurrection.
* Mary Magdalene washed Jesus’ feet.

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Discussion questions: *What is the worst sin you can think of? Can God forgive that sin? Is there any sin God cannot forgive?*
* **Activities:** 
  + Demonstrate turning away from God when we sin.
  + Act out Peter’s denial and forgiveness.
  + At end of lesson, review with **Activity Book p. 51**
* **Video:** To show a real example of a shepherd calling her sheep- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Holr54eF4LY>

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Closing prayer: Act of Contrition