

**CCD GRADE 4: JESUS OUR GUIDE**

Chapter 1: The Fall of Man

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 3-11 (for background information)

Materials: Powerpoint (look at ahead of time, or print for information and when technology is not available)

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

God created us in love. He wants us to be with Him so much that He promised to send a Redeemer even after Adam sinned.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* God created us in His image to love Him.
* Discuss days of creation using graphic from powerpoint
* Creation Ladder—angels, humans, animals, plants, rocks (inanimate objects)
* we are created as children to love our Heavenly Father; act out difference between a slave and a child
* Original sin: Adam and Eve were tempted and chose to disobey God.
* Read story of the fall in text or Gen 3:1-19
* Sin of disobedience and distrust of God
* By sinning, Adam separated himself from God’s love and lost grace. We are born without sanctifying grace.
* Natural, preternatural, supernatural gifts (use powerpoint for explanation)
* Grace is necessary for salvation; Baptism restores sanctifying grace
* Sanctifying grace=God’s life in us
* God does not abandon us because of our sin, but promised to send us a Redeemer.
  + Gen 3:15 (use powerpoint for explanation)

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* How are you like Adam and Eve? How are you unlike Adam and Eve?
* How/when do you distrust God?
* Act out difference between a slave a child and the Fall of Adam and Eve
* Find statues of Mary around the church/parish hall; look for other symbols of creation and our relationship to the Father in stained glass or other objects. End by making a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
* Video—Creation sequence from Encounter Series by Mark Hart; pictures of the days of creation, ending with humans created in the image and likeness of God. <http://safeshare.tv/w/gweqRltjqd>

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* End with a prayer thanking God for sending Jesus as our Savior and Redeemer. Pray the Our Father.