

Make-Up Packet for Day 4

(Thursday, June 7, 2018)

2018 Elementary Summer Religion Program

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church ☩ Erath, Louisiana



Morning Assembly:

- Review *The Apostles' Creed*
 - Reminder: Please begin and end your Opening prayer with the **Sign of the Cross!**
 - Text of the prayer:

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell,
on the third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the Communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

- **Bible Story:** God feeds the Israelites in the desert. (Exodus 16:4 – 17:6b)

The Israelites had been living in the desert for quite a while when they began to complain. Their animals were dying and they were running out of food! They said to Moses, "Why did we leave Pharaoh? We may have been his slaves, but at least we had food to cook and eat! Here we are in the desert without any food! We'll die here!" The Lord told Moses, "I will rain down **bread from Heaven** for you. I will test them to see if they follow my instructions. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion. On the sixth day, they must pick up twice as much." *(NOTE: God was trying to teach them to rest on the Sabbath Day! Because Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, Christians—including Catholics—gather to remember His sacrifice on Sundays. As a result, our Sabbath Day is Sunday.)*

In the morning, dew covered the ground around the camp. When the dew evaporated, it left white flakes on the ground. When the people saw the flakes, Moses told them, “This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.” These fine flakes of bread were called “**manna**.” Each day, the people gathered only enough food for that one day. When they gathered too much manna and had leftovers, by the next morning, it would spoil! *(It would be covered with maggots and stink!)* God was teaching them to follow His commands. He provided more manna each morning. On the sixth day of the week, when Moses told the Israelites to gather enough food for two days, the leftovers were perfectly good to eat on the seventh day, but if they had any leftovers for another day, those leftovers would spoil!

Then, after a while, the Israelites began to grumble again. They were growing tired of eating just bread. They wanted to eat meat, but there were no animals for food. The Lord told Moses that He would send meat for their evening meals. Sure enough, quail began to enter their campsite every evening! They were able to catch the birds to prepare them for their evening meal each day.

Because they were in the desert, water was scarce. Most of the time, they had no water to drink. The people were very thirsty, so once again, they complained to Moses, “Is the Lord with us or not? Is He ignoring us?” Moses began to fear that the Israelites would hurt or kill him. They had been eating manna in the desert for a long time (40 years!). *(Was God ignoring them if He provided food for them for 40 years? No, He definitely was not ignoring them!)* When Moses asked God what to do, God told him to stand in front of the people and hit the rock in Horeb. When Moses did this, cool water poured out from the rock! The Israelites had all the water they needed!

- **Bible Point:** God feeds us.
- **Think: (1)** God continues to provide food for us today! He gives each of us intelligence and skills to help us grow up, get a job (and a paycheck) so we can put food on our tables and in our pantry) for our family. He provides healthful foods, but we usually go overboard and eat unhealthy foods, too! More importantly, He provides spiritual food for our soul! He gave us His Son, Jesus Christ, as a baby who grew into a kind and generous man who willingly died on the cross for us. Jesus, Himself, spoke the words, “This is my Body. This is my Blood. Do this in memory of me.” Even today, if our souls are clean (and if we are old enough), we can receive Jesus Christ’s wonderful characteristics into our body and soul in the Blessed Sacrament at every Holy Mass! We must do our best to keep our soul clean and healthy! A healthy body is important, but without a healthy soul, our body and mind will begin to ignore God. *(Is that what God wants for us? Will we make the best possible use of our bodies and minds as we grow older so we can provide God’s love and security for our future family?)* **(2)** Throughout their stay in the desert, the Israelites often found reasons to complain to Moses and distrust God. What should have been a fairly short (3-5 month) walk to the Promised Land became a 40-year trek around the desert because God allowed them to wander while they complained! It serves as a good reminder to us: When we choose to do “things” our way *(instead of God’s way)*, it takes much longer to complete those tasks—and we’re usually miserable *(unhappy)* while doing it! When we choose to follow God’s Will for our lives, our lives are much smoother and happier!

Today’s Catechism Lessons: Students in Grade 1 may borrow a book from our church office. (They will receive their blue/white F.C. book when they officially begin classes for Sacramental Prep in Grade 2.) Students also receive a copy of the red/white textbook at one of the Sunday Sessions in Grade 3. If you need to borrow a book, we do have a few extra copies.

Grade	Textbook	Please read and discuss these lessons:
1	Blue/white F.C. textbook	Lesson 4 (The First Sins; Bad Angels and Adam/Eve’s Original Sin)
2	Blue/white F.C. textbook	Lesson 5 (Our Own Sins; Actual Sins: Venial and Mortal)
3	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 6 (Actual Sin: Venial and Mortal)

4	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 16 (The First Great Commandment of God)
5	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 26 (The Holy Eucharist) Lesson 28 (Holy Communion)

Today’s Daily Finale: All students and volunteers participated in a “food caravan” (moving donated non-perishable items from the drop-off spot to the other side of the hall where the food items were placed in boxes for transport. Mrs. Annette led us in reciting two decades of the Rosary while bags of food items passed through the hands of each child in Grades 1-5. Volunteers were scattered throughout the room to help keep things flowing when an occasional plastic bag ripped open or to remind children to participate in praying for the families who would soon receive these items.

- **NOTE:** Volunteers loaded the boxes of donated food into an elementary family’s SUV so it could be delivered to the Christian Service Center in Abbeville.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for taking time to work through this packet with your child!

Please **sign** the **next** page of this packet
as proof that Day 4’s work has been made up

and **mail or deliver** it to Mrs. Frances at our church office.

She will make the necessary notes on your child’s attendance record
and will file the signature sheet in your family’s registration folder.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please complete this page and return it to our Church Parish Office as soon as possible so Mrs. Frances can update our attendance records to indicate that you have helped your child make up the work that was missed on Day 4 (Thursday, June 7) of our 2018 Summer Religion Program.

My child, _____, in last year's (2017-18) grade level _____, and I have read and discussed the enclosed Bible stories and catechism lesson(s) for **Day 4** (Thursday, June 7) of our 2018 Elementary Summer Religion Program.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date