

Make-Up Packet for Day 6

(Monday, June 11, 2018)

2018 Elementary Summer Religion Program

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church ☩ Erath, Louisiana



Morning Assembly:

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

O, my God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee,
and I detest all my sins
because of Thy just punishment.
But most of all, because they offend Thee, my God,
Who art all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace,
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin.
Amen.

- **Bible Stories:**
 - Rahab protects the Israelite spies. (Joshua 2)
 - The Israelites cross the Jordan River and set up camp. (Joshua 3-4)

(The Ark is the sacred box that contains the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments. The Israelites carried it everywhere they went, including into battle, because God said, "I am with you." To the Israelites, the ark was the presence of God with them.)

Moses lived long enough to see the Promised Land (the land that God had promised to give to the Israelites), but he died before they actually entered the Promised Land. Before Moses died, God had spoken to Joshua, Moses' assistant, and said: "Be brave and steadfast, for it is you who must bring the Israelites into the land which I promised them on oath. I, Myself, will be with you."

God had already said that the Israelites would cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land and the city of Jericho was located in the Promised Land. Moses brought them to one side of the Jordan River, and now Joshua had to lead them across the river.

God said to Joshua, "Prepare to cross the Jordan River here." Joshua commanded the officers of the people to go through the camp and share God's instructions with the people so they could prepare for the journey. "Prepare your provisions, for three days from now you shall cross the Jordan here, to march in and take possession of the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you." The people replied, "We will obey you as completely as we obeyed Moses."

Like all good military leaders, Joshua secretly sent two spies ahead of the rest of the Israelites to "check out" the land around and in the city of Jericho.

The entire city of Jericho was surrounded by a thick wall which actually served as homes for many people in the city. Rahab was one of the women who lived in that wall. Everyone who lived in Jericho knew about the Israelites and had heard the stories of how their God had cared for them, protected them, loved them, and fed them. They also saw that the Israelites had taken over the land just across the Jordan River. The people in Jericho knew that the Israelites would soon cross the river to take over

Jericho and the land around it. For that reason, most of them feared the Israelites. Rahab didn't tell anyone, but she really wanted to believe in God and all of His wonderful works!

When the spies entered Jericho, they met Rahab just inside the wall that surrounded the city and told her of their plan to take over the city. She welcomed them into her home, but a neighbor (who noticed that the two strangers were staying at Rahab's house) sent a message to warn the king of Jericho about the visitors. Even though she was being disobedient to her king, Rahab chose to help God and His people! She told the spies to go up to the roof of her house and hide under the stalks of flax. The king sent his messengers to speak to Rahab: "Bring your visitors to the king. He thinks they are spies." She told the messengers: "Two men did come to my house, but they have left, and I don't know where they went. If you leave now, you may catch up with them."

Rahab went up to the roof and spoke to the spies, "I beg you, since I have shown you great kindness, please promise me that you will show kindness to me and my family. Please save us from death when your people take over Jericho." They replied, "If you do not betray us, we will deal kindly with you and your family when we return to claim the land that God wants to give to us." She helped them escape through a window in her home, climbing down the outside of the city wall using a rope. The spies told Rahab, "When we return to take over the city, tie this **scarlet (red)** cord in the window through which we are escaping. Invite your parents and siblings to come to your house where all of you will be safe. If anyone leaves your house, he/she may be harmed or killed, but all who stay in your house will be safe. However, if you decide to betray us, we will not keep our promise to protect you and your family from harm or death."

Two or three days after the spies had returned from the city of Jericho, Joshua ordered all of the Israelites to break camp and **sanctify** themselves (*make themselves clean and holy*) to be witnesses to the wonders God was going to do to help them cross the Jordan River. God told Joshua, "When it is time to begin the march towards the river, select twelve priests, one from each tribe, to carry the **Ark of the Covenant of God** (*containing the Ten Commandments; the "presence" of God*) out to the river. When their feet touch the water in the river, the river will stop flowing. The water will build up like a wall on that side of the priests. As the water flows away from their feet, it will create a dry path of land."

Following God's instructions, Joshua, the priests, and the rest of the Israelites approached the Jordan River. The water stopped flowing when the priests entered the shallow edges of the river. When the path of dry land appeared, all of the Israelite people walked on the dry path while the priests stood still.

When the Israelites were safely on the other side, God told Joshua to pick twelve men, one from each tribe, and instruct each of them to pick up a stone from the river bed where the priests stood still, and carry the stones with them to the next campsite where they would create a memorial marker to help future generations remember this event.

- **Bible Point:** God is real and He is with us!
- **Think:** Some people stand up for the right thing even though it puts them in great danger. Rahab was willing to take that chance! She knew that God was very powerful and she wanted to be on His side! Sometimes it's difficult for us to trust others, especially when don't know them—or can't see them (God)! We know that life isn't always easy:
 - sometimes people get sick (really sick),
 - sometimes we're hurt or betrayed by the people we love the most, and
 - sometimes we don't feel loved by our family, friends, and/or caregivers.

We sometimes wonder if God is real and if He really loves us, but we must remember that we receive God's **Grace** (*His life and love within us*) in all **seven Sacraments**: Baptism, Confession, Communion, plus four more Sacraments that you'll learn about as you grow older! Each one of us

must be loving, kind, and **merciful** (*forgiving*) towards others so they can see and experience God’s life and love within us! In addition, we must be courageous enough to stand up for what is right!

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 6 (The Son of God Becomes Man)
2	Blue/white F.C. textbook	Lesson 7 (Jesus Opens the Heavens for Us)
3	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 9 (The Holy Spirit and Grace)
4	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 18 (The Second and Third Commandments of God)
5	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 34 (Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders)

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 6’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 6 (Monday, June 11) 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 6** (Monday, June 11) of our 2018 Elementary Summer Religion Program.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date