

# Make-Up Packet for Day 4

## of our 2020 Elementary Summer Religion Program

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church ✠ Erath, Louisiana

Our 2020 Elementary Summer Religion Program was cancelled due to the Covid Pandemic. Elementary families are encouraged to read through these make-up packets with their children.

**This year's theme:** Digging into Scripture

**This year's theme song:** "God with Us"

(You Tube link to theme song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DkoPQTHBic>)

### Bible Stories for Day 4: A few of Jesus' miracles

- **Jesus changes water into wine (His first miracle)** (John 2:1-12)

For the benefit of those who may not have quick access to a Bible, the following Scripture passage is quoted and/or paraphrased from John 2:1-12 in the New American Bible (Revised Edition) released in 2011:

**Background information:** Weddings in Jesus' time were not like the modern-day weddings we experience. Those wedding feasts lasted several days, so it was important that the families of the bride and/or groom were prepared to have enough food/drink on hand to feed their guests for several days.

While Mary, Jesus, and His **disciples** (*students, learners*) were at a wedding in Cana, Mary noticed that there was no more wine in the jars. Mary told the servers, "Do whatever He (Jesus) tells you to do." Jesus said, "How does this concern me? My hour has not yet come." (*Jesus may have been concerned that it wasn't yet time to begin His public ministry, but He remained obedient to His mother.*) Mary, once again, told the servers, "Do whatever He tells you to do." Jesus told the servers to fill six empty stone jars with water. Then Jesus told the servers to pour some of the liquid out of them and bring it to the head waiter so he could taste it. Not knowing where the drink came from, the head waiter tasted it and said to the bridegroom, "At other weddings, people usually serve the good wine first, and after their guests have been drinking for a while, they serve a less expensive wine, but you have kept the good wine (*not water!*) until now!" (*It was Jesus' first miracle! The water had changed to wine somewhere between the time that the servers had poured water into the jars and the moment the head waiter tasted it. Except for Mary, Jesus, His disciples, and the servers, no one else knew what had happened! His disciples—who were probably somewhat confused and amazed at the same time—began to believe in His ability to perform miracles.*)

- **Jesus Calms a Storm at Sea** (Matthew 14:22-33)

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On another occasion, Jesus had just finished teaching a large crowd of people near the shoreline and wanted to have some quiet time away from the crowd. He told His disciples, "Let us get in the boat and cross to the other side." At some point, Jesus was asleep in the stern (back side) of the boat when a violent storm developed. Waves were breaking over the side of the boat! The disciples were afraid for themselves and the other boats filled with people who had followed them out onto the water. They woke up Jesus and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we may die?" Jesus woke up, rebuked (an expression of sharp disapproval) the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" Immediately, the wind stopped and the sea became calm and still! Jesus asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have **faith**?" (*Faith is defined as believing something without seeing proof or evidence to help us understand what has been said or seen.*) The disciples were filled with great **awe**

*(deep respect mixed with fear and wonder)* and said to one another, “Who is this whom even the wind and sea obey?”

- **Feeding the Multitude** (John 6:1-15)

For the benefit of those who may not have quick access to a Bible, the following Scripture passage is quoted and/or paraphrased from John 6:1-15 in the New American Bible (Revised Edition) released in 2011:

**Background information:** At times, Jesus preferred to be alone—probably so He could pray without distractions.

One day, Jesus climbed into a boat and crossed the Sea of Galilee to a deserted place by himself. *(Because many people had recently seen Him perform miracles of healing, a crowd of people was always gathering around Him. They followed Him wherever He went.)* When He arrived at His destination Jesus went up on the mountainside with His disciples. A large crowd of people arrived, eager to hear/see what He would say/do. As evening was approaching, Jesus tested His disciples, asking, “Where can we buy enough food to feed all of these people?” (Jesus tested them because He already knew what He was going to do.) Phillip answered, “A paycheck for two hundred days of work would not be enough to feed all of these people!” Andrew said, “There is a young boy who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what good is that with the size of this crowd?” Jesus said, “Tell the people to sit down on the grass.” *(A Scripture passage in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 14:13-21, tells us that there were 5,000 men present without counting the women and children. As a visual image, I often invite the children to imagine two E.H.S. football stadiums filled with people.)* Holding the five loaves and the two fish, He gave thanks, and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. Everyone ate until they were satisfied. When they picked up the left-over pieces of bread and fish, they filled twelve wicker baskets!

When the people realized what had happened, they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make Him king, He withdrew again to the mountain alone.

- **The Walking on Water** (Matthew 14:22-33)

For the benefit of those who may not have quick access to a Bible, the following Scripture passage is quoted and/or paraphrased from Matthew 14:22-33 in the New American Bible (Revised Edition) released in 2011:

After feeding the multitude of people, Jesus told His disciples to get in the boat and go to the other shore where He would meet them later. After dismissing the crowd of people, Jesus went up the mountain where He could be alone and have quiet time for prayer. During the evening, the boat was still a few miles offshore and was being tossed around by waves caused by high winds. During the night, in the midst of high winds and waves, Jesus walked on the water to go meet His disciples!

When they first saw something moving on water in the distance, the disciples were terrified: “It’s a ghost!” Jesus said to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” In reply, Peter said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus replied, “Come.”

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus! However, when he realized how strong the wind and waves were, he began to sink. Peter cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately, Jesus stretched out His hand and caught Peter, saying, “Oh, you, of little faith, why did you doubt?” *(Jesus was reminding Peter—and us—that, as long as we keep our focus on Him, we will be able to do everything God wants us to do. When we take our focus off of Jesus, we stumble and fall—often into our bad habits and sin.)*

After Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind died down. The disciples in the boat did Jesus **homage** (to offer special respect), saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

**IMPORTANT QUESTION:** Are you beginning to believe that Jesus truly is the Son of God?

**REMINDER:** We must remember that, as long as our thoughts, words, and deeds are focused on God, we will do wonderful things in the name of the Blessed Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit). When we lose our focus on God and begin to focus only on what we think feels “good and right” for ourselves, we will struggle in this world. Hopefully, we will quickly recognize our mistake and willingly reach out to Jesus, saying, “Lord, please save me!” We must remember, too, that Jesus gave us the Sacraments of Confession and

*Communion to help us stay close to Him. Once we are old enough to receive these Sacraments, we should make good use of them.)*

**Today's Catechism Lessons:** Students in Grades 2-5 should have already received these textbooks. If necessary, they may borrow a textbook from our office. If a Grade 1 student doesn't have access to a blue/white textbook yet (possibly from an older sibling or friend), he/she may borrow one from our office. *(Students typically receive/use their blue/white First Communion textbooks in Sacramental Prep classes in Grade 2 and bring them home just before receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion). The red/white textbook is usually distributed to students in Grade 3 Sunday Sessions.)*

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 27 (The Sacrifice of the Mass), and Lesson 28 (Holy Communion)

## Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

Please **sign** the **next** page of this packet

to indicate 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.

Please complete this page and return it to our Church Parish Office as soon as possible so Mrs. Frances can update our records to indicate that you have helped your child read/discuss the Bible stories and Catechism lessons that would have been introduced and discussed on **Day 4** of our 2020 Summer Religion Program.

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, in **2019-20** grade level \_\_\_\_\_, and I have read and discussed the enclosed Bible stories and catechism lesson(s) for **Day 4** of our 2020 Elementary Summer Religion Program.

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Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date

**Optional family activity:**

Because this summer's theme was going to focus on the life of Jesus in the New Testament, when your schedule permits, please make an effort to visit **FORMED.org** to view, at least, the **first** of three animated episodes of *The Witness Trilogy*:

- *God with Us* (1:28:34)
- *The Messengers: The Birth of the Early Church* (1:10:45)
- *To Every Nation* (1:09:45)

All three episodes are recommended for ages 7+. Obviously, each episode is more than one hour long. You'll be able to start/stop the videos at any point and return to them when your schedule permits. Pop some popcorn, sit as a family, and enjoy an animated movie depicting the life of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

- **Disclosure:** Three scenes, in particular, may be a bit confusing and/or distressing for some children: a few seconds depicting Judas hanging from a tree at 1:08:34, a few seconds of Jesus being scourged at the pillar at 1:10:10, and approximately 40 seconds depicting the crucifixion of Jesus beginning at 1:15:17. A few years ago, when we previewed a very similar animated movie (*Jesus: He Lived Among Us* by the same production company), our pastor (at the time) reminded us that this is the truth of what happened during Christ's Passion and gave us permission to use the video "with a fair warning to the children." As we did in 2015, we suggest that, if/when children feel uncomfortable with any images, they should simply close their eyes and listen for a while rather than watch.

**NOTES to help parents find these videos on FORMED.org:**

- As long as our church parish continues to pay for the parish subscription to **FORMED.org**, access to most of its Catholic resources will be **free** to our parishioners. (Some associated titles are for rent/purchase.) Parents and/or children may find other videos, talks, eBooks, documentaries, and/or movies about the saints that will interest them! Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and use our **zip code** to find the name and address of our church parish. After entering your name and email address to create a simple profile, you will probably have to check your email for a link to finish the "sign in" process for the first couple of viewings, but at some point, clicking on the "sign in" button should immediately display a "Start Watching" button.
- Once you have access to FORMED's home page, scroll down to find the "Kids" stripe, then use the right arrow at the right edge of the screen to find *The Witness Trilogy* (or scroll through the other stripes to find something that may interest you and/or your child)!