

Make-Up Packet for Day 5

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=0DkoPQTHB1c>)

Bible Stories for Day 5:

- **Men lower their paralyzed friend through the roof** (Luke 5:17-26)

For the benefit of those who may not have quick access to a Bible, the following Scripture passage is quoted and/or paraphrased from Luke 5:17-26 in the New American Bible (Revised Edition) released in 2011:

As usual, on one particular day, a large crowd of people had gathered to hear what Jesus would say and see what He would do. Several men had carried their paralyzed friend on a stretcher, but the stretcher was too bulky to bring him through the crowd and closer to Jesus. They decided to carry the stretcher (with the paralyzed man on it) up to the rooftop, open a hole in the roof, and lower the stretcher down into the room near Jesus. When Jesus saw the faith of the paralyzed man's friends, He spoke to the paralyzed man, saying, "As for you, your sins are forgiven." The **Jewish scribes** and the **Pharisees** (*two groups of people who were not ready or willing to believe that Jesus could possibly be God's Son*) who were present began to ask themselves, "Who is this man who speaks **blasphemies**?" (*Blasphemy is the act of doing or saying something that disrespects God. Blasphemy is a sin!*) They said, "Only God can forgive sins!" Jesus immediately knew what they were thinking and said, "What are you thinking in your hearts? Which is easier to say: 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Rise and walk'? But, so you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins (*and then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man laying on the stretcher and said*), I say to you, rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home." The man immediately stood up, picked up the stretcher, and went home, praising and glorifying God. Everyone who was present was astonished and glorified God. Struck with awe, they said, "We have seen incredible things today." (*We must remember that, when Jesus healed the sick, they were immediately healed! There was no time for exercising and strengthening weak muscles! The man whose muscles were paralyzed were healed and strengthened in an instant!*)

- **Jesus gives sight to a man born blind** (John 9:1-7)

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 9:1-7 in the New American Bible (Revised Edition) released in 2011:

Brief background information: Without the help of our modern-day medical knowledge, medicine, and equipment, early civilizations often thought that illness and handicaps were "caused" by someone's sins.

As Jesus walked along, He passed by a man who was blind from birth and was sitting near the path. While thinking that the man's blindness was the result of someone's sin, Jesus' disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, whose sin caused this man to be blind: this man's sin or his parents' sin?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned. It happened so that the works of God might be made visible through him" (*in other words, so Jesus could heal him*). Jesus continued, saying, "We have to do the works of the One who sent Me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can

work. While I am in the world, I am the Light of the World.” *(Jesus used this moment to teach another lesson. We often think of “day” as something bright and happy. We often think of “night” as something dark, sorrowful, gloomy, and/or scary. Jesus is “The Light of the World.” As long as He was alive, things were bright and happy. He knew that a day would come when He would be arrested and die on the cross, causing some sorrowful and, sometimes, fearful moments for those who chose to follow Him. Unfortunately, no one could yet understand what He was trying to tell them.)* Then Jesus spat on the ground, mixed His saliva with the dirt, and made clay. He smeared the clay on the man’s eyes and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of **Siloam** *(which means “Sent”)*. So the man went and washed and came back able to see!

(NOTE: Even today, we still refer to Jesus as “The Light of the World.”)

- **Jesus Heals Ten Lepers** (Luke 17:11-19)

For the benefit of those who may not have quick access to a Bible, the following Scripture passage is quoted and/or paraphrased from Luke 17:11-19 in the New American Bible (Revised Edition) released in 2011:

Background information: Leprosy is a disease which can cause very ugly skin sores and nerve damage in the arms and legs. Even today, there are people who suffer with leprosy, but we’ve learned to treat them with dignity and respect. Two thousand years ago, when Jesus was alive, they didn’t have the modern medicines and medical equipment that we have today. Their “doctors” didn’t know the things that our modern-day doctors and scientists know about leprosy. As a matter of fact, in many instances, ancient civilizations thought that diseases and handicaps were a punishment for someone’s sins! Back in Jesus’ time, once a person was “diagnosed” with leprosy, the Jewish priest immediately sent the leper to live in colonies with others who had the same disease—away from their family and friends. Lepers weren’t allowed to be near a healthy person, and certainly could not live with healthy people.

As Jesus entered a village, ten **lepers** *(people who had obvious symptoms of leprosy)* met Him. Knowing they couldn’t get too close to Jesus or His disciples, they stopped and cried out to Jesus from a distance, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” When Jesus saw them, He said, “Go, and show yourselves to the priests.” The lepers turned and walked away to find the priests. While they were walking, they were healed of the disease! Their sores and other ailments associated with leprosy were healed! One of the men, a Samaritan, turned around and went back to meet Jesus, glorifying God in a loud voice along the way. When he reached Jesus, He fell at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him. Jesus said, “Weren’t ten people healed? Where are the other nine people? Are you the only one to come back and give thanks to God?” Then Jesus said to the Samaritan man, “Stand up and go. Your faith has saved you.” *(Not only did Jesus heal all ten people, Jesus told this man, in particular, that he had the opportunity to save his soul—to have his soul enter Heaven whenever he may die! Even today, many people don’t quite understand what that means. Having an opportunity to do something doesn’t always mean that we do everything that we need to do to complete that task. Saving our soul is definitely worth every possible moment of prayer, avoiding sin, fasting, helping others, etc., that we need to do before the moment of our death—hopefully many years from now!)*

- **Names that refer to Jesus Christ, the Son of God**

In order to teach people about God’s love and mercy for all of us, Jesus taught many crowds of people and performed many miracles. He loves all of us and encourages us to follow His teachings! He wants us to love God, our Father in Heaven, who is His Father, too!

In this first week of lessons for our summer religion program, the Bible stories that we’ve read and discussed have used several names to refer to Jesus Christ: Newborn King, Messiah, Lord, Savior, Lamb of God, Son of Man, and Teacher.

How many more names can you remember from Scriptures that are read during Mass or at home with your family?

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 5 (Our Own Sins: Actual Sins/Venial and Mortal)
2	Blue/white F.C. textbook	Lesson 6 (The Son of God Becomes Man)
3	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 7 (The Incarnation) and Lesson 8 (The Redemption)
4	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 17 (Honoring the Saints, Relics, and Images)
5	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 29 (Penance) and Lesson 30 (Contrition)

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 5'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 5** 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 5** of our 2020 Elementary Summer Religion Program.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

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 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)!