

Make-Up Packet for Day 7

of our 2023 Elementary Summer Religion Program

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church ✠ Erath, Louisiana

Opening Prayer:

- Review **The Sign of the Cross**
 - It isn't an air prayer! We should touch our forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder with intent as we pray the words, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." We put our hands together in "praying hands" posture as we say, "Amen."
- Recite the **Glory Be** prayer

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end,
Amen.

Bible Story for Day 7: The Prophet named Elijah

- **Bible Point:** God hears our prayers.
- **Bible Verse:** "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." ~ *James 5:16*
- What is a **prophet**? (*The word "prophet" means "mouthpiece." A prophet is a person chosen by God to relay His message to the people. God tells him/her where to go, what to do, and what to say, and the prophet obeys Him.*)
- Over a period of thousands of years, God has chosen a few men to serve as prophets. One of those men was Elijah.
- Watch three short **YouTube videos** for children about Elijah:
 - [Elijah is fed by ravens](#) (1:47)
 - [Elijah and the widow](#) (3:12)
 - [Elijah and Prophets of Baal](#) (4:53)
- Read/discuss:
 - In each situation, did Elijah go where God wanted him to go and do/say what God wanted him to do/say? (*Yes!*)
 - In each situation, did God provide what Elijah needed at that moment? (*Yes!*)
 - To this day, we still believe that Elijah is one of God's greatest prophets!

Review Prayer Responses:

- We introduced this topic to the campers in our June 2021 summer program and will continue to remind them often in the future!
- There are moments when, after praying with a group of people, the prayer leader will mention a saint's name and the rest of the group responds with a request for prayers or for help.
- Most of the time, we simply respond with the phrase "Pray for us." Using the saints we learned about in recent summer religion programs, here are a few examples:
 - Our Lady of Lourdes, *pray for us.*
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe, *pray for us.*
 - Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us.*
 - St. Paul, *pray for us.*
 - St. Therese of Lisieux, *pray for us.*
 - St. Francis of Assisi, *pray for us.*
 - St. John the Evangelist, *pray for us.*

- St. Peter, *pray for us.*
- St. Patrick, *pray for us.*
- St. Katharine Drexel, *pray for us.*
- St. Anthony of Padua, *pray for us.*
- St. Jude, *pray for us.*
- St. Rita of Cascia, *pray for us.*
- St. Teresa of Calcutta, *pray for us.*
- Servant of God Charlene Richard, *pray for us.*
- Blessed Carlo Acutis, *pray for us.*
- However, in two specific cases, we reply with a different response.
 - Our Lady of Prompt Succor, *hasten to help us.* (*“Prompt” means “quick.” “Succor” is a Latin word which means “help.” When we call upon Mary as Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we are requesting “quick help” from her!*)
 - Sacred Heart of Jesus, *have mercy on us.* (*Jesus is the King of the Universe, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. He is the one who suffered and died on the cross to give us a chance to get our souls into Heaven once God opened the gates of Heaven to receive Him into Heaven after He rose from the dead. We don’t ask for His prayers. Instead, we ask for His mercy and His forgiveness for the sins we commit every day.*)
- This year, we added one more prayer response: **The Miraculous Medal**
 - O Mary, conceived without sin, *pray for us who have recourse to Thee.*
 - *Regarding the phrase “conceived without sin”: As Grades 1-2 read and discuss their catechism lessons during the summer program, they learn/review the fact that Mary is the Immaculate Conception. The Catholic faith teaches us that, because God desired to have a pure vessel as the mother of His Son, we believe that Mary was born without the stain of Adam and Eve’s Original Sin. She was conceived without sin!*
 - *Regarding the phrase “who have recourse to Thee”: We can set a course—often called a path or a plan—for a specific journey, including our faith journey towards eternal life with God in Heaven. If/When we somehow fall away from the course—or path or plan—we can make the decision to take a step or two back, searching for “recourse” which is defined as “a source of help in a difficult situation.” Mary is always willing to pray for us and help us get back on track on our faith journey. She wants to help us prepare our souls for Heaven. All we need do is ask for her help: “Pray for us who have recourse to Thee.”*

In Today’s Bible Theater: Our Bible Theater volunteers put on a skit relating to today’s Bible story for our campers and crew leaders.

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 7 (Jesus Opens Heaven for Us)
2	Blue/white F.C. textbook	Lesson 8 (Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation) and Lesson 11 (The Holy Eucharist)
3	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 11 (The Catholic Church) and Lesson 12 (The Marks of the Church)
4	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 21 (Six Commandments of the Catholic Church; <i>Church Precepts</i>)
5	Red/white B.C. textbook	Lesson 37 (Prayer) and Why Am I a Catholic (page 176)

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- Recite **Glory Be**
 - **Text:** Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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 7'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 7** of our **2023** Summer Religion Program.

My child, _____, in **2022-23** grade level _____, and I have read and discussed the enclosed Bible stories and catechism lesson(s) for **Day 7** of our **2023** Elementary Summer Religion Program.

NOTE: Instructions for accessing all videos on YouTube and/or Formed.org are provided in this make-up packet.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date