

ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 1

Jesus Christ

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Our Sunday Visitor

Showing Sorrow

Let Us Pray

Leader: May we learn that God forgives us always and forever. Amen.

Create a clean heart for me, O God;
renew in me a strong spirit.

Based on Psalm 51:12

All: Thank you, God, for teaching us how to forgive.

God's Word

Peter went up to Jesus and asked, "How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?" Jesus answered: "Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!" **Based on Matthew 18:21-22**

What Do You Wonder?

- Who do you forgive?
- When do you say "I'm sorry"?



It is important to take time to think about our choices.

Obeying God

How can you help your friendship with God stay strong?



Underline what helps your friendship with God grow stronger.

When you choose to do something you know is wrong, you disobey God. When you disobey God, you commit a **sin**. Accidents or mistakes are not sins. We do not do them on purpose.

When you sin, it hurts your friendship with God. You also hurt yourself and others when you do not choose to do good.

God wants you to obey him. He asks you to love him and others with your whole heart. When you do this, your friendship with God grows stronger.

Being Sorry

Jesus told a story about how God wants you to act when you are sorry.

God's Word

The Forgiving Father

Once a father had two sons. The younger son wanted half of his father's money so he could leave home. The father sadly gave the younger son the money.

The son left and wasted all his money. He got a job feeding pigs. He was sad and cold and all alone. The son started to walk home. He hoped that his father would give him a better job.

When the son returned, he cried, "I am sorry I have sinned. I am not good enough to be your son." The father hugged his son and threw a big party.

The older son was angry that his father forgave him. But the father said, "He has come home. We must welcome him."

Based on Luke 15:11-32

Catholic Faith Words

sin a person's choice to disobey God on purpose and do what he or she knows is wrong. Accidents and mistakes are not sins.

Share Your Faith

Think about some times when people are selfish.

Share one example with your partner.



Ask for Forgiveness

How does God know if you are sorry for not obeying him?

Jesus taught that his Father forgives sinners. God forgives us when we are truly sorry and ask his forgiveness through the Church.



Underline what God wants you to do.

God wants you to forgive, too. God wants all people to be friends.

When people forgive, they show love for God and others. When you ask someone to forgive you, you hope the person will say “Yes!”

It’s not always easy to forgive someone who has hurt you or made you mad. God wants you to give that person another chance to make things better.



Make Things Better

God wants you to be close to him. When you sin, you can say “I’m sorry. Please forgive me. I will try to make better choices.”

God will always say “I forgive you!” God is always ready to forgive you. God’s love for you never ends.

➔ When have you felt God’s love?



Connect Your Faith

Draw an Ending Work with a partner. Imagine that you have hurt someone’s feelings. Draw a way to make things better.

Our Catholic Life

How can you make up for doing something wrong?

When you make a bad choice, you hurt others and yourself. It might seem hard to make things better. The Holy Spirit will help you. Here are some steps to follow.

Making Things Better



1

Think about what you have done. Tell God you are sorry.



2

Tell the person you hurt that you are sorry and ask for forgiveness.



3

Do whatever you can to make up for what you did wrong.



4

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you do better in the future.

People of Faith

Saint Dismas, first century

Saint Dismas was crucified at the same time as Jesus. He knew that he had done bad things. He asked forgiveness for all the things he stole. Then he asked Jesus to remember him in Heaven. Jesus told Saint Dismas that he would be with God in Paradise. Saint Dismas discovered that when we are sorry for our sins, God will always forgive us.



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Discuss: What is the best way to let someone know you are sorry?



Learn more about Saint Dismas at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Thumbs Up or Down Circle the thumbs up if the words or actions show forgiveness. Circle the thumbs down if they do not.



Saying you are sorry.



Saying "no" when someone asks you for forgiveness.



Asking the person you've hurt for forgiveness.



Asking the Holy Spirit to help you do better in the future.

 Let Us Pray

Prayer for Forgiveness

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Together, let us tell God we are sorry and we will try to do better.
Repeat after me: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

All: (Echo)

Leader: In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,

All: (Echo)

Leader: I have sinned against you.

All: (Echo)

Leader: I do not want to sin because I love you.

All: (Echo)

Leader: I promise that with your help

All: (Echo)

Leader: I will try to do better. Amen.

All: (Echo)

 Sing "Children of God"



YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains the consequences of sin and our need for God's forgiveness.

God's Word



Read **Matthew 18:21–22** to find out how many times Jesus tells us we need to forgive someone.

Catholics Believe

- God always forgives those who are truly sorry and ask his forgiveness.
- God asks that we forgive others and ourselves.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1846–1850 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Dismas, the name given to the good thief who was crucified with Jesus.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Saying “I’m Sorry” Many young children are forced to apologize when they have done something wrong even though they may not fully realize the impact their behavior had on the other person. You can help your child make amends sincerely by helping him or her understand what the behavior felt like for the other person. Sometimes it helps to hear from the other person how they felt. Also, a concrete action to help make up for the wrong is often better than words alone.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you find it hard to admit that you've done something wrong?

For many people admitting they are wrong is a serious challenge. They may feel diminished or they may confuse what they did with who they are. As adults, however, we recognize that it is necessary to be honest about our failings or we will never be able to grow. “Confession liberates us from sins that trouble our hearts and makes it possible to be reconciled to God and others. We are asked to look into our souls and, with an honest and unblinking gaze, identify our sins. This opens our minds and hearts to God, moves us toward communion with the Church, and offers us a new future” (*USCCA, p. 238*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about times when it's been hard to obey God.
- Ask your child to talk about the steps to follow if they make a wrong choice.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us to always be sorry when we disobey you. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 15 Review

A Work with Words Write the letter of the word from the Word Bank that completes each sentence.

1. Disobeying God's law is called .
2. When you God, you show your love.
3. You can start over with God by saying I'm .
4. When you sin, you hurt your with God.
5. God will always you.

Word Bank

- a. love
- b. sin
- c. friendship
- d. sorry
- e. forgive

B Check Understanding Number the steps to make things better.

6. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you do better in the future.
- Think about what you have done.
- Ask the person you hurt to forgive you.
- Do something to make up for it.

