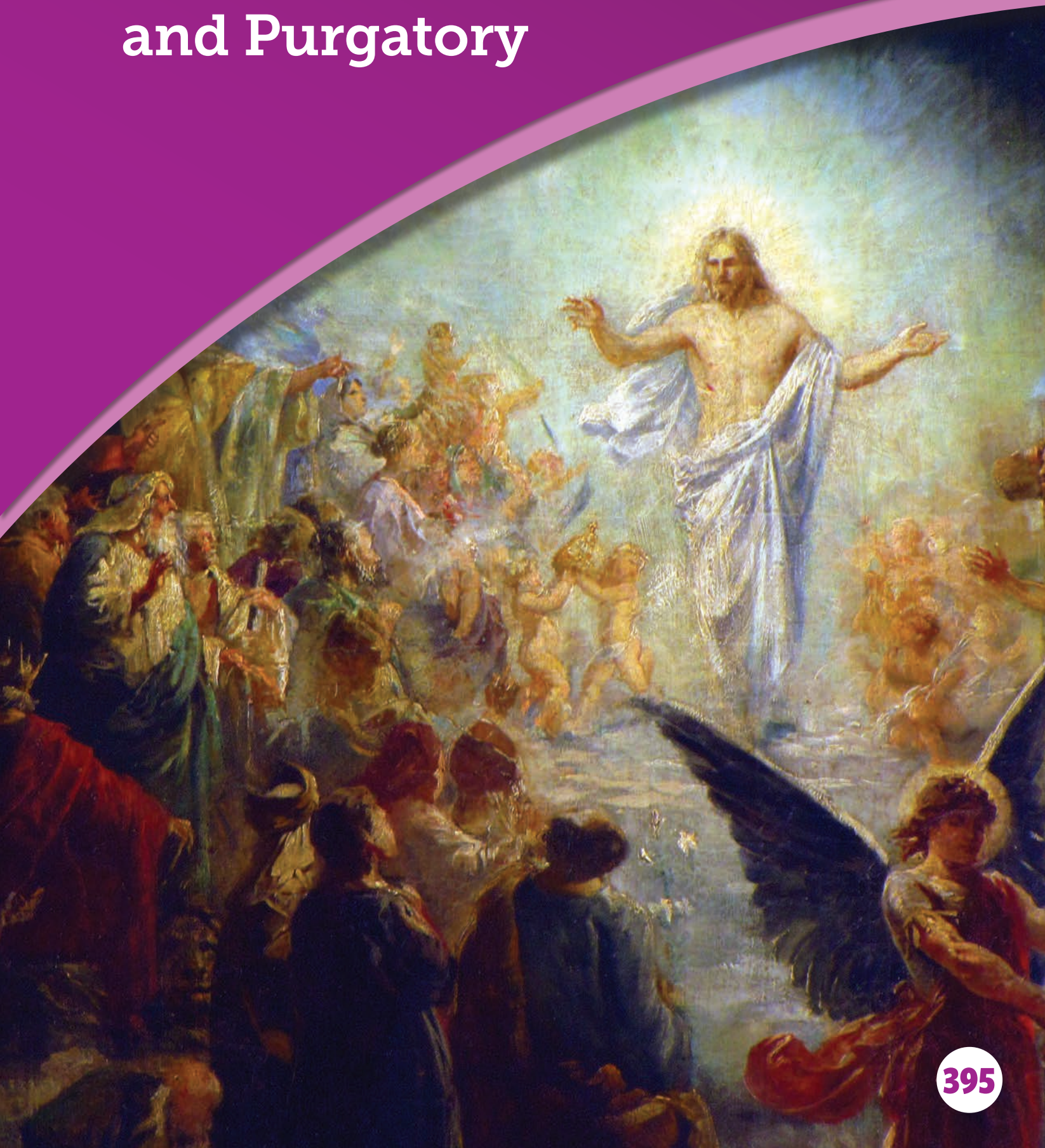


Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory



Lesson 22 at a Glance



Learning Goals

- After death, our souls are sent to one of three states of being: Heaven, Purgatory, or Hell.
- In Heaven, souls live forever with the Blessed Trinity, the Virgin Mary, and all the angels and saints.
- In Purgatory, souls are purified so they can enter Heaven.
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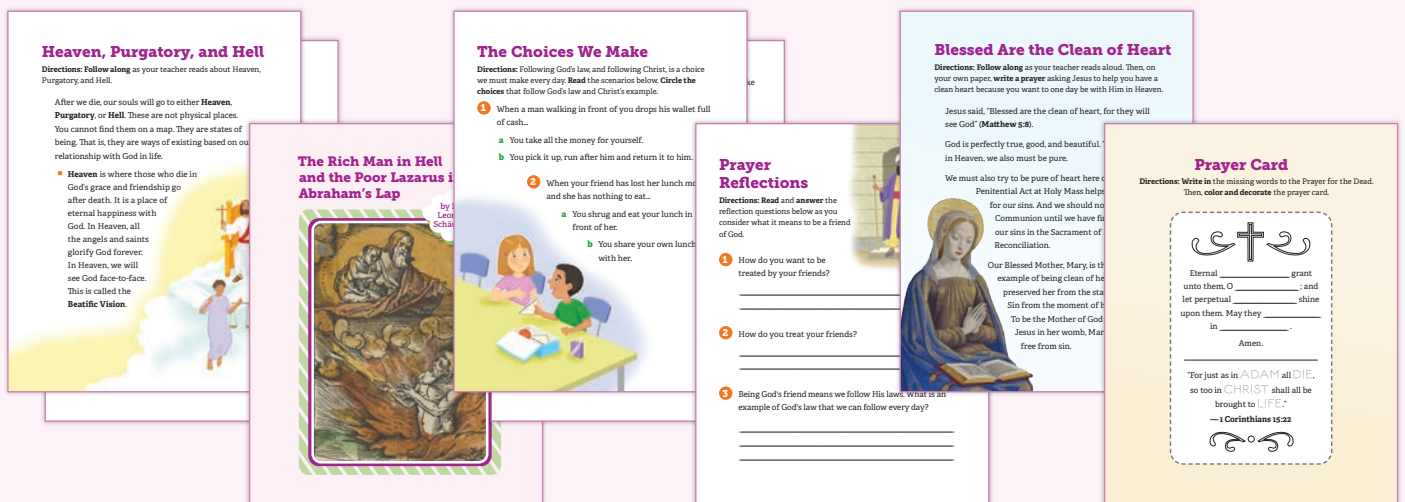
Lesson Plan Chart

DAY 1	TEACHER'S GUIDE PAGES	STUDENT WORKBOOK PAGES
Warm-Up: Heaven, Purgatory, or Hell	pg. 398	pg. 229
Activity: <i>The Rich Man in Hell and the Poor Lazarus in Abraham's Lap</i> by Hans Leonhard Schüpfle, The Choices We Make	pg. 401	pg. 231, pg. 232
Formative Assessment: Prayer Reflections ▪ You will need: the video of "If Ye Love Me" found at SophiaOnline.org/IfYeLoveMe	pg. 404	pg. 234
DAY 2	TEACHER'S GUIDE PAGES	STUDENT WORKBOOK PAGES
Warm-Up: Teacher guided activity ▪ You will need: drawing or construction paper	pg. 406	N/A
Activity and Formative Assessment: Blessed Are the Clean of Heart	pg. 406	pg. 235
DAY 3	TEACHER'S GUIDE PAGES	STUDENT WORKBOOK PAGES
Warm-Up: Teacher guided activity	pg. 408	N/A
Activity: Prayer Card	pg. 409	pg. 237
Formative Assessment: Teacher guided activity ▪ You will need: Teacher Resource: State of Being Cards	pg. 409, 411	N/A



Connections to the Catechism in This Lesson

CCC 1023–1024, 1028, 1030, 1033–1035, 1037, 1472



Vocabulary Your Students Will Learn

- A **consequence** is something that happens as a direct result of something we did.
- **Heaven** is where those who die in God's grace and friendship go after death. It is a place of eternal happiness with God together with the angels and saints.
- **Hell** is where those who die in a state of mortal sin go after death. Those who have freely chosen to reject God's love and mercy will be separated from Him forever. The primary punishment in Hell is the eternal separation from God.
- **Purgatory** is where those who die in God's grace and friendship, but who still need to be purified from the effects of mortal sin on their souls, go after death.
- The **Beatific Vision** is when we will see God face-to-face as He is in Heaven.



Key Scripture Passages

As it is written: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him."

—1 Corinthians 2:9

For it is surely just on God's part to repay with afflictions those who are afflicting you ... inflicting punishment on those who do not acknowledge God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal ruin, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power.

—2 Thessalonians 1:6, 8–9



Prayer for This Lesson

Eternal Father, we pray for all the holy souls in Purgatory, and for all sinners everywhere. Have mercy on us all. Amen.

Day 1

Warm-Up

- A.** Begin by leading your students in the prayer for this lesson, saying one line at a time and having them repeat after you.



Eternal Father, we pray for all the holy souls in Purgatory, and for all sinners everywhere. Have mercy on us all. Amen.

- B.** Next, ask your students the following questions:

- Have you ever received a reward for doing something good? Perhaps you did well in a school assignment or were very helpful at home. What did you receive? *Accept reasoned answers. It could be a good grade or some sort of reward, like a sweet or trip to the park.*
- Have you ever been disciplined for doing something bad? Perhaps you disobeyed your parents or were mean to your sibling(s). What did you receive? *Accept reasoned answers. It could be a punishment of some sort, such as being sent to your room or losing a privilege like TV time.*

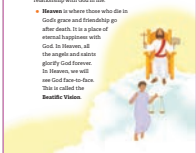
- C.** Then, explain that our actions have consequences. A **consequence** is something that happens as a direct result of something we did. We often see the consequences of our daily actions right away, like when we are mean to a sibling and get sent to our room. At the end of our life, the actions of our whole lifetime will also have consequences. For those who choose God, their reward will be **Heaven**. For those who rejected God, their punishment will be what they chose — a place without God, or **Hell**. For those who might not be quite ready for Heaven, they will go to **Purgatory** to be purified of the remaining effects of sin.

Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell

Devotional Father, along to your teacher reads about Heaven, Purgatory and Hell.

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• **Heaven** is where those who die in God's grace and friendship go after death. It is a place of eternal happiness with God. In Heaven, all the angels and saints glorify God forever. In Heaven, we will see God face-to-face. This is called the Beatific Vision.



- D.** Next, have your students turn to **Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell** on **pg. 229** in the Student Workbook and follow along as you **read the essay aloud**

- E.** When you have finished, ask your students the following questions:

- What are the three states of being after death? *Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell.*
- What is the Beatific Vision and where do we experience it? *The Beatific Vision is seeing God face-to-face as He is in Heaven.*
- What are the souls in Purgatory assured of? *They will go to Heaven after they have been purified.*
- What is the main punishment of Hell? *Separation from God forever.*

- F.** Finally, explain that God wants everyone to go to Heaven, but He does not force anyone to be His friend. God does not decide ahead of time that only certain people will go to Heaven, and certain others will go to Hell. We must choose to be God's friend each day of our lives. We can choose to accept Him or to reject Him. Where we go after we die depends on our own free choice. God offers every human being the gifts of His grace, His love, and His mercy to help us choose His love. It is also important to remember that only God can truly judge. We cannot know what is in another person's heart. Only God knows that.

Warm-Up Worksheet*(page 229 in the Student Workbook)*

Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell

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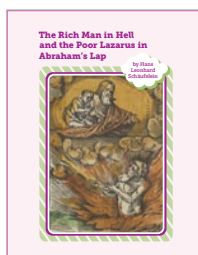
Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory **229**

Warm-Up Worksheet, continued*(page 230 in the Student Workbook)*

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- In **Purgatory**, souls are purified. They are cleaned of the effects of sin so they can enter Heaven. Purgatory is a place of hopeful suffering. Souls in Purgatory suffer to have unconfessed venial sins forgiven. Souls also suffer to remove the effects of mortal sin committed in life. All souls in Purgatory will go to Heaven after they have been purified.
- **Hell** is where those who die in a state of mortal sin go after death. These souls have freely chosen to reject God. The main punishment in Hell is that these souls will be separated from God forever. There is no hope in Hell. Jesus and the Church teach that Hell exists and that it will last forever.

DAY 1 > Activity

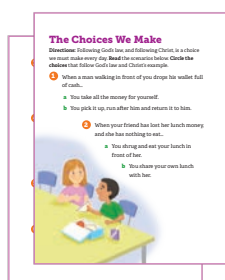


A. Begin by having your students turn to **The Rich Man in Hell and the Poor Lazarus in Abraham's Lap** by Hans Leonhard Schäufolein on **pg. 231** in the Student Workbook. **Project** an image of the print for your students, found at **SophiaOnline.org/Gr2Unit3Lesson22**. Explain that this print shows a story that Jesus told about Heaven and Hell.

B. Next, tell your students that you are going to read them a story from the Bible about a rich man and a poor man name Lazarus. Lazarus was a poor man who used to sit outside the rich man's house and beg for food. Lazarus was very sick and had nothing. The rich man had everything he could have wanted, fancy clothes, and lots of good food. One day, Lazarus and the rich man both died. Lazarus went to Heaven and the rich man went to Hell where he suffered terribly. The rich man asked if Lazarus could come to Hell and soothe his pain with some water. But Lazarus could not help him because it was too late. Just as the rich man did not help the poor man in his life, Lazarus could not help him after death. Abraham, who was in Heaven with Lazarus, said that people must follow God's laws while they are on earth in order to be in Heaven after they die.

C. Then, **read aloud** the parable from **Luke 16:19–31** in your Bible and then ask your students the following comprehension questions:

- Who are the two characters in the parable? *A rich man (unnamed) and a poor man named Lazarus.*
- Where did the poor man, Lazarus, go when he died? *Heaven.*
- Where did the rich man go when he died? *Hell.*
- What does the rich man want Lazarus to do? *Come down from Heaven and give him a bit of water.*
- Why does Abraham not allow Lazarus to help the rich man? *After death, no one is allowed to change the choices they made during life. Therefore, we need to make good choices and love God here on earth. Once we die, we cannot change our choices.*
- What did Abraham say we need to do in order to go to Heaven? *Follow God's laws while we are here on earth.*



D. Finally, have the students turn to **The Choices We Make** on **pg. 232** in the Student Workbook and complete the worksheet.

E. When they are finished, review and discuss their answers as a class.

Activity Worksheet*(page 232 in the Student Workbook)*

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The Choices We Make

Directions: Following God's law, and following Christ, is a choice we must make every day. **Read** the scenarios below. **Circle the choices** that follow God's law and Christ's example.

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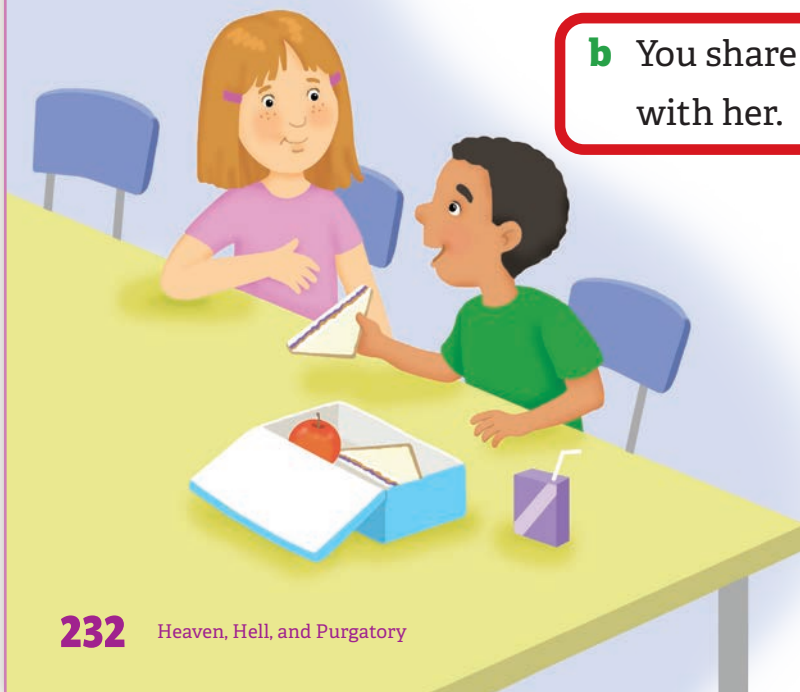
a You take all the money for yourself.

b You pick it up, run after him and return it to him.

- 2** When your friend has lost her lunch money, and she has nothing to eat...

a You shrug and eat your lunch in front of her.

b You share your own lunch with her.



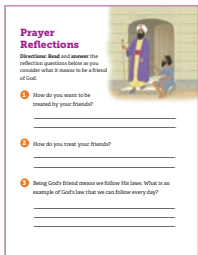
Activity Worksheet, continued
(page 233 in the Student Workbook)

Lesson 22 • Day 1

- 3** When your mom asks you to clean your room and make your bed...
- a** You do what she asks right away.
 - b** You ignore her until she asks again, then tell her you will get to it later.
- 4** When you are walking home from school, you see an elderly woman trying to unload heavy groceries from her car...
- a** You offer to help her carry it.
 - b** You walk past her and think, "someone else can help her."
- 5** When you find out that your little brother accidentally broke one of your toys...
- a** You tell him that you forgive him.
 - b** You break one of his toys to get even.
- 6** When you yelled at your friend because you were mad that you lost to him in a game...
- a** You never talk to him again.
 - b** You apologize to him and ask him to forgive you.

DAY 1 ► Formative Assessment

A. Begin by explaining to your students that entrance into Heaven or Hell is not based on a single choice that we make, but on the sum of all the choices we make throughout our lives. When we make good choices, when we choose to love God daily, we are choosing Heaven. Sometimes we do not make good choices. Sometimes we sin and fail to love God or others as we should. When we sin, we damage our relationship with God because we choose something other than Him. But even when we sin, God will forgive us if we are truly sorry for it. Jesus has given us the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, which helps us repair our relationship with God and resist sin in the future.



- B.** Next, have your students turn to **Prayer Reflections** on **pg. 234** in the Student Workbook and answer the questions as they reflect quietly on what it means to be God's friend.
- C.** While students are quietly reflecting, you may choose to play some sacred music to put them in the proper disposition, such as the example found at SophiaOnline.org/IfYeLoveMe.

Formative Assessment Worksheet
(page 234 in the Student Workbook)

Lesson 22 • Day 1

Prayer Reflections

Directions: Read and answer the reflection questions below as you consider what it means to be a friend of God.



- 1** How do you want to be treated by your friends?

- 2** How do you treat your friends?

- 3** Being God's friend means we follow His laws. What is an example of God's law that we can follow every day?

Day 2

Warm-Up

- A.** Begin by leading your students in the prayer for this lesson, saying one line at a time and having them repeat after you.



Eternal Father, we pray for all the holy souls in Purgatory, and for all sinners everywhere. Have mercy on us all. Amen.

- B.** Next, ask your students to think about all they have learned about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Then, ask if anyone can explain what all the bad choices made by Adam and Eve have in common. *They are all instances of disobedience to God, failure to trust God, or something similar.*
- C.** Review with your students that when we disobey God on purpose, it is called sin. A sin is something that we say, do, think, or fail to do that does not love God, our neighbor, or ourselves, as God has taught us. Sin is rejection of God. It hurts our neighbors and our souls. Adam and Eve sinned when they disobeyed God.

Activity and Formative Assessment



- A.** Have your students turn to **Blessed Are the Clean of Heart** on **pg. 235** in the Student Workbook and read the information aloud to them.
- B.** Then, have them write a prayer asking Jesus to help them choose Him so that one day they can see Him in Heaven.
- C.** Conclude by leading your students in praying the Fatima Prayer, saying one line at a time, and having them repeat after you.



O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.

Activity and Formative Assessment Worksheet
(page 235 in the Student Workbook)

Lesson 22 • Day 2

Blessed Are the Clean of Heart

Directions: Follow along as your teacher reads aloud. Then, on your own paper, **write a prayer** asking Jesus to help you have a clean heart because you want to one day be with Him in Heaven.

Jesus said, “Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God” (**Matthew 5:8**).

God is perfectly true, good, and beautiful. To be with God in Heaven, we also must be pure.

We must also try to be pure of heart here on earth! The Penitential Act at Holy Mass helps us to be sorry for our sins. And we should not receive Holy Communion until we have first confessed our sins in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Our Blessed Mother, Mary, is the perfect example of being clean of heart. God preserved her from the stain of Original Sin from the moment of her conception. To be the Mother of God and to carry Jesus in her womb, Mary had to be free from sin.



Day 3



Preparation before Class

Prior to class, copy and cut out the **Teacher Resource: State of Being Cards**, found on **pg. 411** in this guide. Consider making enough copies for each student to have one card (there will likely be duplicates if you do so).

Warm-Up

- A.** Begin by leading your students in the prayer for this lesson, saying one line at a time and having them repeat after you.



Eternal Father, we pray for all the holy souls in Purgatory, and for all sinners everywhere. Have mercy on us all. Amen.

- B.** Next, remind your students that Purgatory is where those who die in God's grace and friendship, but who still need to be purified from the effects of sin on their souls, go after death. Even though these souls are 100 percent assured of entrance into Heaven, they need our prayers. The Church teaches us that we should pray for the souls in Purgatory, and that our prayers can even help them on their way to Heaven!

- C.** Then, write the following prayer on the board and introduce your students to the prayer for the dead:



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

- D.** Explain that we can and should pray for the dead every day, and that the Church asks us to remember the faithful departed especially during the month of November.

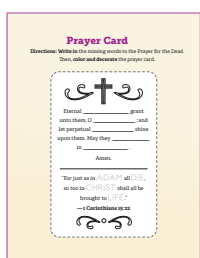
- E.** Finally, lead your students in the prayer for the dead, saying one line at a time and having them repeat after you.

DAY 3 > Activity

A. Begin by **reading aloud**  to your students **John 6:40**:

 “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

B. Next, explain that God wants everyone to go to Heaven. He wants everyone to be perfectly happy. Heaven is the place of perfect happiness because those in Heaven live with God forever. By His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Jesus opened the Gates of Heaven for all of humanity. As followers of Christ our duty is to share this Good News with others, and to pray for all souls — especially the souls in Purgatory, who cannot pray for themselves. In fact, prayer is one of the best things we can do for the dead.



C. Then, have your students turn to **Prayer Card** on **pg. 237** in the Student Workbook and make crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils available.

D. Explain that prayer cards are a good reminder to pray for people, both living and dead. Our prayers can help souls here on earth as well as those in Purgatory. Prayer cards are usually given out on special occasions such as weddings, ordinations, religious consecrations, and funerals as reminders to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and assist them on their way to Heaven. Prayer cards often include a quote or verse from Scripture that reminds us of our duty to imitate Christ, our hope in the resurrection, and the eternal life after death that Christ has won for us by His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

- E.** Then, have your students complete the worksheet. They should complete the prayer for the dead by writing the missing words on the lines provided (referring to the prayer on the board if needed), then trace the Scripture verse. Finally, they should color and decorate their prayer card.
- F.** When they are finished, invite students to remove their prayer cards and take them home to display as a reminder to pray for the dead.

DAY 3 > Formative Assessment

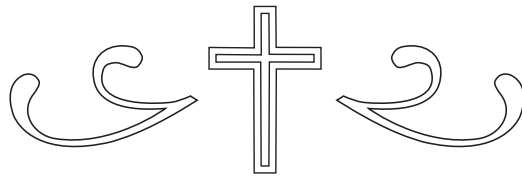
- A.** Write on the board “Heaven,” “Purgatory,” and “Hell,” or tape to the wall three signs with those labels.
- B.** Give each student one card from **Teacher Resource: State of Being Cards** found on **pg. 411** of this guide. Call on one student to read his or her card aloud and then place it near the correct heading. The cards are arranged under their correct headings on the Teacher Resource. Continue until all cards have been placed.
- C.** Conclude by inviting your students to offer prayers for all their loved ones who have passed away and for all the poor souls in Purgatory. Remind them that praying for the poor souls in Purgatory can help those souls get to Heaven more quickly, and encourage students to remember in their daily prayers all those who have died.

Activity Worksheet*(page 237 in the Student Workbook)*

Lesson 22 • Day 3

Prayer Card

Directions: Write in the missing words to the Prayer for the Dead.
Then, **color and decorate** the prayer card.

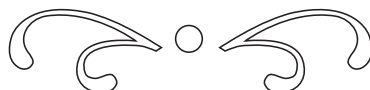


Eternal _____ grant
unto them, O _____; and
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in _____.

Amen.

“For just as in ADAM all DIE,
so too in CHRIST shall all be
brought to LIFE.”

—1 Corinthians 15:22



State of Being Cards

Directions: Copy and cut out at least one set. For advanced students, you may also wish to cut out additional sets to give a set to each pair. Then follow the directions in the lesson plan.

Heaven

Where those who die in
God's grace and friendship
live with Him forever.

Perfect communion with
the Blessed Trinity, the
Virgin Mary, and all the
angels and saints.

Where we behold the
Beatific Vision.

The state of supreme
happiness.

The fulfillment of our
deepest desires.

"Then he said, 'Jesus,
remember me when you come
into your kingdom.' He replied
to him, 'Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in
Paradise.' " (Luke 23:42-43)

"Blessed are the clean of
heart, for they will see God.
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and ear has not heard, and
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Purgatory

Where souls who die in God's grace are purified before they enter Heaven.

Where souls achieve the holiness they need to enter Heaven.

Where souls suffer in order to be purified.

Where souls suffer to make up for the effects of their sins.

"But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire." (1 Corinthians 3:15)

"Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin."
(2 Maccabees 12:46)

Souls here will go to Heaven.

Hell

The main punishment here is wanting to be with God, but never being able to be with Him.

Where those who refused God's love and mercy until they died spend eternity.

"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." (Matthew 13:49-50)

"For it is surely just on God's part to repay with afflictions those who are afflicting you... inflicting punishment on those who do not acknowledge God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal ruin, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power."
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Those who died with unconfessed mortal sin are separated from God forever.

A hopeless state of being.

Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory

PARENT OVERVIEW



Learning Goals

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This Week's Family Prayer

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The Rich Man in Hell and the Poor Lazarus in Abraham's Lap

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The Choices We Make

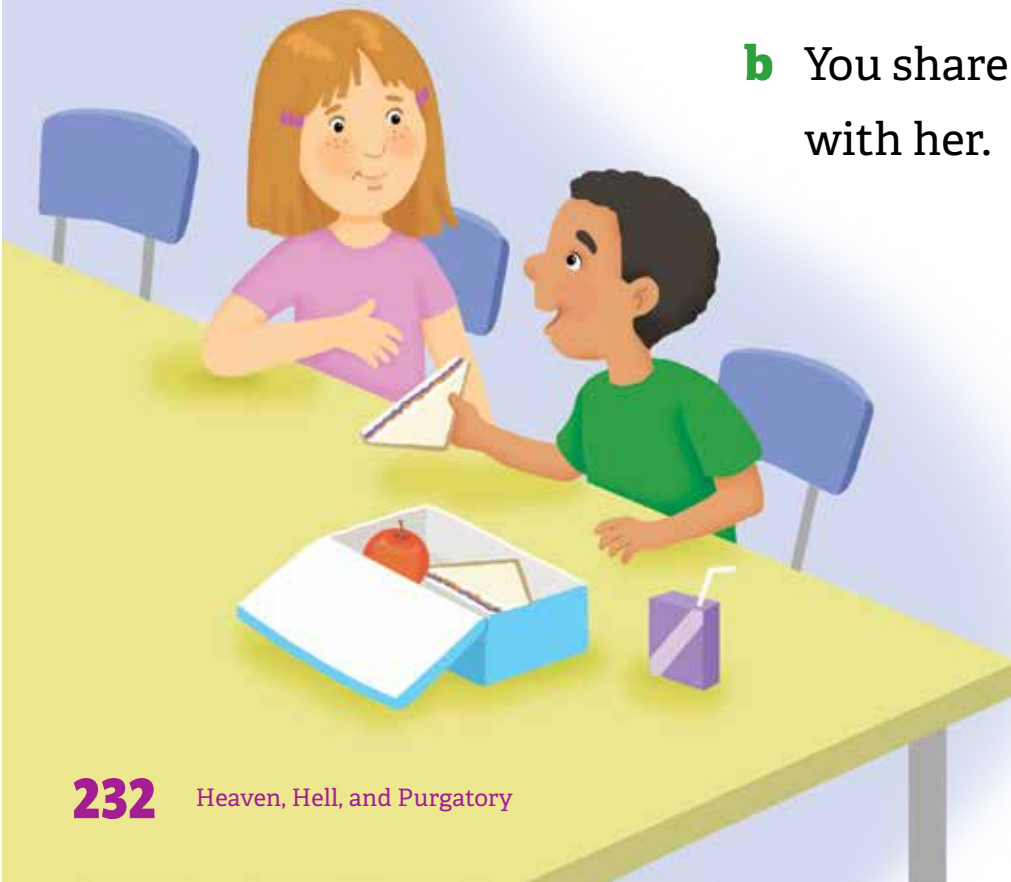
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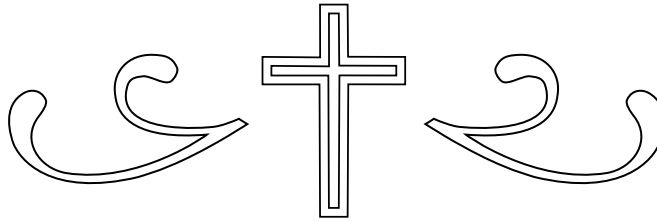
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