

First Communion Preparation – Grade 2 – Lesson 5 (Oct. 19)

The First Sins

October is the Month of the Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (or our Lady of Victory) was on October 7th. October 17th is also the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal (our class altar includes a blessed children's shrine of Our Lady of Fatima). A Rosary Pamphlet has been sent home (Oct. 5). A special emphasis we be laid this month on deepening the children's understanding of the Rosary. It is extremely important that the children go through his pamphlet, preferably with the help of an adult, in order that they will understand the structure of this prayer and how it helps us to contemplate the life of Christ.

*The New Saint Joseph First Communion Catechism – Lesson 4, The First Sins, pg. 18-22

*Watch “Fatima, The Day the Sun Danced” (watched in class, may be borrowed)

*Pray a Decade of the Rosary using all introductory and concluding prayers (if the child has not yet learned the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be work on memorizing those); contemplate the Fifth Joyful Mystery, the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (it helps to have a picture and to explain about this mystery)

*There will be a quiz on The First Sins next class (Oct. 26). (Note: There was a take-home quiz from the Sept. 28 class which most of the children have not returned)

Questions and Answers to Memorize (to answer orally):

What is sin? Sin is disobedience to God's laws.

Who committed the first sin? The bad angels committed the first sin.

Who committed the first sin on earth? Our first parents, Adam and Eve, committed the first sin on earth.

Is this sin passed on to us from Adam? Yes, this sin is passed on to us from Adam.

What is this sin called? This sin in us is called original sin.

Was anyone ever free from original sin? The Blessed Virgin Mary was free from original sin.

If you have any questions or need help or resources please contact me anytime:

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