

Getting Ready for Chapter 5

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Jesus Shows Us How to Forgive and Heal

For most people, the family is the first experience of God's love and grace. At the same time, our first experiences of sinfulness usually occur within the family. When we live in close relationship, there are many occasions when we hurt each other. We become familiar with others' weaknesses and, at times, exploit them to our advantage.

ACTIVITY

Out of Favor Ask everyone in the family to make a list of ways that they know they have done something wrong. Is it a look on Mom's face? Is it the sound of Father's voice? Is it when a brother or sister starts crying?

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Notice that at the beginning of Mass we are asked to recall our sins and to ask forgiveness of God.

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Saint of the Week



Saint Francis of Assisi
(1181–1226)

Francis was a spoiled child born to a wealthy family in Assisi, Italy. One day Jesus called to him in a vision. He gave up his wealthy life and lived as a poor person. He started a new religious group called the Franciscans.

Patron Saint of: animals, environment

Feast Day: October 4



A Prayer for the Week

Our Father, help us walk in Saint Francis' footsteps and follow Jesus Christ as he did. Give us the grace to act with kindness toward all we meet. May our giving come from loving you. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Roof The roof was a distinctive feature of a first century home in the Holy Land. Made of woven branches covered with packed clay, the roof served as additional living space. By law, Israelites had to build a low wall along the edges of the flat roof. This helped to keep the children safe when they played there. Families also used the roof as an extra sleeping area, especially on hot nights. Women placed laundry on the roof to dry.

In Luke 5:17–26, read about a group of men who lowered their paralyzed friend through an opening in a roof so that Jesus could heal him.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Architecture

Saint Michael's Cathedral The archangel Michael is considered to be the patron of Kiev in the Ukraine. St. Michael's Monastery of the Golden Dome was originally built there in the twelfth century. Stalin's army demolished it in 1936. Rebuilt from scratch, this cathedral was completed in 2001. Artists painted and adorned the interior of the church with new frescoes and mosaics, done according to the style and techniques of the twelfth century. Its six golden domes reveal the splendor of its architecture.