GRADE	LESSON	BELIEF STATEMENT(S)	INSTRUCTION	NOTES
K	11	We Learn About God with Our Families Our families share God's love.	Booklet (Psalm 23), God Cares for Our Families	
K	19	Jesus Wants Us to Love		
K		Beatitudes	Resources for the Family	"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
1	19	We Celebrate God's Forgiveness Jesus told us about God's forgiveness; God is always ready to forgive us; Jesus asks us to forgive others.	Luke 15:11-23 (Prodigal Son)	
1		Beatitudes	Resources for the Family	"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
2	10	We Follow God's Laws Jesus taught us about God's forgiveness.	Luke 15:11-24 (Prodigal Son)	Key Word: mercy (also in Glossary) The father in this story showed mercy to his son. God the Father shows each of us his mercy.
2	11	We Prepare for the Sacrament of Forgiveness Jesus invites us to celebrate God's forgiveness; Jesus shares God's forgiveness and peace in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.	Luke 15:4-6 (Lost Sheep)	
2	12	We Celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness We ask for God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance; we celebrate God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance; Jesus wants us to forgive others.	Matthew 18:21–23 (How often must I forgive?)	
2	16	Celebration of the Eucharist When Mass begins, we praise God and ask for his forgiveness.	Read Along	We ask for God's mercy.
2		Beatitudes	Resources for the Family	"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
3	2	Jesus Teaches Us About God's Love Jesus teaches us how much God loves us; Jesus teaches about the kingdom of God.		 (Parish: p.29) Jesus taught about God's forgiveness and mercy. (School: p.34) Jesus taught about love and respect for others. He taught about God's forgiveness and mercy.
3	18	Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation God is our forgiving father.	Luke 15:11–32 (Prodigal Son)	
3		Catholic Identity Retreat: Morality R17-R24		(text references from activities) Have mercy on us, O Lord. Show us, O Lord, your mercy God, we thank you for the gift of your mercy. "How great the mercy of the Lord, his forgiveness of those who return to him!" (Sirach 17:24) When do you feel God's Mercy and forgiveness? You are merciful to all, O Lord.





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4	2	Jesus Leads Us to Happiness Jesus taught the Beatitudes.		"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
4		Beatitudes	Prayers and Practices: (Booklet)	"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
4	3	Sin in Our World	Luke 10:30-34 (The Good Samaritan)	Grade level focus on Ten Commandments
4	5	Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation Jesus tells us about God's forgiveness and love; we receive God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.		(Parish: p.53) If we sin, we can ask for God's forgiveness in this sacrament. We receive God's mercy and forgiveness. (School: p.70) We receive God's mercy and celebrate our
				friendship with him.
4	11	The Third Commandment We keep the Lord's Day holy by caring for the needs of others.	Spiritual/Corporal Works of Mercy (Parish: p.102–103) (School: p.138–139)	
4		Catholic Identity Retreat: Liturgy & Sacraments R9–R16	Sacraments of Healing	
5	1	Jesus Shares God's Life With Us Jesus shows us God's love.		(Parish: p.21) (School: p.23) Jesus actions also show us that God is merciful In Jesus we see a God who cares for us, has mercy on us, and is just to everyone.
5	2	Jesus Shares His Mission with the Church When we serve others we give witness to Christ.	Spiritual/Corporal Works of Mercy (Parish: p.31) (School: p.38–39)	
5	4	New Life in Christ Because of our Baptism, we have hope of eternal life.		(Parish: p.47) (School: p.63) They [those who have chosen to completely break their friendship with God.] have continually turned away from God's mercy and refused his forgiveness.
5	11	The Celebration of the Eucharist The Introductory Rites bring us together as a community.		(Parish: p.100) During this time we ask God for mercy in the Penitential Rite. (School: p.132) Introductory Rites/Penitential Rite: We ask for God's Mercy in our lives.
5	13	Advent		(Parish: p.117) (School: p.157) They (the prophets) told them (the people) that their God was loving and merciful.



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5	15	We Turn to God Jesus calls us to conversion; Jesus forgives as only God can do; Jesus continues to forgive us through the Church; we are reconciled with God and the Church.	Luke 15:11–24 (The Prodigal Son)	Grade level focus on Seven Sacraments (Parish: p.135) In the Sacrament of Penance, we are forgiven. We are also called to forgive others always. (School: p.178) In the Sacrament of Penance, we are reconciled with God and one another. We are forgiven. We are also called to forgive.
5	16	The Celebration of Penance and Reconciliation The Sacrament of Penance strengthens our relationship with God and others; in the Sacrament of Penance, the Church Celebrates God's forgiveness; in the Sacrament of Penance we trust in God's mercy ; together we turn our hearts and minds to God.	(Parish: p.142) (School: p.189) Words of absolution: "God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled	(Parish: p.143) (School: p.191) When we act with mercy, others may seek God's mercy.
5	20	Lent	Good Works (Parish: p.172) (School: p.232)	A way to do penance is to practice a work of mercy or to give of our time in a special way.
5	22	Faith, Hope, and Love We trust in God and are confident in his love and care for us.		(Parish: p.189) (School: p.250) From the beginning of his ministry, Jesus gave people a reason to hope in God's mercy.
5		Spiritual/Corporal Works of Mercy	(Parish: Prayers and Practices p.264) (School: p.39)	
5			Prayers and Practices : Mass/Penitential Rite (Parish: p.256) (School: p.132)	We ask for God's mercy in our lives.
5		Beatitudes	Prayers and Practices : Beatitudes (Parish: p.258) (School: p.250)	"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
5			Resources for the Family : The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	
6	3	People Turn From God All people suffer from the effects of Original Sin.		Grade level focus on Bible (Parish: p.50) (School: p.50) Even after the first human beings turned away from God, God did not turn away from them. God did not abandon humanity. Instead God showed them his mercy



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6	11	A Royal People David was declared the king of Israel.		(Parish p.139) (School: p.139) Once again in learning about the events in the life of God's people, we learn of God's great mercy. God always forgives those who are sorry for their sins.
6	18	A Strong People	As Catholics: Jesus also told parables to help his disciples understand God's mercy and justice	
6	20	Lent	(Parish: p.233) (School: p.233) Prayer: During Lent we focus on God's mercy and forgiveness.	
6	22	Jesus, Teacher and Healer God makes himself known in his Son.	Beatitudes	"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
6		Spiritual/Corporal Works of Mercy	Prayers and Practices	
6			Resources for the Family: The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	
7	4	God, Our Loving Father God loves all he has created; God invites us into a loving relationship with him; God is merciful and gives laws out of love; Jesus Christ is the greatest sign of God's love.	Catholic Identity: Always Another Chance	Key Word: mercy (also in Glossary) (p.46) In the Old Testament there are many accounts of God's mercy. (examples)
7	9	The Coming of God's Kingdom Jesus teaches us to spread the Kingdom of God.	Beatitudes	"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
7	17	Penance and Anointing of the Sick God is loving and forgiving.	Luke 15:11-24 (The Prodigal Son)	
7	21	We Perform the Works of Mercy As Jesus' disciples we are called to follow his example; as Jesus disciples we have a responsibility to care for others; we can perform the Works of Mercy; by caring for others we choose discipleship and eternal life.		
7			Prayers and Practices: The Mass	Penitential Act: We ask for God's Mercy in our lives.
8	1	We Respond to God's Love God forgives our sins.		(p.14) But through his mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, God forgives our sins if we are sorry and have a firm desire not to sin again.

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8	2	We Make Moral Choices God gives us the gifts of forgiveness and grace.		(p.26) But God in his mercy sent Jesus Christ, his only Sin, to save us from sin. And God continues to show his mercy, his love, and forgiveness, through a special Sacrament of Healing that Jesus Christ gave to the Church, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.
8	3	We Follow God's Law Following Jesus' teachings leads to true happiness.	Beatitudes	"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
8	5	We honor Life and Creation We are called to choose life.	Matthew 5:48 (p.54) Luke 6:36 (p.54)	 (p.54 Scripture references) Same teachinguse of different words the word <i>perfect</i> replaced with the word <i>merciful</i>. (p.56) God's mercy is greater than the actions of any person.
8			Prayers and Practices: The Mass	Penitential Act: We ask for God's Mercy in our lives.
8		Resources for the Family R44 Practicing Forgiveness	(references) Luke 15:11–32 (Lost Son) Matthew 18:21–35 (Unforgiving Servant)	

