

## Second Grade Lesson Plan

### Lesson 7, Chapter 10: Signs of Love

**Focus:** The seven sacraments are signs of love from God.

**Materials Needed:**

- Cut out 3 different-colored sets of 9 paper hearts (ex. 3 red, 3 white, 3 yellow)  
On the 3 red hearts write: **God so loved** (on the first) **the world** (on the second) and **- He gave His Son** (on the third).  
Do the same with the white and yellow hearts you have cut out. (Catechist please make hearts – construction paper is in the Mouse House on shelves)
- Sacrament sign cut-outs – one set per child printed on cardstock (in tub)
- Felt cut into small banners – 1 per child (Catechist please provide)
- Drinking straws -1 per child (in large tub)
- Yarn (in Mouse House on shelves)
- Glue (in Mouse House on shelves)
- Scissors (in Mouse House on shelves)
- Sharpie Marker (in Mouse House on shelves)

**Before class begins:**

- ✓ Hide the hearts around the room.
- ✓ Have all the materials ready for kids to make their banners.

**Prayer: Our Father/Act of Contrition**

**What to Say and Do:**

- After children arrive, form three teams and assign each team a color that matches one of the sets of hearts hidden in the room. Have teams search for their 3 hearts and, after they find them, arrange them on the floor to figure out the secret message. When team members discover the secret message, have them sit down beside their line of hearts.

- ***Where does this verse come from?*** (The Bible) ***What does it say to you?*** (God loves the world and God loves me since I am part of the world and God's creation.)
- ***How do you show someone you love them? How do people like your parents and grandparents show they love you?***
- ***How does God show His love for us?***
- ***You came up with some really good ways God shows us how much he cares! Did you know that there are 7 more signs that God loves us?***
- ***Yep, seven more. Do you want to guess or do you want me to tell you what they are? Have you ever heard of the sacraments? I hope so because you'll be celebrating two of them THIS YEAR!***
- ***The sacraments are signs of love from God. They are things that bring God very close to us in ways we can actually see and taste and touch and hear. Would you like to do that?***
- ***Would you like to so close to Jesus that you can see and touch Him?***
- ***Jesus wants us to know how much he loves us, so he gave us the sacraments – a gift that lets us be very close to him.***
- ***There are seven sacraments. I'll bet you have even heard of most of them and I'll even bet you have already received at least one of them!***
- ***Let's see how many of the sacraments we can name and then tell me how each one brings God close to us:***
  1. ***Baptism: Remember I said the sacraments bring us close to God in ways we can actually see, and taste and touch and hear? What do we feel at baptism that brings us close to God?*** (the holy water on our skin) ***What do we hear?*** (We hear the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".)

2. ***How can we know God loves us through our baptism?*** (God actually makes us his sons and daughters when we are baptized.)
  3. ***Reconciliation: When we receive the sacrament of reconciliation, we know that God forgives us all our sins. We know God loves us because He forgives our sins. You will be receiving the sacrament of reconciliation this year!***
  4. ***Eucharist: Jesus is really present in the bread and wine we receive in the sacrament of the Eucharist. He comes very close to us in a human way because we can see and touch and taste the bread and wine that has become His Body and His Blood. You will also receive Eucharist this year.***
  5. ***Confirmation: When you are older you will receive the sacrament of Confirmation and you will be anointed with oil to show you belong to Jesus.***
  6. ***Matrimony: One day you may get married and hear the very special words God has for two people who promise to love each other all their lives. You will also receive a wonderful blessing from God.***
  7. ***Holy Orders: You may decide to become a priest or a nun and receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. God shows His love for those who receive this sacrament through very special prayers, gestures and blessings.***
  8. ***Anointing of the Sick: Someday you may be sick and receive a different anointing with a special oil. This oil is to help you know that our God is a healing God and is always with you, even when you are sick. Sometimes we have special Masses at church and people who are sick come forward for this blessing.***
- ***That's a lot of sacraments to remember! What's the most important thing to remember about a sacrament?*** (It is a way that God shows how much he loves us. God comes close in ways we can see, touch, taste and hear. Jesus is REALLY PRESENT IN THE SACRAMENTS.)

- ***Let's make a special banner that will help us remember the seven sacraments.***

(Give each child a set of the seven sacrament cut-outs, a pre-cut banner, a drinking straw and a piece of yarn. Have the children color the drawings and cut them out. Let them glue the sacrament cut-outs on the banner any way they choose. Fold about an inch of the material at the top of the banner and glue. Run the piece of yarn through the straw and then put it through the opening you have made. Tie the yarn.)

- (If you have extra time: Ask the children to point out the sacraments on their banners and tell you what they remember about each one.)