

GRADE 7
LESSON PLAN 3
SINNERS, SAINTS, AND
THE MERCY OF GOD



GRADE LEVEL: 7

THEME/TOPIC: Humility and contrition are prerequisites for going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God will forgive any repentant sinner.

SUMMARY OF THE VIGNETTE:

There is an interesting spiritual tendency for the holiest people in our tradition to be those who are most aware of their sinfulness. God wants to forgive us, but often the only thing preventing Him is a man-made barrier, namely, our ego.

Critical to the Christian life is our humble recognition that we are sinners in need of forgiveness. Only by humbling ourselves in this way can we become open to the fullness of life that God wants to give us. This truth is reinforced in recounting the parable of the Prodigal Son.