

## FAITH IN 5

### Lent Week 3

- 1. Read John 4:5-42 as a family. Who does Jesus meet in the gospel reading?** Jesus meets a Samaritan woman. He is tired and asks her for a drink. **How does she respond?** The woman is shocked that Jesus, a Jew, would even speak to her. **Who were the Samaritans?** The Samaritans were a people who lived in Northern Jerusalem. The Jews during this time looked down at the Samaritans because they had intermarried with the Assyrians. The Assyrians were pagan, not believing in the one true God. Even Jesus' disciples did not understand why He would talk to a sinful woman of a different faith! **How does Jesus explain the living water to her?** "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." In meeting the Samaritan woman, Jesus KNEW her. He knew her life and he knew her sins. He knew she chased after things that didn't satisfy. Jesus knows our hearts too. Just like the Samaritan woman, we chase after things that only satisfy us at that moment- TV, sweets, entertainment. They are not necessarily sinful or bad things but they will not give us eternal life like Jesus will. Jesus does not shun us in our sin like the Jews shunned the Samaritans. He wanted the Samaritan woman to know truth and love. He invites us to drink of the living water, too! *Jesus, you know us inside and out, you know all the things that we turn to instead of you. We desire eternal life but we are weak! Please strengthen us to quench our thirst in You.*
- 2. What does it mean to make sacrifices?** To make sacrifices, out of love for God, we deny ourselves something for the good of others. For example, maybe you finished all your chores for the day and are about to go out to play. You notice your brother has not finished his homework OR his chore. Instead of running out to play right away, you give up some of your playtime and do your brother's chore for him. It could also look like giving somebody else the bigger piece of cake or not defending yourself if you get blamed for something. Lent is such a good time to practice sacrifices and charitable deeds. **Have you heard of sacrifice beans?** Put out an empty jar and a bowl of dried beans. When you do a charitable deed or sacrifice something, put a bean in the jar. Try and fill up the jar by Easter. *Parents, don't forget to swap out the beans for jellybeans on Easter. Sacrifices turn into something sweet!*
- 3. Who do we celebrate on March 17th?** March 17th is the feast of St. Patrick! We always associate St. Patrick with Ireland but do you know where

he was really from? St. Patrick was born in a Roman village in England, to a Christian family in the year 402. He was kidnapped by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland to work as a slave. **What did he do in Ireland?** He was made to work as a shepherd, but also learned the language and grew in his faith. He eventually escaped and made his way back home where he became a priest. **Why is he the patron saint of Ireland?** St. Patrick became a missionary to the very country that enslaved him! Since he could speak the language he could preach to the natives, the Druids. He converted so many to Christianity! **Did you know he used the shamrock to teach the Holy Trinity?** He explained that though there are 3 leaves, it was 1 plant, just like the Holy Trinity has 3 persons but 1 divine nature.

4. **Catechism- How many kinds of Indulgences are there?** There are two types of indulgences, plenary and partial. **What is a plenary indulgence?** A plenary indulgence is the remission of all the temporal punishment due to our sins. **What is a partial indulgence?** A partial indulgence is the remission of part of the temporal punishment due to our sins. (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 33)
5. **Apologetics- Can people just "buy forgiveness" with indulgences?** People absolutely cannot buy forgiveness with indulgences. Forgiveness comes from Jesus Christ alone, indulgences only remove temporal punishments from forgiven sin.

**REVIEW QUESTION: Do you know the Act of Contrition by heart?** The Act of Contrition is the prayer we say after the sacrament of penance. This prayer is not just for the sacrament of penance though, we should pray it frequently!

*O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.*

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