

# H.M. Catechesis

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#### Color in the Letters!



#### This catechesis workbook belongs to:

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children:

The simple presentation of the different topics is meant to be a source of support and reinforcement for all of those who are in contact with children and continuously desire that they learn and mature in their Christian faith.

We hope that you find this series of H.M. Catechesis to be both engaging and, at the same time, a valuable evangelization tool in the transmission of Catholic Doctrine.

Thank you for your tireless effort in fighting for the religious formation of our children. Thank you for not forsaking this task, which today more than ever, stands out for its irreplaceable importance and utmost necessity for the well being of our children.

# Letter:

To all parents, catechists, teachers, and those responsible for the religious formation of our

The Home of the Mother places in your hands a new series of Catechesis with the intention of in some way aiding in the religious formation of children.

This workbook contains eight lessons covering the Act of Contrition that will hopefully serve as a guideline, as well as eight corresponding worksheets that can be completed by the children.











#### H.M. CATECHESIS No. 56



Color in the letters of the title and complete the worksheet after reading the lesson. id you read the story about the five brothers in the previous lesson? There are ) five brothers because there are five things necessary for a good Confession. Do five brothers because there are five things necessary tor a good Contession. Do you remember what Louis answered when his father asked him what he had done? He said that he hadn't done anything. What a lie! Of course, his father punished him because he can't forgive someone who doesn't recognize that he has done anything wrong.

Louis needed to make an "examination of conscience." To examine your conscience is to stop and reflect about the things your conscience is telling you. Your conscience warns you that you are telling a lie, that you are doing something that your parents have forbidden you to do, or that you are doing something that they would forbid you to do if they could see you. And what happened with Louis? Didn't his conscience tell him that what he had done was wrong? Of course it did. But perhaps Louis was so superficial that he acted without thinking, like the animals do. Or perhaps he was so selfish that he didn't even care that he was doing such a terrible thing to his mother. Or perhaps he was very proud and never admitted doing anything wrong, like someone who says: "Nobody can tell me what to do." Or who knows? Perhaps Louis is one of those poor crazy people who think they can

ridicule God because they don't think that there is such a thing as reward or punishment. Poor Louis! I hope that you are not like him at all, because God cannot forgive the person who is not willing to take responsibility for his bad actions. That is why the Church teaches us to **make a very sincere examination of conscience everyday**:

- How have I behaved today with my parents? Have I been obedient to them and not given them a hard time?

- How have I behaved today with my brothers and sisters? Do I help them to be better? Am I envious of them or hateful? Am I selfish or greedy at home?

- How have I been today in school? Have I made good use of my time? Have I respected my teachers and classmates? Am I generous with my things?

- What about my thoughts? Have I erased from my mind bad desires and bad thoughts? Have I seen or heard things that bring bad thoughts? Have I called upon God, Our Lady, and my Guardian Angel to help me?

- What about my conversations? Have I always told the truth, even if it caused me problems? Have I insulted others or laughed at anyone? Have I offended God with my words? Have I said blasphemies?

- What have my actions been like? Do I always try to be good? Have I done things with bad intentions? Have I done bad things in secret? Have I acted with vanity, thinking I'm better than others? Have I been lazy? Have I failed to do things that my parents or teachers had told me to do?

- How have I behaved with God, Our Lady, and my Guardian Angel? Have I given them thanks for all the things they have given me today? Did I remember them when I was tempted? Have I prayed for my family, my friends, and for all the those who are in need?

If you make a little examination of conscience every day, you won't be bad like ouis, and you will find it very easy to remember to ask God for forgiveness, knowing that He loves to forgive us.

# WORKSHEET

Louis is in his bedroom and thinks about his mother and says to himself: "This time I've aone too far.'

praying. You shall love . You shall not paying. You shall not ... - I have spoken against God. You shall not take ..... - I have missed Mass on a few Sundays Louis: His Mother:









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n this catechesis we are learning tion is a prayer in which we ask it? The Act of Contrition teaches u forgiven: an examination of conscience of amendment, tell your sins to a prio This reminds us of the story of the floor and made their mother really	omplete the worksheet after reading the lesson. about the Act of Contrition. The Act of Contri- for forgiveness for our sins. Do you remember s that five things are necessary for our sins to be , sorrow for our sins (contrition), a firm purpose est, and to do the penance he gives you. the five brothers who threw their dinner plates on upset. Louis didn't want to recognize what he had t promise to not do it again. Their parents couldn't	che Wh a)` b)` the c) /
forgive any of them because they were	n't open to being forgiven. urth brother: Felix. His father asked him:	Wh a) / b)   c)   Car a)   b) c) /
It's hard to believe that even though he knows he has done something wrong, Felix doesn't want to ask for forgiveness. Many people find this hard to do. Their cons- cience tells them that they have a sin or more than one sin on their soul. They would like God to forgive them but they are not willing to ask for forgiveness. They don't want to recognize their faults before others. This is a great sickness of the heart called pride. Jesus Christ, after rising from the dead, appeared to His disciples. He brea- thed on them and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you forgive will be forgiven, whose sins you retain, they will be retained". This is how we know that God wishes to forgive sins through His priests. The sins they forgive by the power of the Holy Spirit, are forgiven. And those they don't forgive, are not forgiven. That is why we tell our sins to the priest in Confession. It is very important that you know two things related to Confession: - The first is that you must not hide any mortal sin, no matter how secret it may be or how ashamed you may be to tell it. If you are ashamed, you will have to be very brave and ask God for strength, but you must never try to conceal anything in Confession, because then you would commit a greater sin called sacrilege. - The second thing is that if you are aware of having a mortal sin, you must never go up to receive Communion, because it is a terrible thing to force God to enter into a soul that is in grave sin. First, you must go to Confession. Otherwise, you will also commit sacrilege.		י סי (נ ו ו
So you see, we need a lot of pu forgive our sins in the name of God. more priests?	riests so that we always have someone who can Why don't we pray together now asking God for	

#### WORKSHEET



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#### H.M. CATECHESIS No. 60



Color in the letters of the title and complete the worksheet after reading the lesson.

)e have now reached the end of our catechesis dedicated to the Act of Contrition. Our friend Samuel is going to help us to understand it even better. Do you remember him? He was the oldest brother in our story.

**LESSON** 

Samuel had thrown his supper plate on the floor like the others. Afterwards, however, he was sorry and asked his mother for forgiveness. He picked everything up off the floor and to make up for upsetting his mother, he offered to wash the dishes for the whole week! Seeing all of this, his father forgave him with all his heart and even congratulated him. Samuel can teach us so many things!

Do you know why Samuel made his parents so happy? Because he had the desire to make up for his faults.

When we commit a sin the first Person we hurt is God. This is a great mystery, but we can't doubt it, because we know how Jesus suffered the Passion for our sins. Our sins wound Christ.

Secondly, we hurt others. For example, if you steal, you take something from another person. If you speak badly about someone, you can cause others to not treat them with the respect they deserve.

Thirdly, sin harms the sinner and his relationship with God and with others. When you misbehave at home, everyone is upset. Only when you apologize for what you've done does happiness return. Here's another example: you hide something from your parents - something that you're afraid they might find out about. You get very nervous. You get angry over nothing and you have no joy. Sin destroys our relationship with ourselves, with God and with others.

After asking God to forgive us by confessing our sins, we still have to remedy the injustice that we have committed. If we have stolen something, we have to return it. If we have spoken badly about someone, we have to say we're sorry and that we were wrong. But how can we repair the injustice committed against God and against ourselves? By doing the penance that the priest gives us. Before absolving us of our sins "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The priest says, "For your penance..." and he tells us to pray some prayers, make a sacrifice, or perform some act of service for our neighbor. This is how we fulfill the fifth condition for a good Confession, which is "to do your penance".

This is what Samuel teaches us today. He had committed a great injustice against his mother, but then he makes up for that injustice so well, that he learns a lesson for the rest of his life - a lesson for himself, for his brothers and for us also, right?



they had done.

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### Prayer:

Blessed Virgin Mary:

You who taught Jesus so many things and watched Him grow
"in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and with man," teach me to also get to know Jesus and to love Him through this catechesis.

Open my understanding, my will, my memory, my heart...

Help me to learn more about the life of Your Son Jesus and truly become a good Christian.

Mary, my dearest Mother, Thank you!







## I finally have H.M. Catechesis!!



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