Lesson 6 - Becoming A Child of God

SYMBOLS OF BAPTISM:

- ***White Garment:*** A sign of purity, the cleanliness of our souls and of becoming a new creation in Christ.
- ***Candle:*** A sign of Christ, who is the Light of the World. He gives us His grace which he won for us when He died on the Cross.
- ***Oil:*** A sign of prophets, priests and kings. We share in these ministries which belong to Christ. We are prophets as we speak the truth, priests because we worship Christ and kings because we will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Oil also symbolizes strength and life.
- ***Water:*** A sign of cleansing, death and life. Original Sin gets washed away, we die with Christ on the cross and share in His life, the Resurrection.

WORDS TO KNOW:

Baptism:
The sacrament which takes away original sin. It gives us the new life of grace and makes us children of God

Sacrament:
A sign given by Jesus that brings us grace.

Penance:
The Sacrament in which all sins committed after Baptism are forgiven. It is also a prayer we say or something we do to make up for our sins.

Mortal Sin:
A very big sin that kills all life of grace in a soul

Venial Sin:
A small sin that makes a soul less pleasing to God

SHORT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Q1. What is the sacrament of Baptism?
Baptism is a Sacrament that makes us Christians and members of the church.

Q2. What does Baptism do for us?
Baptism washes away the Original Sin from our soul and makes it rich in the grace of God.

Q3. What are sacraments?
Sacraments are signs of grace, given by Christ and entrusted to the church, by which we are called to live a holy life. It is an outward, visible sign of an inward, spiritual grace given to us by the Church.

Q.4 What is temptation?
Temptation is an attraction to commit sin.

Q.5 Can you always overcome temptation?
Yes, because no temptation can force you into sin, and God will always help you. "And God is faithful, who will not let you be tempted beyond your capability. But will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Q.6 What are actual graces?
They are "helps" from God which enlighten the mind and strengthen the will to do good and avoid evil. ‘My grace is sufficient for thee: For power is made perfect in infirmity." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Q.7 What are venial sins?
Venial sin is a little act of disobedience against the law of God.

Q.8 What is mortal sin?
Mortal sin is a serious act of disobedience against the law of God. These sins are forgiven through confession with proper repentance acceptable to God.

Q9. How do we become children of God?
By following the two main commandments which Jesus gave us. Love the God with all our hearts with all our heart, soul and mind. Love our neighbors as we love ourselves