

Here is the lesson plan. There are a couple St. Patrick's Day handouts mentioned - I have those saved at home, so I'll send them along later tonight. As for the Circle of Grace, yes, that absolutely works!

**Lesson Plan for RCIC 3/13/2019**

1. The class has been focusing on preparing for First Reconciliation. Today, we will be transitioning to preparation for First Communion, but a brief review of First Reconciliation concepts could be helpful to them.
2. The yellow First Communion workbooks should be distributed. Complete chapters 1 and 2 during class.
3. The kids are familiar with saints, so take some time to discuss St. Patrick's Day. Distribute copies of the Story of St. Patrick (attached). Then have students complete the corresponding exercise.
4. Practice prayers. The class should have the Lord's Prayer, Glory Be, and Hail Mary memorized. Also practice the Act of Contrition. Remind students they will need to have this memorized for First Reconciliation.
5. If there is additional time, read off the following journal prompt and have students write their response in the back cover of their First Communion workbooks. "As Catholics, we observe Lent, our time of preparation for the celebration of Easter, through the practice of fasting, or giving something up. What are some things you have given up in the past or might give up in the future? How does doing without these things during Lent allow you to grow closer to God?"