

# THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Chapter 21



# Jesus our Good Shepherd

## Shepherd

- ▣ knows his sheep
- ▣ protects his sheep
- ▣ feeds his sheep
- ▣ finds lost sheep
- ▣ leads his sheep
- ▣ lays down his life

## Jesus

- ▣ knows us best
- ▣ protects us from sin
- ▣ feeds our souls
- ▣ forgives us
- ▣ leads us to Heaven
- ▣ dies for us

# Jesus is our Shepherd

- ▣ Jesus feeds, protects, leads, and strengthens us in the Sacraments.
- ▣ Jesus laid down His life for us on the cross.
- ▣ We must be like Jesus the Good Shepherd in our daily lives.



# Habits



- ▣ What is a habit?
  - Something you do all the time without thinking about it.
- ▣ How do we get into habits?
  - By doing them over and over and over again.



# Virtue

- ▣ A habit of doing good
- ▣ Examples:
  - Making your bed every day without being asked
  - Talking politely to people
  - Saying your prayers each day
  - Telling the truth even when it is hard
  - Others?

# Vice

- ▣ A habit of doing bad
- ▣ Examples:
  - Talking back to your mom or dad whenever they ask you to do something
  - Lying
  - Blaming someone so you don't get in trouble
  - Not playing with someone you don't like
  - Being selfish
  - Others?

# Virtue or Vice?

Telling the truth

Obeying

Humility (not proud)

Putting others first

Speaking kindly

Gentleness

Sharing friends

Working hard

Disobeying

Fighting

Lying

Speaking in a mean voice

Jealousy

Selfishness

Pride

Laziness



# What can we do?

- ▣ Growing in virtue is hard, it takes work
- ▣ Getting rid of vice is hard, it takes work
- ▣ Why should we do it? Why shouldn't we just do what is easy?
  - Because we love Jesus and we know that He loves us
  - We will be happier if we do good than if we do bad
- ▣ How can we grow?
  - Hard work, trying again and again
  - Praying for God's grace to help us grow in virtue
  - Saying we are sorry to God (Sacrament of Penance)
  - Saying we are sorry to others
  - Doing penance

# Jesus will help!

- ▣ Jesus said, “My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
- ▣ Jesus helps us to do our hard work. If we ask His help and work with Him, He will help change our vices into virtues!
- ▣ The best way to start doing this is by receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

# Effects of Confession

- ▣ This is what a good confession will do for my soul:
  - My sins will be forgiven
  - I will receive grace in my soul
  - I will be stronger to be a good Christian

**Go, Jesus!**