

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains the consequences of sin and our need for God's forgiveness.

God's Word



Read **Matthew 18:21–22** to find out how many times Jesus tells us we need to forgive someone.

Catholics Believe

- God always forgives those who are truly sorry and ask his forgiveness.
- God asks that we forgive others and ourselves.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1846–1850 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Dismas, the name given to the good thief who was crucified with Jesus.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Saying “I’m Sorry” Many young children are forced to apologize when they have done something wrong even though they may not fully realize the impact their behavior had on the other person. You can help your child make amends sincerely by helping him or her understand what the behavior felt like for the other person. Sometimes it helps to hear from the other person how they felt. Also, a concrete action to help make up for the wrong is often better than words alone.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you find it hard to admit that you've done something wrong?

For many people admitting they are wrong is a serious challenge. They may feel diminished or they may confuse what they did with who they are. As adults, however, we recognize that it is necessary to be honest about our failings or we will never be able to grow. “Confession liberates us from sins that trouble our hearts and makes it possible to be reconciled to God and others. We are asked to look into our souls and, with an honest and unblinking gaze, identify our sins. This opens our minds and hearts to God, moves us toward communion with the Church, and offers us a new future” (*USCCA, p. 238*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about times when it's been hard to obey God.
- Ask your child to talk about the steps to follow if they make a wrong choice.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us to always be sorry when we disobey you. Amen.



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