

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter describes the words and actions of the Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

God's Word



Read **Matthew 14:34–36** and discuss any healing you may need.

Catholics Believe

- In the Sacraments of Healing, God's forgiveness and healing are given to those suffering physical and spiritual sickness.
- In Penance, a priest absolves sin. In the Anointing of the Sick, the priest anoints and prays for God to send his healing love.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1420, 1421, 1424 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Marianne Cope, who worked to help sick people in New York and, later, lepers in Hawaii.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Sacraments of Healing

As mentioned in earlier chapters, the beginning awareness of community is characteristic of children this age. Because of this, they can see the Sacraments of Healing as a way in which the Catholic community shows its care for those who are in need of physical and spiritual healing. This is also a good time to raise awareness of ways in which your child can personally show care to someone who is suffering through direct actions and through prayer.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Have you ever prayed for someone to be healed?

We suffer when we see others in pain. The sense of helplessness and sorrow moves us to turn to God for help. "When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age" (*USCCA, p. 254*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about a time when someone you know has been anointed while they were sick.
- Ask your child to name some ways that the Sacraments of Healing can help people.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Marianne Cope, help us to be kind and loving to all who are sick. Amen.



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