

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores Reconciliation as it relates to the effect of sin in the world, and explains the necessity of confessing sins to a priest and trusting in Jesus' power to forgive and heal.

Scripture



Read **Psalms 32:1–3, 5** to find out about the blessing of Reconciliation.

Catholics Believe

- God's forgiveness is offered to all who are truly sorry and seek it.
- The Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick celebrate God's healing love.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1420–1421, 1489–1490 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Venerable Matt Talbot, who is known for turning his life around with prayer and self-sacrifice.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Healing and Reconciliation For children at this age, right and wrong are deeper concepts than they were before. Morality is not just about what other people see us doing. It is also about who we are and what we do when no one seems to be watching. It is important that as children grow in their ability to form their consciences, they have continued opportunity to seek God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Have you ever yearned for a relationship to be healed?

We are human, and are not perfect. Our egos or hurt feelings can get in the way of healing a relationship. Yet, God loves perfectly and offers forgiveness to all who have not loved as he asked and therefore hurt ourselves, others, and our relationship with him. As Catholics, we know that "sin should never be understood as a private or personal matter, because it harms our relationship with others and may even break our loving communion with the Church. The Sacrament of Penance repairs this break and has a renewing effect of the vitality of the Church itself" (*USCCA, p. 242*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name the parts of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (contrition, confession, penance, absolution).
- Discuss how your family shares God's healing love with one another.

LET'S PRAY >>>



O God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. Amen.



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