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### Unit 2 – Session 9 – The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Parents,

This session is about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here is some vocabulary that may help you. This is not for your child but to help you as you explain this session to them.

- Absolution – A special prayer the priest says in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation that absolves, or forgives our sins with the authority of Jesus.
- Confession – The part of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in which we tell all of our sins to a priest.
- Conscience – The voice of God within our hearts that helps us know right and wrong.
- Contrition – Sorrow for our sins and the choice not to sin again.
- Penance – An act the priest will give us during the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to make up for our sins.
- Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation- A Sacrament in which we confess our sins when we are truly sorry for them and receive forgiveness from God through a priest. This Sacrament reunites us with God and His Church and fills us with sanctifying grace.

The students should learn

- God will always welcome us back and forgive our sins if we are truly sorry for them.
- Jesus established the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation so that we could receive God's forgiveness.
- There are four parts to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: contrition, confession, penance and absolution.

Here is a video for parents about the Sacrament. <https://youtu.be/8GCLa9ducvQ>

#### **Here is what you need to do this week.**

- Have your child turn to page 74 in their book, have them write about or draw a picture of time when they lost something important to them.
  - Talk about their picture or story.
  - If God were writing his story about a time when he lost something, what would He write about?
  - What is God's favorite thing? (*You are God's favorite thing!*)
  - What do you think God does when we turn away from Him when we sin? (*He searches for us by calling us back to Him. We can cooperate with His grace by turning away from sin and returning to Him. When we do, He rejoices, just like the people in the parables.*)
- Have your child complete online activity 1 (A Father's Love).
  - Talk to your child about each question on the activity picture.
- Read Luke 15:11-32 to your child

*Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.*

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*He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"*

- Ask these questions
  - Imagine for a moment that you are the younger son. How could you have been a better son to your father?
  - The son felt sorry for his sins and decided to change his life. What do you think would have happened if he had gone back home without being sorry? Would that be right?
  - Why do you think it's important that the son felt sorry, expressed his sorrow, and asked for forgiveness?
  - If a friend offended you, would you be satisfied merely to know that he or she was sorry or would you want that friend to tell you he or she was sorry?
  - Imagine for a moment that you are the father. How would you have felt seeing your son again, who has broken your heart, taken all of your money, and wasted everything? What would you want to say to him? Would you want to punish him? Would you forgive him and welcome him home?
- Explain that the parable helps us understand God's forgiveness. Like the father in the parable, God loves us and wants us to come back to him whenever we sin. Just like the son, we have a choice, we can come back and say we are sorry or we can continue to live with the sin we committed. When we are ready to say we are sorry, we can go to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to tell God we are sorry and ask for forgiveness.
- Have your child complete Activities 2-3 (The Good Shepherd and The Lost Coin) online with you
  - After reading the story online, talk about the questions in the pictures.
- Have your child complete Activity 4 (The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation)
- Watch the video on confession with your child [SophiaInstituteForTeachers.org/SketchPad](https://www.sophia.org/SketchPad)
- Have your child complete Activity 5 (Symbols of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation)
- Continue walking through the steps of a confession. Work on a step a week. Take it slow. There is a chapter that covers this topic but it is good if the kids understand it before the chapter.
- Continue to review the 10 commandment list with your child. This again should help them begin to examine their consciences.
  - [http://www.johnpaul2center.org/JohnPaulIICenter/LayFormation/AdultFormation/SeasonofMercyFaithFormationRes/10Commandments\\_Child\\_EC.pdf](http://www.johnpaul2center.org/JohnPaulIICenter/LayFormation/AdultFormation/SeasonofMercyFaithFormationRes/10Commandments_Child_EC.pdf)
- Continue to practice the Act of Contrition.
  - My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all of my sins, because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend you, My God, who are good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.