

## Grade 2, Chapter 18 – Confession

Bible story connections:

- Leviticus 5:5-6
- James 5:14-16
- 1 John 5:8-10

Social Justice tie-in:

- Spiritual Work of Mercy: Counsel the Doubtful – some people do not confess their sins because they do not believe they will be forgiven; they doubt God's love. Each student should tell one person today that God loves them.

Discussion Questions:

- Why should we go to Reconciliation often, even if we haven't committed mortal sins?
- How does confessing our sins help give us power over sin?

Memory Work (Baltimore Catechism):

408. What is confession?

*Confession is the telling of our sins to an authorized priest for the purpose of obtaining forgiveness.*

411. Is it necessary to confess every sin?

*It is necessary to confess every mortal sin which has not yet been confessed and forgiven; it is not necessary to confess our venial sins, but it is better to do so.*

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## Family Page: Ch. 18 – Confession

### Review:

#### Vocabulary

- Confession – Another name for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; also the act of confessing our sins to a priest in Reconciliation
- Mortal Sin – Serious sin that we freely choose; it can keep us out of Heaven
- Venial Sin – Less serious sin; it does not kill grace in our souls, but it wounds us

1) Whom do we confess our sins to in Reconciliation?

*A priest*

2) Which sins must we confess in Reconciliation?

*Mortal sins*

3) True/False: If we don't have mortal sins, we should not go to Reconciliation.

*False*

### Discussion Question:

How does Confession free us from sin and allow us to know God's love?

### Activity:

Is there anyone that has hurt you as a family, that your relationship is strained with? If you can think of someone, write a letter to that person as a family, offering your forgiveness.

*Jesus Loves You!*