

Grade 4, Chapter 17 – Reconciliation

Bible story connections:

- Luke 15
- Luke 18:9-14
- John 20:19-23

Social Justice tie-in:

- Spiritual Work of Mercy – Counsel the Doubtful – write a letter to someone inviting them to join you for sacramental Confession. Give the person the letter or invite them in person.

Discussion Questions:

- Why is our penance an important part of Reconciliation?
- Why is the seal of Confession important?

Memory Work (Baltimore Catechism):

379. What is the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)?

Penance is the sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven through the absolution of the priest.

381. With what words does the priest forgive sins?

The priest forgives sins with the words: “I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Catholic Brain Connections:

Printables

[Reconciliation coloring page](#)

[Act of Contrition](#)

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Prayers

[Prayer Before Confession](#)

Videos

[Adventure Catechism – What is Confession?](#)

[Adventure Catechism – How to Make a Good Confession](#)

[Adventure Catechism – What is Penance?](#)

[Adventure Catechism – What is the Act of Contrition?](#)

[Bible story – Sacrament of Reconciliation](#)

[St. John Paul II](#)

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Review:

Vocabulary

- Conversion – A change of life and coming to God
- Repent – To turn away from sin
- Contrition – Sorrow for our sins
- Penance – Prayer or other offering we make to God for our sins; also another name for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Absolution – The forgiveness of sins we receive through the priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

1) Who gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Jesus

2) Which sins cannot be forgiven, even in Confession?

None – all sins can be forgiven

3) Whom can a priest tell what he hears in Confession?

No one

Discussion Question:

Why is it important to go to Confession often?

Activity:

Go to Confession as a family. Family members that have not received the sacrament yet should still join everyone in the church and pray. Afterward, go out to dinner or for some other treat to celebrate.

God thinks You are worth Dying for!