

## Grade 2, Chapter 19 – Penance

Bible story connections:

- Leviticus 5:5-6
- Jonah 3:6-9

Social Justice tie-in:

- Solidarity – plan a class penance. What can the class give up as a penance, and offer as a prayer for others? It should be simple and not drawn out, but a real sacrifice for the class.

Discussion Questions:

- What do you think are some good penances for second graders?
- What are some ways we can show God we are sorry for our sins?

Memory Work (Baltimore Catechism):

420. Why does the priest give us a penance after confession?

*The priest gives us a penance after confession that we may make some atonement to God for our sins, receive help to avoid them in the future, and make some satisfaction for the temporal punishment due to them.*

423. Why does God require temporal punishment for sin?

*God requires temporal punishment for sin to satisfy His justice, to teach us the great evil of sin, and to warn us not to sin again.*

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### Review:

#### Vocabulary

- Penance – Prayer or other offering we make to God for our sins; also another name for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

1) What does the priest give us in Reconciliation?

*A penance*

2) Who do we offer our penance to?

*God*

3) What damage does penance help to heal?

*The damage sin does to us*

### Discussion Question:

Since Jesus already paid for our sins on the cross, why do we need to go to Confession and receive penance?

### Activity:

Think of a sacrifice that you can realistically make as a family for a week. Over the next week, offer that sacrifice to God for your sins and as a prayer for someone that needs your family's prayers.

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