

GRADE 2  
CHAPTER Eleven  
The Church and Forgiveness

Objectives

- To learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- To understand that God wants you to forgive others
- To learn the steps in preparing to receive the sacrament of reconciliation
- To learn the meaning and method of an examination of conscience

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- What do you do when you've broken something that does not belong to you?
- What happens when you and a friend have a fight? How do you fix the bad feelings?
- Put on a skit showing how two friends who are angry and fighting with one another, learn to heal the problem and return to being friends. Then talk about what you learned.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word

- Read the scripture on p. 128 and answer the questions.
- Look up the meaning of the word conscience on p. 272 and then look at the questions on p. 129 that can help you to examine your conscience.
- Complete the activity on p. 129
- Read the explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on p. 130. Look at the Words of Faith on p. 131 and make a poster with the steps of the sacrament of reconciliation that you can put in your house to remind you. Draw a picture next to each step.
- Talk about what it means to you to tell God you are sorry and to receive God's forgiveness.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Make the Sign of the Cross
- Pray the Act of Contrition

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.