

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Within the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we celebrate God's love and mercy. We learn about the joys and challenges of living as a follower of Jesus in love and peace.

**Read page 66 and 67** about the Sacrament of Reconciliation before completing your task. Download the pages to read.

### **Activity 1:**

Look at the statements below, they are mixed up. Can you put them into the correct order to show what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Perhaps you can add some illustrations next to them.

#### **What happens at the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Put these in the correct order.**

The priest says the words of forgiveness and absolution.

The priest talks kindly to them and encourages them to do or say something to make up for what they have done wrong. This is called a penance.

The priest welcomes the penitent, and they both make the Sign of the Cross.

The person leaves the priest and prays and thanks God for forgiving them and completes the penance the priest has asked them to do.

The penitent confesses (tells the priest his/her sins).

The person then prays an act of sorrow, which includes the promise to try not to do the same again.

The penitent (person confessing his/her sins), takes time to examine their conscience (life). This means to think about the times they have not followed Jesus' way of love and kindness.

## Activity 2:

With an adult use the link below to listen to the hymn *Father I Have Sinned*.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vq8JNLwX5sM>)

### Father I Have Sinned

Father I have sinned,  
help me find my way.  
Remember not my sins,  
just let me hear you say:

*I forgive you, I love you  
You are mine, take my hand.  
Go in peace, sin no more,  
Beloved one.*

Father I have turned  
my back and walked away  
Depended on my strength  
and lived life my own way

Father I have closed  
my heart to those in need.  
Thought only of myself,  
a victim of my greed.

Father I have loved  
if love's the word to use.  
I've played so many games,  
they've left me so confused.

Father I've returned,  
I'm home with you to stay  
Standing at your door,  
knowing that you'll say

Who do you think is  
speaking in the  
chorus?  
Who to?

What kind of choices  
lead to us turning  
away from God?

How can we return to  
God?  
What do we need to  
do?

What Bible story is this hymn based on?

Can you answer the questions above inside the coloured corresponding bubbles to reflect upon? Add your answer to the blank corresponding bubbles below. Can you add some illustrations to the hymn, think carefully about the words which are sung. We would love to see your completed work, please email us a copy to have a look at.

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