



First Reconciliation 2021

Preparing to
Celebrate the
Sacrament

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A Prayer as We Teach Remotely

- ***God of Wisdom*** be our source of creativity as we seek to find new ways to reach out to each and every student. Help us to rejoice in the successes and to be gentle with ourselves and others when things don't go to plan.
- ***God of Patience*** encourage us in our use of seesaw; google classrooms; padlet, emails or zoom. Give us an abundance of patience as we learn to engage with so many different tools so that we can meet the needs of our students. Help us to be patient with ourselves and those around us as well.

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A Prayer as We Teach Remotely

God of Love how blessed we are to know that you love us beyond measure. Help us to radiate that love in all our interactions these days. Open our hearts to receive your blessings so that we might in turn be a blessing to others.

May your wisdom O God be our wisdom, your patience, our patience and your love, our love. Amen.

(Adapted from a Prayer by Sr Paula Damiano

<https://spsmw.org/2020/08/19/a-prayer-for-teachers-during-this-pandemic/>)

Proposal for 2021

- Preparation using Grow in Love at school & at home
- **Diocesan Penitential Service** Live streamed
March 18 @19:30
 - Preparing to celebrate the sacrament
- Celebration of Sacrament in local parishes as soon as it is safe to do so
 - Individually
 - Small groups

First Reconciliation in Grow in Love

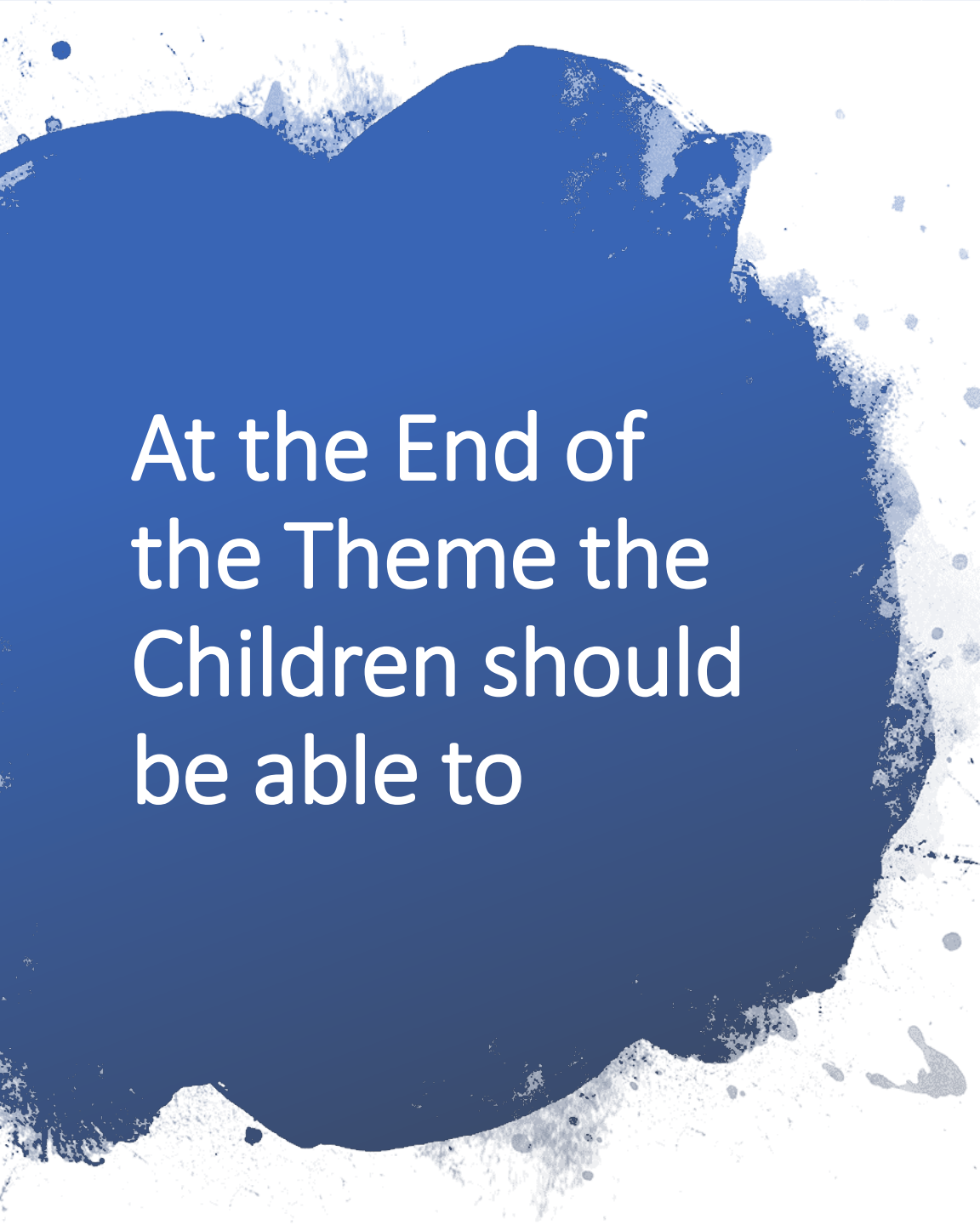
Grow in Love, the new Religious Education Programme for schools, suggests that the word 'Reconciliation' is used instead of 'Confession' or 'Penance.' The use of the word 'Reconciliation' puts the focus more on reuniting and reconciling with others and with God than on penitence and sin. This is a more helpful and fuller understanding of the sacrament particularly when working with younger children.

(Grow in Love; Second Class, Teacher Book p160)

1: Choices.....	p. 146
2: Zacchaeus made bad choices.....	p. 152
3: We can be forgiven	p. 158

Theme 5 Reconciliation

3 Lessons



At the End of
the Theme the
Children should
be able to

- Make the Sign of the Cross
- Pray the Confiteor
- Pray the Act of Sorrow
- Retell the story of Zacchaeus
- Differentiate between good & bad choices
- Know that a bad choice is a sin
- Know that God always forgives & always loves us
- Know the 5 Steps to Reconciliation
- Participate in the Penitential Service
- Participate in celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation with the priest

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An Approach to Teaching Remotely



Step 1

Understand that God always loves us
and always forgives us

Explore the need to say sorry to God and to those we hurt

Explore good and bad choices

Know that when we do something that we know is wrong that this
is called a sin

Begin to learn the Act of Sorrow

Make a Sorry Box





Step 2

know how Jesus shows that God
always loves and forgives us

Listen, discuss and be able to retell the story of Zacchaeus

Use the Zacchaeus story to help them explore times when they have done something for which they need to say sorry

Understand that God always loves us and always forgives us

Begin to learn The Confiteor

Continue to pray the Act of Sorrow





Step 3

Know the 5 steps in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Explore the 5 steps in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Know what to say and do when they meet the priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Be able to identify times when they have something wrong

Be prepared to participate in the Diocesan Penitential Service



Step 1:

Story: What Sweets?

page 147

- Discussion to include introduction of the word 'sin' when we know what we are doing is wrong and we do it anyway

- Chatting Activity: What Would you Do? Page 149

The Greatest Commandment Story

- <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/186>

Discussion: Choices; Children's Book page 28

Chatting: About sins p150

- Teach the Act of Sorrow

Step 2

Story Zacchaeus page 154-155

<https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/187>

Children's Book page 30

Chatting: page 156

<https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/187>

Teach: The Confiteor

Children's Book page 31 (At Home)

Step 3

Vox Pop: 'A time when I was sorry'

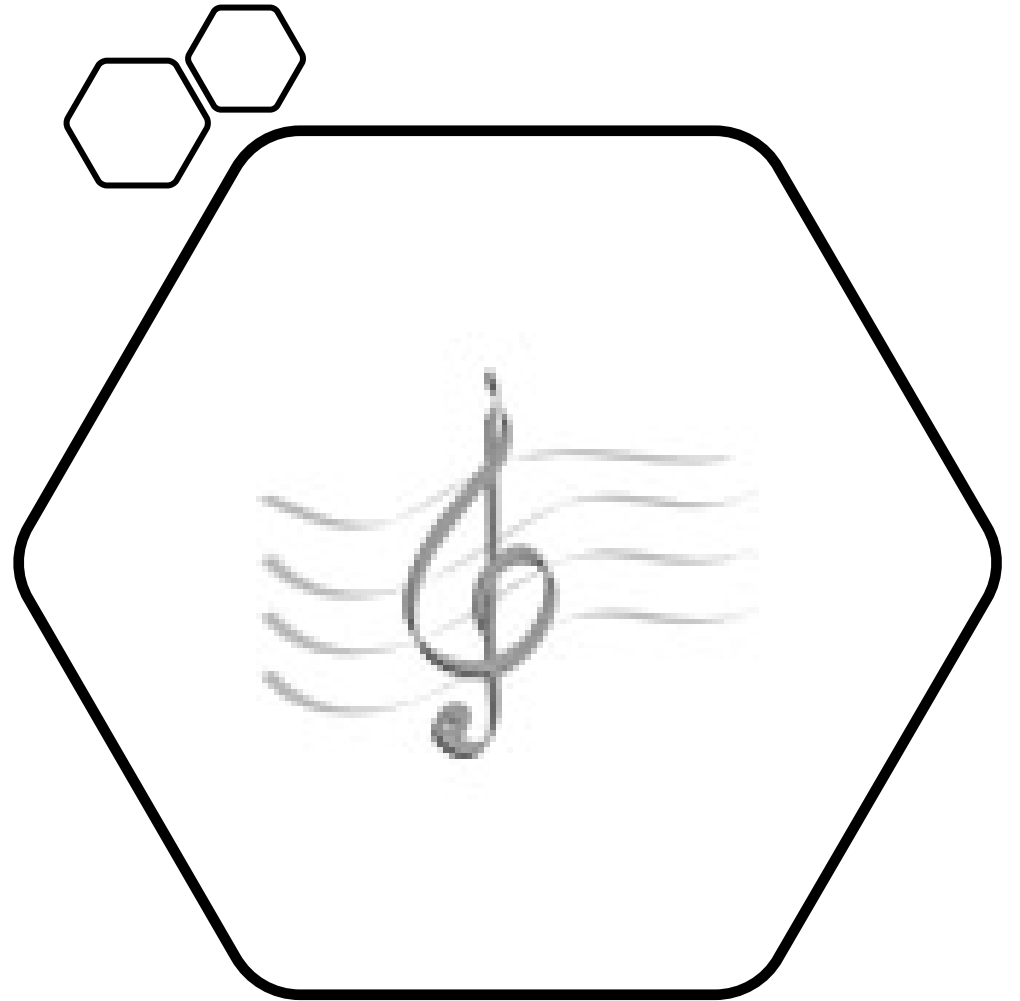
- <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/188>
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 1
- <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/188>
 - We bless ourselves
 - We say: 'bless me Father for I have sinned'
 - We tell the priest about a time when we have sinned

Step 3

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 2
- <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/188>
 - The priest gives us something to do to show that we are sorry
 - He asks us to pray the Act of Sorrow
 - He prays the Prayer of Absolution
- 5 Steps page 161 **Children's Book p32**
 1. I realise that I have done wrong and I feel sorry.
 2. I say sorry.
 3. I accept penance and pray the Act of Sorrow.
 4. I am forgiven.
 5. I try again.

Music

- I'm Sorry page 165
 - <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/188>
- The Lord he is my Shepherd (First Class page 159)
 - <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/150>
- Lay your hands (page 89)
 - <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/180>



Diocesan Penitential Service

18 March @ 19:30

Save the Date





At Home

- Watch Explanatory PowerPoint/Video
- Read 'Parent's Guide'
- Help learn Prayers & pray them
- Make Sorry Box & discuss times when we do wrong, the five steps, Zacchaeus
- Prepare for and Participate on March 18 @19:30

