

FIRST RECONCILIATION Questions

What is sin?

What is original sin?

Who committed it?

What happened?

What is actual sin?

What are the two types of actual sin?

What is the difference between a mortal and venial sin?

What are the 3 conditions for a mortal sin?

What are the 10 Commandments?

Is missing Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation serious?

What is a Holy Day of Obligation? Can you think of some examples?

What are the two Great Commandments of Jesus?

What is the first sacrament and the one that removes original sin?

What are the names of the 7 Sacraments?

What is the definition of a sacrament? A sacrament is a visible (outward) sign instituted by Christ to give grace.

What are the other names for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Who is our Savior? From what does He save us? How did He save us?

Who alone can forgive sins?

Who was given the power by Jesus to forgive sins? (John 20:22)

What does God do for you in the sacrament of Confession?

What are virtues? In what virtues would you like to grow?

When do you need to go to Confession?

What do you need to tell the priest to make an integral confession?

Do you have to tell the priest how many times you did mortal sins to the best of your memory?

Can a priest tell anyone what you say in confession?

What do we call that protection?

What is penance? What are some examples?

What's the difference between perfect and imperfect contrition?

Please recite for me by memory the Act of Contrition (prayer cards are in confessional for all to use).

What is absolution?

Can you say the Our Father? The Hail Mary? The Glory Be?

How do I know if my child is ready to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Consider these general guidelines...

- My child knows when he or she has done something wrong.
- My child shows sorrow for wrongdoing and seeks forgiveness.
- My child is beginning to acknowledge the consequences of his or her actions.
- My child knows that God loves each of us and forgives us when we sin.

What is the most important thing I can do to help prepare my child to celebrate First Reconciliation? Every time we teach a child to understand the difference between right and wrong, we are helping form his or her moral conscience. Every time we explain the difference between loving and unloving actions, we are preparing our children to choose that which is good. Each time we forgive or ask forgiveness of others, we help our children trust God's mercy and forgiveness. In ordinary family life, such opportunities occur almost every day. The opportunities for discussion will help your child develop a sense of what is right and good and help him or her prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

How can I help my child realize the importance of this time of preparation for the sacraments? Make a commitment to participate fully in all the elements of sacramental preparation. Ask other family members to take part as well. The special one-on-one time that you will spend with your child on this journey reaps a life time of grace for your child (and you!). It also speaks to your child of the importance you place on his or her faith development.