

Purple Reconciliation Book: Call to Celebrate

Chapter 4 – We Are Sorry

1. In the Purple Textbook, Call to Celebrate Reconciliation:

- **Opening Prayer p. 32-33.** Be sure to have your child read or say the part of the prayer service that is the Act of Contrition. It is good practice.
- **Read p. 34** and help your child do the **Reflect** activity.
- **Read & discuss p. 35.** *Talk about your child about sin. Ask them to give you some examples of sins. Be sure they understand the difference between a sin and an accident/mistake.*
- **Read & discuss p. 36-37.** Use the handout “We are Sorry” after you finish reading about the Woman Who Was Sorry. *Be sure to focus on the discussion questions that are on page 37. Help children to understand how important it is that we express our sorrow when we have done something wrong.*
- **Read & discuss p. 38-39.** *Cover these pages carefully, and ask, “How does confession help us?”*
- **Complete p. 40 and review p. 41.** *Do the Closing Blessing on p. 40 as part of your Closing Prayer.*

2. Activities:

- Throughout their preparation, please help your child to memorize the Act of Contrition & practice the steps for receiving Reconciliation by using the Guide provided with this lesson plan.

3. Participate in the Mass either in person or virtually

4. **Optional Online Activities** to help enrich the lesson

a) On the Parish Website go to the section “Preparing for Reconciliation”
I recommend watching the brief video under Chapter 4 – Sample of Going to Confession. ****note – so many children get stressed that they will “mess up” when they make their First Reconciliation. In this video, the child does indeed make a couple of small mistakes. Point out to your child that this is OK – not a huge deal. We all get nervous and sometimes forget to say something. Stress that this is ok – God understands!***

5. Closing Prayer – Always end your lesson with a simple prayer.

- Each lesson has a “Closing Blessing” at the end of the lesson.
- Or use your own prayer!