**CLASSROOM ACTIVITES**

* **ACTIVITY EXAMPLES**
* Students can write a **letter to God**, asking for His forgiveness and grace
* Students can pairs in groups to research and present visually a specific symbol or rite or component of the Sacrament of Penance which will be hung in a corner of the classroom
* After examining the forgiveness song by Alicia Keys or Matthew West (or comparing the two songs), students to note attributes of forgiveness evident in the sons. They are to then work in small groups to **create their own forgiveness song**.
* Have students make **invitation cards** for their families, to invite them to their Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are to write the information of the evening as well as one fact they have learnt about the Sacrament
* **Word Puzzles and Fill-in-the-blanks**



My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for my sins with all my

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

against you whom I should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ above all things. I firmly

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

to sin no more, and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whatever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me to sin.

Our Savior \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ suffered and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us. In His

name, my God, have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Word bank:

 Help Failing Jesus Mercy God Sorry Sinned Penance Amen Avoid Died Leads Good Choosing Love Heart Intend Wrong

* Building upon their conscious and judgment of their actions through **scenarios**



* **Mediation**



* **Together in Jesus: First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation Programs** by Pflaum
* Students will be divided into groups and given a life **scenario**. They are to **present** this to the class, in which the class will try and guess which element of Penance the scenario is indicating
* **Adaptive Reconciliation Kit** to cater for students with additional needs



* **Games**:

 <http://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com.au/2009/05/reconciliation-file-folder-game.html>

* Have students examine **artworks** and note how the artist has used various artistic technique to convey meaning

 **Forgiveness** by Sofiya inger

* Read and examine Scripture readings such as the Parable of the Prodigal Son <http://www.ebibleteacher.com/sites/default/files/flipcharts/1/pdf/ProdigalSonStory_0.pdf>
* Review the **Sacraments of Reconciliation PowerPoint** by Tess Stangas http://www.authorstream.com/Presentation/tassvpa-1015686-sacrement-of-reconciliation/
* Read and examine **10 Steps of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for children**

[http://www.ctkri.org/ReligiousFormation/Docs/Reconciliation
Ceremony.pdf](http://www.ctkri.org/ReligiousFormation/Docs/ReconciliationCeremony.pdf)

* Songs; Create a class song



* Godly Play of the Parable of the Lost Sheep and Parable of Prodigal Son
* Have students create their own Penance book in which they write key terms they have learnt, the three rites, key signs and symbols and understand individual reflection such as:



* Prayers



* **TEACHERS RESOURCES TO GAIN IDEAS OF ENGAGING ACTIVITIES**

**Enhancing the teaching of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** by the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia

http://www.ceo.wa.edu.au/home/harris.joanne/Enhancing\_the\_Teaching\_of\_the\_Sacrament\_of\_Reconciliation/Penance\_booklet.pdf

**5.7 We Celebrate the Sacraments (Part 1)** by the Archdiocese of Sydney Religious Education Curriculum

<http://www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au/Parents/Religion/RE/recurr/tres-curr-5.7.doc>

**First Reconciliation** by Pinterest

<http://www.pinterest.com/mlln/first-reconciliation/>

**Forgiveness by Focus on Family Association**

<http://www.kidsofintegrity.com/sites/default/files/Forgiveness.pdf>

**Forgiveness Online**

http://www.enablemetogrow.com/forgiveness/

**God’s Gift: Reconcilation and Eucharist** by Loyola Press

**Home Resources for Sacramental Preparation of Children; Reconcilation (Confession or Penance)**

http://www.sacredhearthouston.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=358

**I will say I’m Sorry**

http://www.sugardoodle.net/joomla/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=5590

**Practicing Penance: A first reconciliation activity** by Jared Dees

<http://www.thereligionteacher.com/first-reconciliation-activity/>

**Reconciliation Activities by Catholic mom**

http://www.catholicmom.com/reconciliation.htm

**Rites of Penance** by Liturgy Office of England and Wales

<http://liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Penance/Penance-Intro-bklt.pdf>

**Teaching Reconciliation**

 https://suite.io/diane-laney-fitzpatrick/611262

* **for TEACHERS**

**13 Ways to become a better Religious Educator during summer break** by Jared Dees

http://www.thereligionteacher.com/summer-break-webinar/

**31 Days to becoming a Better Religious Educator** by Jared Dees

http://www.thereligionteacher.com/31-days-to-becoming-a-better-religious-educator/

**Building Prayer Habits as a Teacher** by Jared Dees

<http://www.thereligionteacher.com/teacher-prayer-habits/>

**If You Can’t Change What They Think, Change What They Feel** by Jared Dees

<http://www.thereligionteacher.com/think-feel/>

**Now You Can Teach Like Pope Francis!** by Jared Dees

<http://www.thereligionteacher.com/teach-like-pope-francis/>

**The Most Important Piece of Advice that New Religion Teachers and Catechists Don’t Want to Hear** by

Jared Dees

<http://www.thereligionteacher.com/advice-new-teachers/>

**Why do I confess my sins to a priest in a Catholic Church? By Jared Dees**

http://www.thereligionteacher.com/confession-to-a-priest/

**LESSON PLANNING VIDEOS**

* Lesson Preparation: <http://www.thereligionteacher.com/lesson-preparation-video/>
* Creating Lesson Objectives: <http://www.thereligionteacher.com/creating-lesson-objectives-video/>
* Determine Lesson Assessment: <http://www.thereligionteacher.com/determine-the-lesson-assessment-video/>
* Selecting Teaching strategies and activities: <http://www.thereligionteacher.com/selecting-teaching-strategies-and-activities-video/>
* Lesson Planning Mistakes: <http://www.thereligionteacher.com/lesson-planning-mistakes/>