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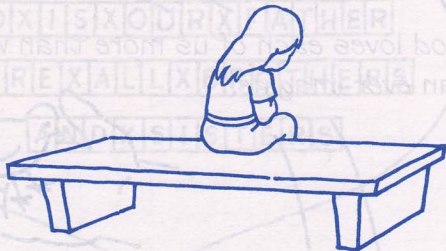
MY BAPTISM

I was baptized on _____

I am a child of God!


I like to _____

If you have ever felt alone and sad because of something you did, if you have ever wished you could make things right again, this little book is for you.



My name is _____.

I am _____ years old.

This is my picture 

I like to

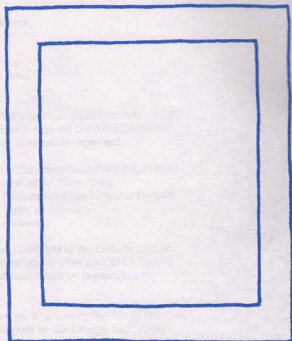
___ play games

___ read

___ ride a bike

___ draw

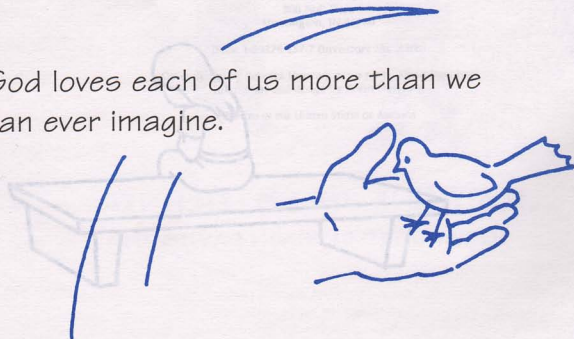
___ sing



I am the only person in the world just like me.

GOD LOVES ME!

God loves each of us more than we can ever imagine.



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God's family is called
the **CHURCH**.

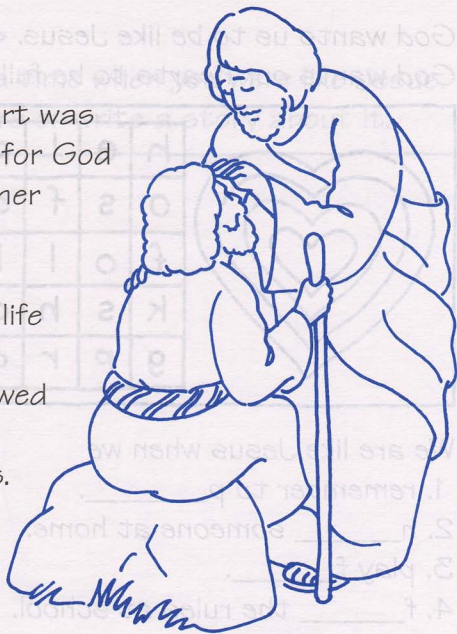
G O D X I S X O U R X F A T H E R

W E X A R E X A L L X B R O T H E R S

A N D X S I S T E R S

Jesus' heart was full of love for God and for other people.

During his life on earth, Jesus showed his love in many ways.



Can you match these?

He made blind people ...

sick people.

He cured ...

see again.

He fed the ...

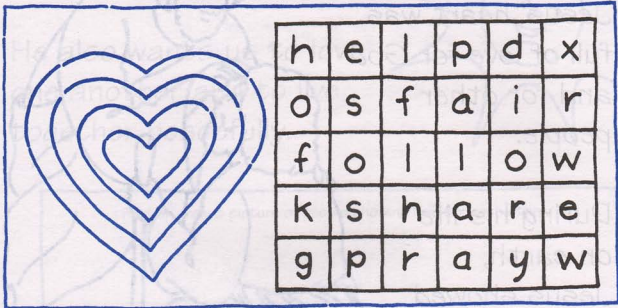
how to pray.

He taught people ...

hungry crowd.

God wants us to be like Jesus.

God wants our hearts to be full of love.



We are like Jesus when we

1. remember to p_____.
2. h_____ someone at home.
3. play f_____.
4. f_____ the rules at school.
5. s_____ our toys.

**When we love others,
we love God!**



When we make a **RIPPLE of LOVE** we are making a choice. We are **CHOOSING to LOVE.**

Sometimes choosing to love means doing something.

♥ I love God and others when I _____.

Sometimes choosing to love means not doing something.

♥ I love God and others when I don't _____.



Choosing to love
can make me feel
good inside!

Most of the time we try to love God and others the best we can.

But sometimes we get selfish. Sometimes what we want seems more important than loving God and others.



Sometimes we do not show love and concern for others as Jesus did.

When we sin, we weaken our friendship with God. Does God stop loving us? How can we make things right again with God?



Jesus told a story to help answer these questions.

Once there was a shepherd who had 100 sheep. Every day he watched over his sheep and kept them safe.



Every night he counted his sheep to make sure they were all there. He was a good shepherd.

The **ACT OF CONTRITION** is a prayer that tells God we are sorry and want to make things right again.

1. My God,

I am s_____ for my sins
with all my h_____.

2. In c_____ to do wrong
and failing to do g_____

I have sinned against you
whom I should l_____
above all things.

3. I firmly intend,
with your help,
to do p_____,
to sin no more,
and to a_____

whatever leads me to sin.

4. Our Savior J_____ Christ
suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God,
have mercy. Amen.

Jesus

love

choosing

penance

heart

avoid

good

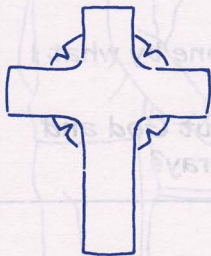
sorry



“Contrition” means to be sorry.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is one of the special ways
that God shows his love for us.



When we celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation,
our sins are forgiven through
the power of Jesus' love.

Jesus' love brings us
all together again as
one family.



And that's a time to **CELEBRATE!!**

To get ready for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we find a quiet place to think and pray.



We ask the Holy Spirit to help us look at our lives.

- At home
- At school
- After school
- At play

Was I like Jesus?

Did I love God and others?

Did I help others when they needed it?

Did I hurt anyone by what I said or did?

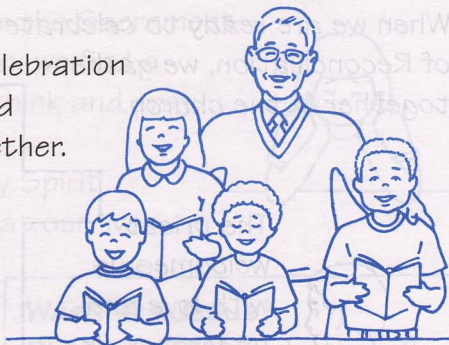
Did I think about God and remember to pray?



We tell God we are s_____ for our sins.

We ask him to help us learn to be b_____.

We begin our celebration
by s_____ing and
p_____ing together.



We listen to readings from the B_____.

“Rejoice with me because
I have found my lost
s_____.”



God's words
have the power
to change our
hearts.

When it is my turn to talk with the priest, this is what happens.



The priest is happy to see me.
He is like the shepherd in the
story of the lost s _____.



We begin with the Sign of the Cross. I tell him that this is my first confession.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

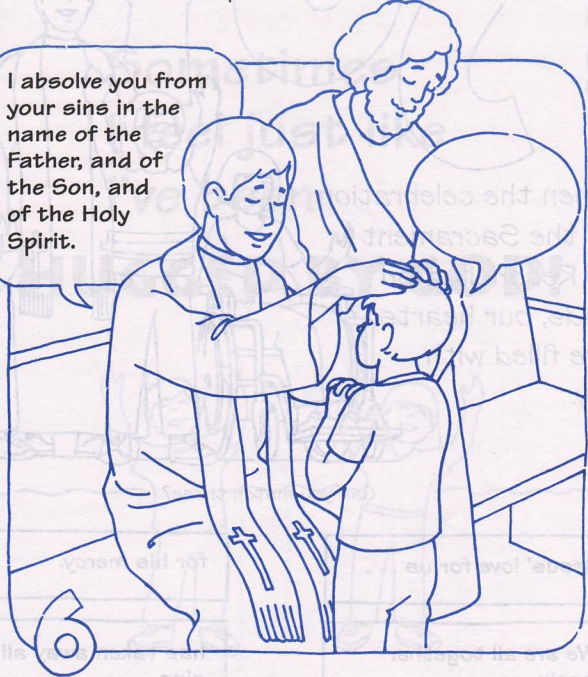


I tell him about the times I did not love God and others. He listens and understands. He is big now, but once he was a child like me.

Sometimes I...



Then the priest forgives my sins through the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.



I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The priest's words of forgiveness bring me very close to God and my brothers and sisters.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a **NEW BEGINNING** for us.

God's love and forgiveness give us new strength to live as his children.



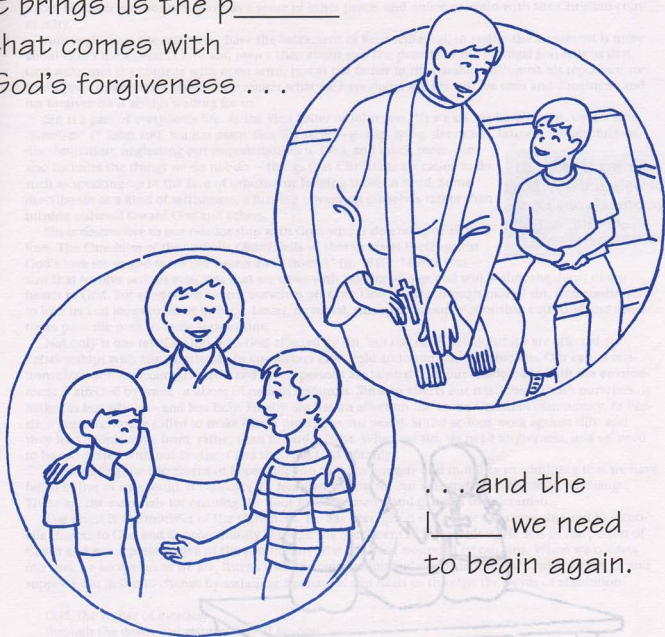
With God's help
we can change
selfishness
to k_____ness

With God's help we can g_____ in love.



Anytime we need God's forgiveness and grace to make things right again, the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** is there for us.

It brings us the p_____ that comes with God's forgiveness . . .



. . . and the _____ we need to begin again.

THANK YOU, GOD!