



My Own Reconciliation Booklet

Name

**My first celebration of
the Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Date

Parish

City

State

I Am God's Friend

I know that I'm special to God. I'm his friend.

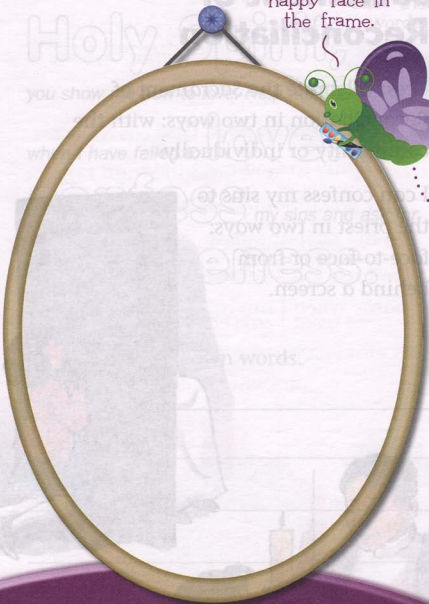
Sometimes I make a choice that doesn't show love for God or others. This hurts my friendship with him. I sin.

When I sin, I can say this to let God know that I'm sorry.



God forgives me in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Draw your happy face in the frame.



This is my happy face after I say "I'm sorry."

I Prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

I can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in two ways: with the community or individually.

I can confess my sins to the priest in two ways: face-to-face or from behind a screen.



But first I pray to the Holy Spirit for help.
I can pray with these words.

You can
color these
words.

Holy Spirit,

you show me how to love. Help me know

when I have failed to love. Help me

confess my sins and ask for

forgiveness.

Amen.

Or I can use my own words.

Holy Spirit, _____



I Make an Examination of Conscience

I review the Ten Commandments. I ask myself questions like these.

My Relationship with God

Do I pray to God each day?

Do I pay attention and do my part at Mass?

Do I use God's name or Jesus' name when I am angry?



My Relationship with Others

Do I obey my parents and teachers?

Do I follow the rules at school
and at home?

Do I treat others fairly?

Do I make fun of others?

Do I fight at home or on
the playground?

Do I take care of my belongings
and those of others?



I name to myself the sins I need to
confess. Now I am ready to celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Individual Rite of Reconciliation

The priest welcomes me in Jesus' name.

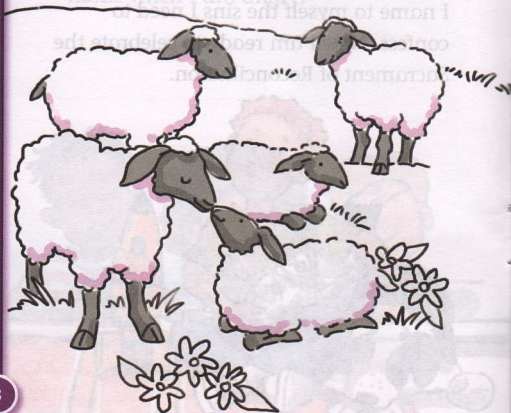
I pray the Sign of the Cross.

Help me
trace the
letters.

The priest invites me to trust in
God's mercy and love.

I answer:

A M E N



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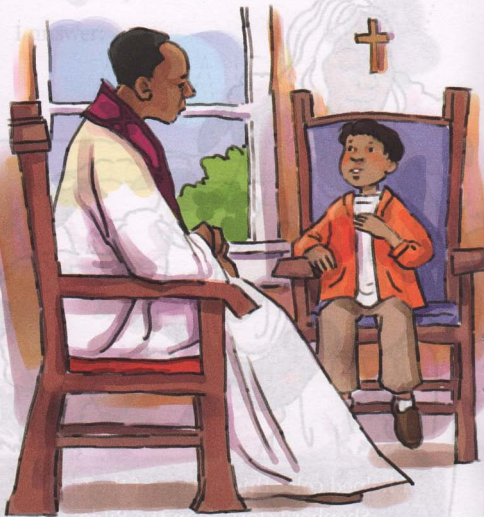
The priest may read God's
Word in the Bible. Or he
may ask me to read it.



I helped color this picture of the Good
Shepherd story from the Bible.

I confess my sins. The priest listens.
He helps me think about ways to make
up for what I did and to do better in
the future.

Then the priest gives me a penance.
It may be a prayer to pray or a good
deed to do.



I tell God I am sorry for my sins.

I pray the Act of Contrition.

My God,

I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong

and failing to do good,

I have sinned against you

whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help,

to do penance,

to sin no more,

and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ

suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy.

