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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Reconciliation

Example

I Make Good Choices

Activity: The child offers ways of turning a bad choice into a good choice.

Concept

Part of Reconciliation is learning from our bad choices. After Reconciliation, we go forth to make better decisions.

What You Need

- ▶ **Learning Tool:** Family Stick Puppets and Panorama, and Picture Cards 42-61
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card
- ▶ crayons or markers

At Home

Invite the parents to point out the decisions the family makes throughout the week. Encourage the parents to talk about how they make decisions and how decisions have consequences.

Lesson Steps

1	<p>Opening Prayer Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: Dear God, guide me in making good choices. Pray the Sign of the Cross.</p>
2	<p>Begin with Life Experience Share the Picture Cards to review choices. Perform a brief skit using the Family Stick Puppets. Show the puppets making either a good or a bad choice. Then talk about each choice and why it was bad or good. Some children may have difficulty with the concept of good or bad choices. You may need to point out that a bad choice makes others unhappy or causes a problem. Say: We try to make good choices. Sometimes we make a bad choice. That's OK because we can do better next time.</p>
3	<p>Connect Say: Sometimes when we make a bad choice, we wish we could have a "do-over." What "do-overs" can you imagine? What could happen differently? Guide the child to draw, write, or dictate his or her response based on the skit you shared at the beginning. If the child wishes to respond through a drawing, use the photocopy of Side B of this card.</p>
4	<p>Closing Prayer Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: Thank you, God, for helping me make good choices every day. Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.</p>

