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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Reconciliation

I Think About My Choices

Activity: The child communicates that he or she thinks about a choice before making one.

Concept

We have freedom of choice. During Reconciliation, we think about the choices we've made.

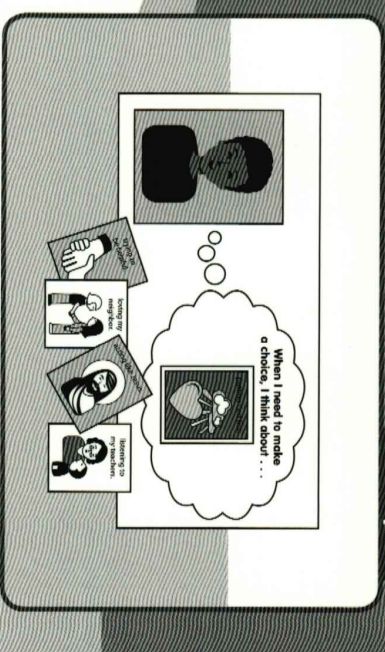
What You Need

- ▶ **Learning Tool: Examination of Conscience Card**
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card
- ▶ photo of the child
- ▶ art supplies
- ▶ small snack
- ▶ sticker(s)

At Home

Invite the parents to review how to make good and bad choices twice before next week.

Example



Lesson Steps

1 Opening Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: ***Dear God, help us learn about good and bad choices. Guide us to make good choices.*** Pray the Sign of the Cross.

2 Begin with Life Experience

Offer the child the choice of a small snack or a sticker. After the child has made his or her choice, ask leading questions (Were you hungry? Do you like/dislike the texture or color?) to assist the child to communicate about his or her decision-making process. Say: ***We think about our choices before we make them.***

3 Connect

Ahead of time, color and cut out the images from the photocopy of Side B of this card. Select six images and their corresponding statements that would be most meaningful for the child. For example, if you select the image about listening to parents, you might say: ***I think about a choice before I make it. I ask myself, does this choice show I listen to my parents? If you choose to pinch your brother, does that show you listen to your parents? Allow time for the child to answer. Offer additional scenarios to match the child's experience and interest. Help the child glue his or her picture in the place indicated on the photocopy of Side B. Ask the child to place the image that corresponds to the example you gave in the thought bubble. Say: *When I need to make a choice, I think about listening to my parents.**** Invite the child to repeat the completed statement. Continue with the remaining images. Send home all the images and the photocopy with the child.

4 Closing Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: ***Thank you, God, for teaching us how to think about the choices we make.*** Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

