

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RECONCILIATION – INTER-RELATING

***Note to teachers/parents and carers.**

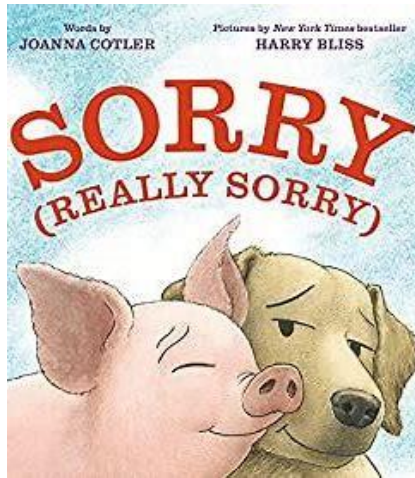
This work comes from the Come and See Religious Education programme which is taught in all Catholic primary schools in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. We have given a general guide to the learning opportunities that children may have come across under normal timetabling in school. We have suggested and selected a small amount of the programme. The activities aim to keep Religious Education practical and fun. They are in Year groups however, there is no harm in completing other year group work as this will help children to remember and strengthen their learning.

The first part of learning is called – **EXPLORE**. This shares your child's everyday experiences and helps them to see how the Catholic faith is lived in their everyday lives. The second part, called – **REVEAL** shares bible stories that links to their everyday life.

****Please note that the activities have been adapted as far as possible to adhere to social distancing guidelines. If completing the activities in school, please follow your school's Safeguarding policy.***

****Teachers may wish to adapt the following activities to suit the well-being of the children whether at home or in their care. The Reconciliation topic is an opportunity for schools to explore feelings that are/may be affecting them at this time.***

EXPLORE: Sometimes our choices are right and sometimes they are wrong



Read and share together: Sorry (really sorry) by Joanna Cotler

Full book available on You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjb0NVivGUl>

Talk about the situations where we must choose what to do and how sometimes we make good choices – good for others and for ourselves – and sometimes we make wrong choices which make others and ourselves unhappy.

Choose Activities

- Give children an assortment of pictures – children to sort into ‘good choices/wrong choices’ and talk about what is happening in each picture. (See next page 5 for ideas)
- Complete a worksheet: *Things that make me happy ...Things that make me sad.* (See page 5 for ideas)
- ***Please note if children are in school (i) take care if children have/ are being affected by the lockdown or because of being socially distant (ii) teachers may wish to consult their PSHE programme for making right choices and mental well- being programmes being used in school.***



Sad

When I feel sad, this is how my face looks:

Three things that make me feel sad are:

- 1
- 2
- 3

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Three things I can do when I feel sad are:

REVEAL: Jesus forgives us when we make wrong choices.

- Read and share together: *God's Story 2* pages 70-71 *Good News for Zacchaeus*, based on Luke 19:1-10.

Talk about when we make wrong choices like Zacchaeus did, we need to show that we are sorry in some way.

- Talk together and answer these questions...

What wrong choices did Zacchaeus make?

How did Zacchaeus feel when Jesus told him that he was coming to his house?

Why did the people complain?

How did Zacchaeus show he was sorry for his wrong choices?

Why was it a happy day for Zacchaeus?

Choose Activities

- Make a story board of the events for the display.
- Insert some speech bubbles onto the picture from *God's Story 2* page 70 and ask the children to put in the words that Jesus and Zacchaeus spoke to each other. (Please see page 7)
- Make a prayer card with the words 'Sorry!' on one side and 'Thank you!' on the other. Ask children to keep this safe at home. Ask them, when they go to bed, to think about the good things that have happened and say, 'Thank you!' to God for them. Then to think about the wrong choices they have made and say 'Sorry!'

