

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

at St Catherine's Primary.



In the name of the Father...

Peace be with you

All; And also with you



"We are all loved by God. In the Bible,
God tells us how much we are loved.
Listen to some of these times..."



Reading

The Lost Sheep

Luke 15: 1-7



Examination of Conscience

Jesus loves each and every one of us and welcomes us to meet him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Examination of the Conscience

Let us pray for the gift of forgiveness

All; God our Father, help me to
remember the times when I didn't live
as Jesus asked me to. Help me to be
sorry and help me to try again.

Examination of the Conscience

If there are times when we did not pray

All; We are sorry

If there are times when we were disobedient

All; We are sorry

If there are times when we have been
untruthful, or did not accept the blame for
our wrong-doing

All; We are sorry

Examination of the Conscience

If there are times when we have been
angry or bad tempered

All; We are sorry

If there are times when we have hurt
others by what we said or did

All; We are sorry

Examination of the Conscience

Let us all say the act of sorrow:

All; O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again

Examination of the Conscience

God our Father, you gave us life. You know us. You know how hard it is for us to show love. Help us to be more loving.

All; Amen

Reconciliation



I can say I am sorry...



What is 'Reconciliation'?

Think about:

- *Times you need to say sorry
- * Times in school when we need to forgive others

RECONCILIATION DEPENDS UPON US

"I WILL NEVER BREAK MY COVENANT WITH YOU" — JU. 2:1



"THEY ENTERED INTO A COVENANT TO SEEK THE LORD" — II CH. 15:12

What do you think the artist is trying to say?

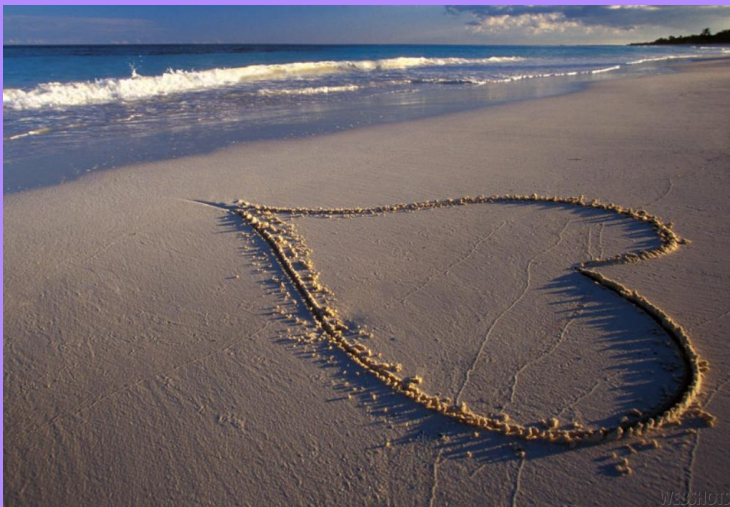
What words come to mind when you look at this picture?

How do you get the strength to find a way through your problems?

Why is trust important?

"There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love."

Bryant H. McGill





Which of the words in the picture is most important when thinking about the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

How do you show kindness and love in everyday life?

What does love mean to you?

What do you think is happening in this picture?

How does this picture make you feel ?

What is this person thinking?

How do you think this person is feeling?





What do you think this girl is praying for?

What do you pray for?

How do you pray?

Why do you think praying is so important?

Do you always show your family and friends
that you love them?

How do you show people that you love them?

Who makes you feel loved?

When did you last tell someone you love
them?



"The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Why do you think this boy is saying thank you?

What do you have to be thankful for?

Have you always said thank you?

How do you feel when people say thank you to you?





Have you always made the right decisions?

When was the last time you made a bad decision?

How did you make a bad situation better?

What helps you make a right decision?



Why is it so important to respect other people?

Do you always show respect to the people around you?

How do you feel when people show you respect?

What does respect mean to you?

What do you think this picture is all about?

Why is it so important to respect everyone no matter where they are from, what music they like, what clothes they wear or what colour their skin is?



"In a quarrel, leave room for
reconciliation"

Russian Proverb



Why do you think this person is angry?

What makes you angry?

How can you stop getting angry?

Have you ever made anyone angry?

How can you stop making people angry?





How does this picture make you feel?

Why is it important that we are kind
to everyone?

Do you always take the blame for the things you do wrong?

Have you ever lied about doing something you shouldn't have been doing?

When was the last time you took the blame for something you did?



Why is it so important to say sorry?

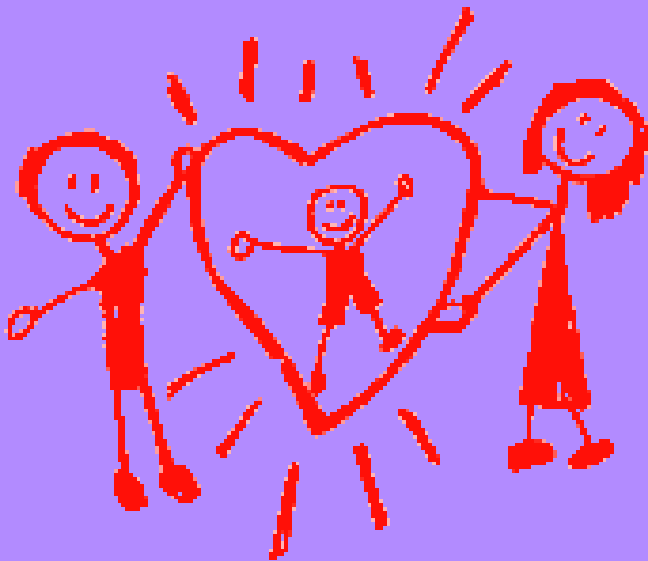


What do you have to be sorry for?

Do you always say you are sorry when you do something wrong?

"The first duty of love
is to listen."

Paul Tillich





Have you ever lied about something important?

What was the last lie you told?

Have you ever been lied to?

How did it feel when you were lied to?

What do you think is happening in this picture?

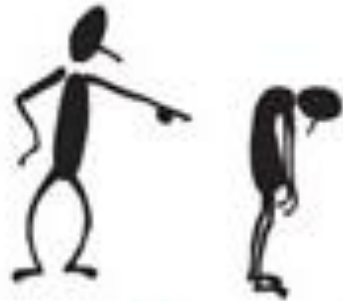
Why is it important to always forgive the people that we love?

Is there someone that you should forgive?



Words Can

Hurt



or



Heal

What Did Yours Do Today?

Have you ever said something nasty to someone?

Have you ever been upset by something nasty someone has said to you?

How did you feel when someone said something nasty to you?

How does it make you feel when a friend is upset?

When you are upset what would you want from a friend?

How would you try to cheer a friend up?

What would you do if you saw someone you didn't know upset in the yard?



"Treat everyone with politeness,
even those who are rude to you
- not because they are nice, but
because you are."

Author Unknown





How do you show that you love Jesus?

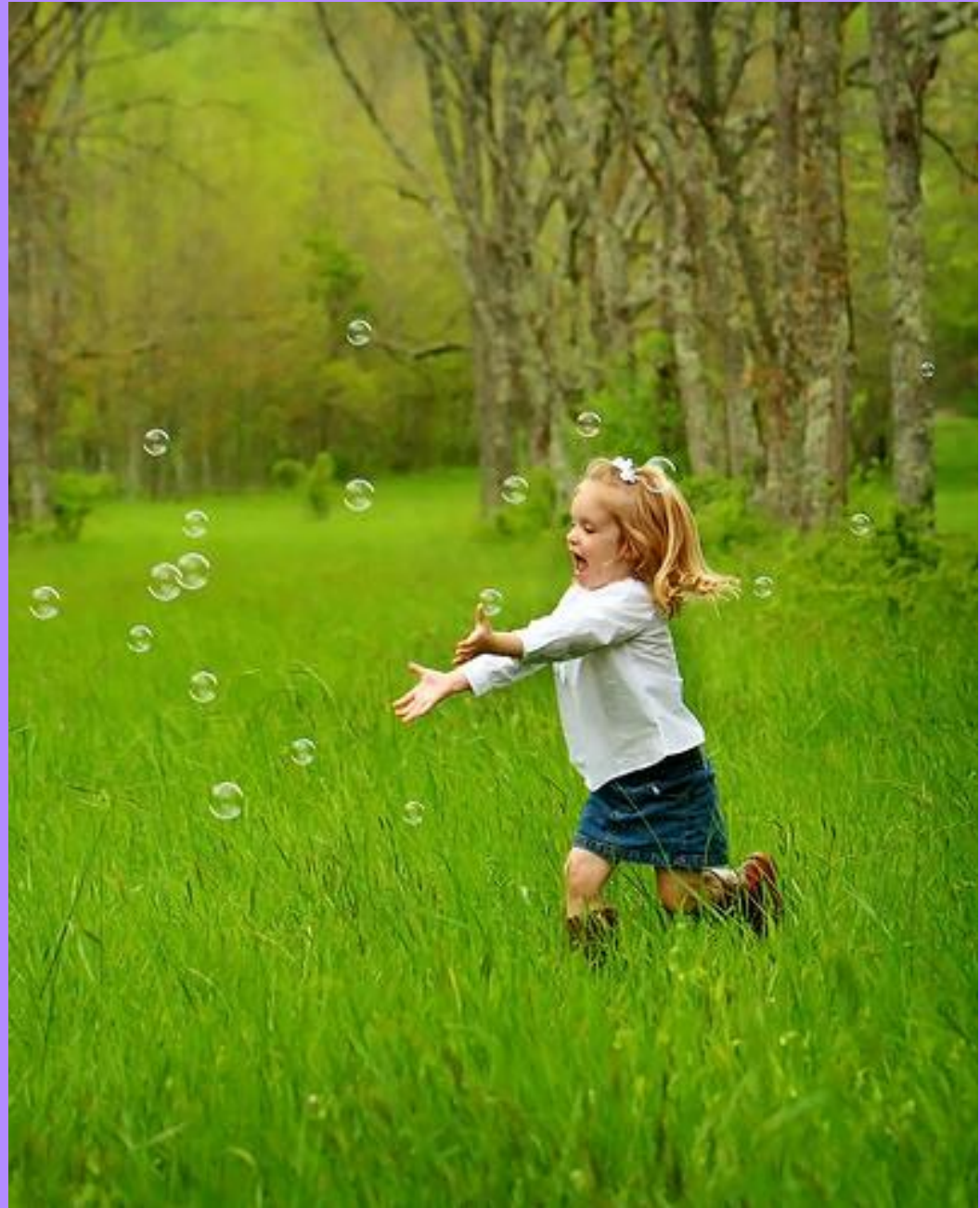
What does Jesus' love mean to you?

How do you know that Jesus loves
you?

What do you think is happening in this picture?

What do you think this girl is feeling?

What do you do that makes you feel happy?

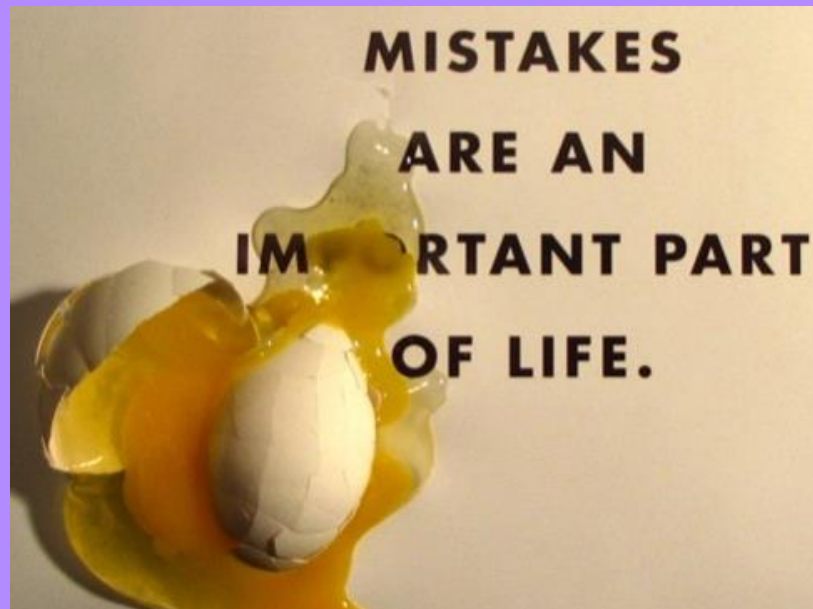


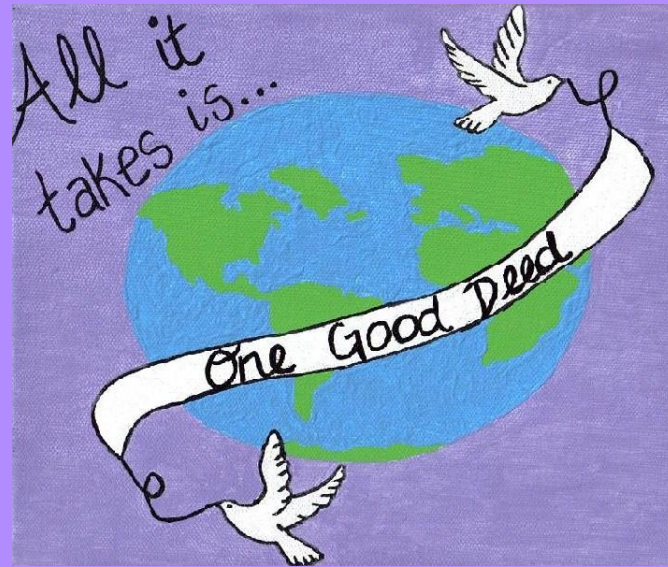
What do you do if you make a mistake?

Who can you talk to if you make a mistake?

What was the last mistake you made?

What did you learn from your last mistake?





What was the last good deed you did?

How did helping others make you feel?

Who are the people who help you?

How do you feel when someone is helping you?

"The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn."

David Russell



After the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us say together in the words that
Jesus gave us

All; Our Father...

After the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Father Leo; Let us say together our prayer of thanksgiving.

All;

God our Father,

Thank you for forgiving me,

Help me to love others.

Help me to live as Jesus asked me to live.

Going Forth

As you return to your friends and family this evening, bring love and forgiveness to those you meet.

Go in peace to love one another and may Almighty God bless you all.

In the name of the Father...

All; Amen