

Chapter 15

Signs of Forgiveness

Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.

Matthew 9:2

For the Parent:

In chapter 15 your child learned to:

- Recognize the steps in Reconciliation
- Begin to learn an Act of Contrition
- Analyze a Bible story to see what Jesus teaches about forgiveness

Before one can be forgiven, one must acknowledge the wrong done to God or to others and be sorry for it. Then comes the hard part for many; asking for forgiveness. The sacrament of Reconciliation offers Catholics a beautiful way of saying “I am sorry” and of experiencing God’s forgiveness. God is present in the sacrament of Reconciliation through the priest and the comforting and encouraging words of absolution: “May God give you pardon and peace.”

With Your Child:

1. As a family say the Act of Contrition. Talk about the meaning of forgiveness. Talk about how it is important to change and try to make things better. Discuss how it is important to show you’re sorry, not just to say the words.
2. Read about Saint John Vianney on the Review and Explore page.