

PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
Home-based Lesson

Getting Started

What are the three things that come with Confirmation?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What are the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Read the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) What is this story about? Money? Wild living? Stubbornness? Forgiveness? Anger? Focus on God's forgiveness and how God desires us to receive the sacrament of reconciliation even if it has been a long time. What are your thoughts on the parable?

Overview of Sin

Read YouCat 67 – What is sin? _____

Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz – The Heart of Sin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYo7oNWhkSo>

What does Fr Mike Schmitz say about sin? _____

We know what God wants us to do but often we choose otherwise. This kind of behavior can become a habit where we don't even think about how we are rejecting God's will. Lying to stay out of trouble, cheating to get better grades, taking what doesn't belong to us-even little things like taking a sibling's candy, a pen, etc, talking back to our parents, aggravating/teasing our siblings...

What other ways are we rejecting God? How do we rationalize with ourselves to avoid admitting our wrongs.

Video: DOs and DON'Ts of Confession

Watch Life Teen DOs and DON'Ts of Confession

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOXOmA4bldc>

What is a DO of Confession? _____

What is a DON'T of Confession? _____

What is a DO of Penance? _____

What is a DON'T of Penance? _____

Examination of Conscience

Find a quiet place and examine your conscience, have a heart to heart talk with God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to guide you and give you courage. Use the USCCB Examination of Conscience to help you prepare for Reconciliation before Confirmation Mass.