

# Together in Jesus

## First Reconciliation Preparation Child's Book At-a-Glance

### Steps for Success

Notes:

#### STEP ONE

Make yourself familiar with your child's lesson. Read over the lesson by yourself. Check out the questions included in each lesson. These questions are very important. The questions will help you to develop the objectives of the lesson. Decide how you will present the Scripture. Act it out, read as dialogue, read as a story. Make yourself familiar with the part of the Family Time Poster that corresponds with the lesson you are working on.

#### STEP TWO

Now you are ready to work with your child.

- Gather all the materials you will need to do the lesson.
- Find a quiet place. Get comfortable. Light a candle.
- Do the lesson together. Always start with a prayer. Use the Family Time Poster prayer for the lesson you are working on. Use a familiar prayer—The Lord's Prayer, The Hail Mary, or The Act of Contrition. Read over all parts of the lesson together. Ask and answer questions (accept all reasonable answers).
- Use the stickers provided for each lesson. They help to tell the Scripture stories and make the lesson objectives clearer.
- Get creative with the Scripture stories. Act them out. Take different parts. Make the Scripture your own.
- Finish the lesson with the Ritual Prayer.

#### STEP THREE

Keep the lesson alive during the week by:

- Doing the activities on the Family Time Poster with your child.
- Letting your child reinforce each lesson by watching the lesson videos [here](#).

#### SIGN'S OF READINESS FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION

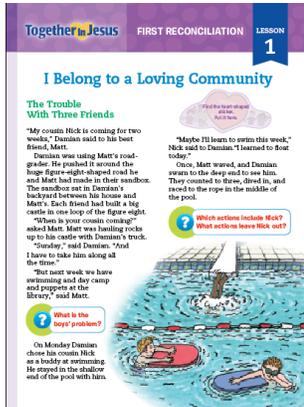
A child who is ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:

- Shows knowledge of Jesus and the Gospel message of forgiveness.
- Recognizes when he or she has done wrong and is aware of the effects of wrongdoing.
- Shows sorrow for sin, a desire for forgiveness, and wants to do better in the future.

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### Lesson 1 – I Belong to a Loving Community



#### OVERVIEW

The first lesson aims to help your child learn to distinguish loving from unloving actions. The dilemma the three friends face in this lesson is how to include three people in activities planned for two. The story invites the children to identify the problem the boys have and think of loving ways to solve it.

Your child is still practicing how to accept responsibility for their actions rather than blame others. They are still learning to distinguish mistakes and accidents from mean actions. This lesson calls them to loving action.

**Scripture:** Children explore Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29–37) in cartoon form.

#### VIDEOS

With your child, click [here](#) and select one or more of the suggested videos for Lesson 1.

#### Objectives of Lesson 1

1. Your child will appreciate belonging to a loving community.
2. Your child will distinguish loving from unloving actions.
3. Your child will distinguish actions that bring people together from those that leave people out.
4. Your child will recognize how Jesus asks him or her to treat others.
5. Your child will preview his or her First Reconciliation preparation.

