

First Reconciliation Session Two

The following activities should be completed together by the child preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and at least one parent/guardian. You may complete the session in one sitting or multiple sittings, whatever works best for your family. There is nothing to “turn in,” but please complete the session before the virtual check-in.

1. Read aloud the following Scripture passage from the Gospel of Luke:

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him (Jesus), but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them he addressed this parable. “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” (Luke 15:1-7)

2. Reflect on what you just heard. Take a few minutes to sit in silence and think about the Scripture reading. You may even want to reread the passage silently or out loud again.

3. After reflecting upon the Scripture passage, discuss the questions below (take turns; it may be helpful for mom or dad to go first and set an example):

- How would you feel if you were the one sheep who was lost?
- How would it feel to be found?
- Why was the shepherd so excited to find his one lost sheep?
- Why do you think Jesus is called the “Good Shepherd?”

4. Watch the video, “For Children: How to Make a Great Confession” (12:34), on Formed.org (To create a free Formed.org account, visit ArchangelGabrielParish.org/Formed).

5. Discuss the following questions:

- According to the video, how do we prepare our hearts to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness?
- After your confession, the priest will give you a “penance.” How does the video define “penance” in this case?
- What questions do you have? (write them down and bring them to the virtual check-in so we can answer them together!)