

Interview Questions Before Reconciliation

1. **What words would you use to describe God?** *God is a forgiving, loving, patient friend who wants us to be as loving as we can be.*
2. **Who are the three Persons in the one God?** *God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit*
3. **Please make the Sign of the Cross.** *The child should cross his/her heart at the word, "HOLY" and touch the left shoulder.*
4. **Who is Jesus?** *Jesus is the Son of God. truly God and truly human*
5. **What is the greatest commandment?** *Love God with your whole heart, and love each other as yourself.*
6. **What are the Ten Commandments?** *The ten commandments are rules that tell us what we need to do in order to follow God and be happy.*
7. **What is sin?** *Sin is choosing to do something we know is wrong.*
What is the difference between a sin and an accident? *Sin is something we do on purpose; accidents happen without our wanting them to happen.*
8. **What is the sacrament of Reconciliation?** *The sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's pardon for our sins. Celebrating we have a loving and forgiving God*
What are the 3 names for the Sacrament ? Reconciliation, Confession, Penance
9. **What five steps are always a part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation?**

You can use big words (Examination of Conscience, Confession, Act of Contrition, Absolution and Penance)

or small words (Think of your sins, Tell the priest, Tell God we are sorry, Receive forgiveness, and Do the penance)
10. **What do you say when you first begin your confession?** *Bless me Father, for I have sinned, this is my First Reconciliation..... (then tell Father your sins).*

11. Please say an Act of Contrition (Act of Sorrow).

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.*

*I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.*

*Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.*