

God Welcomes Us Back When We Sin



Jesus told us the story of the **MERCIFUL FATHER** so that we could understand that...

1 God loves us very much and has given us everything we need!

2 But we take God's gifts and then go away from Him. This is called SIN.

Some things God has given us:

Whom does sin hurt?

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3 To receive God's forgiveness, we have to do 3 things:

4 Through the priest, God forgives our sins. This is called ABSOLUTION.

1. Check our lives and be truly sorry for our sins.
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2. Confess our sins.
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3. Make up for what we have done.
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- What happens when our sins are forgiven?
1. We can live at peace with and his again.
 2. We have in our hearts.
 3. We get strength to fight

WHAT TO DO TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION:

1. PREPARE YOURSELF!

Think of what God has asked us to do and check your life. You may write down the sins you have committed if you like. Pray and ask God to forgive you.

2. GO TO THE PRIEST

Make a sign of the cross. Tell the priest when you made your last confession.
(This time say, "This is my first Confession.")



3. CONFESS YOUR SINS!

Tell the priest ALL the sins you remember. He will talk to you and help you to start living in a new way. He will then tell you what to do as penance. It may be a prayer, or some good action.

5. ABSOLUTION:

The priest will put his hand on your head and say a prayer forgiving you in God's name. He will make a Sign of the Cross over you.
Thank God for what he has done for you.
The priest will tell you to go in peace.

4. PRAY A 'SORRY PRAYER'!

Tell God you are truly sorry and ask him to forgive you.
It could be in your own words, or you can say:
'Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.'
OR
'Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your child. Be merciful to me, a sinner.'

6. Go and live a new life with the help of God. Remember to do the penance the priest has told you to do. Also try to make up for your sins as best you can.

