



WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE

Like ripples in the water our love spreads out to others. How much love is there in your life? Finish the sentences to help you find out. Write your answers in the two biggest ripples.

In the next ripple write the names of people who have done something to make you happy.

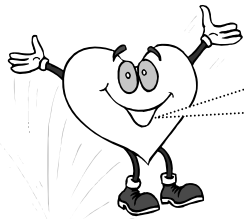
In the last one write the name of a person whom you were able to make happy by what you said or did.

A large graphic consisting of several concentric, horizontal oval lines that resemble ripples in water. At the top center of the innermost oval is a black silhouette of a water drop with a small wavy line underneath it, indicating the point of impact.

One thing I think God loves about me is...

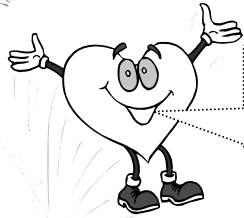
One thing I have done to show I am a loving person is...

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



We all belong to God's people

Wow! That's one big family! How can I show that I belong?



Everyone has a job to do in God's family.

My job is to be kind, to forgive and care for others. How can I do that?



SOMETHING TO DO



The computer has a virus. It keeps putting in letters that don't belong. Find these letters and cross them out. You will then be able to read the message.

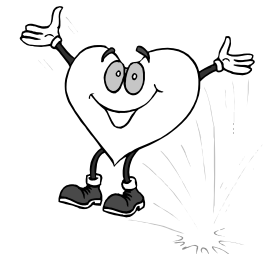
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SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation I show that I want to stay close to God and to show love and forgiveness to everyone.

MY PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for loving me. Thank you for the people who care for me.





CHOICES



Signposts help us to make the right choice about which way we want to go.

Every day we have choices about what we do and how we do it. Sometimes it is easy to choose, but other times it can be very difficult. Sometimes we hurt others when we make the wrong choices.



What pet would you choose for your family? What would you need to think about before you make your choice?

Your Mum tells you that you can have some friends over for your birthday party. Who would you choose? Why would you choose these people? Who would you leave out?



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Read the three stories below then think about the questions at the end.



The person sitting next to you at lunchtime spills some water over your food.



You want to play football with your friends, but somebody else is using the football.



You bumped into somebody by accident in the playground and they told the teacher that you pushed them.



What is the problem? What are my choices?

SOMETHING TO READ AND DO

In the story of the Loving Father, the younger son had some difficult choices to make. One day Jesus met another young man who found it was too hard to choose to put God first in his life. The story contains many spelling mistakes. Correct the mistakes and then read the story.

Thee riche yung man sed to Jesus, "You r a good man. U teech good things. Wat do I hav to do to liv foreva? Jesus told him: "Keep th kommandmens."

The rich yung man said, "I have kept them since I was a little boi. What else can I do?" Jesus said, "There is won mor thing you can do. Go and sell everything u hav. Giv the mony to pore peepel and u will hav tresur in heven. Then come and follo me."

The yung man thort about what Jesus asked him to do. He could giv all his money away and go with Jesus, or go bak home and try to liv a good life as a rich man. He was very rich. He could not giv it all away. It was too hard to put God first.

You will find this story in the Gospel of Mark 10:17-25

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER:

When we make wrong choices that hurt others we say we sin.

The word "sin" has an "I" in the middle. The "I" can remind me that sin happens when I hurt others by being selfish and only thinking of myself.



MY PRAYER



Dear God, help me to remember that sometimes my choices hurt others and make them sad. Please help me to choose what is best for everyone, not just myself.

WE MAKE THINGS RIGHT



SOMETHING TO READ

My favourite hug is a birthday hug.
It makes me feel so special.



My favourite hug is a Nana hug.
I love it when she comes to visit.



My favourite hug is a "well done!" hug.
It makes me feel so proud.



But the best kind of hug is an "I love you" hug.
That's the feeling I like best of all.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

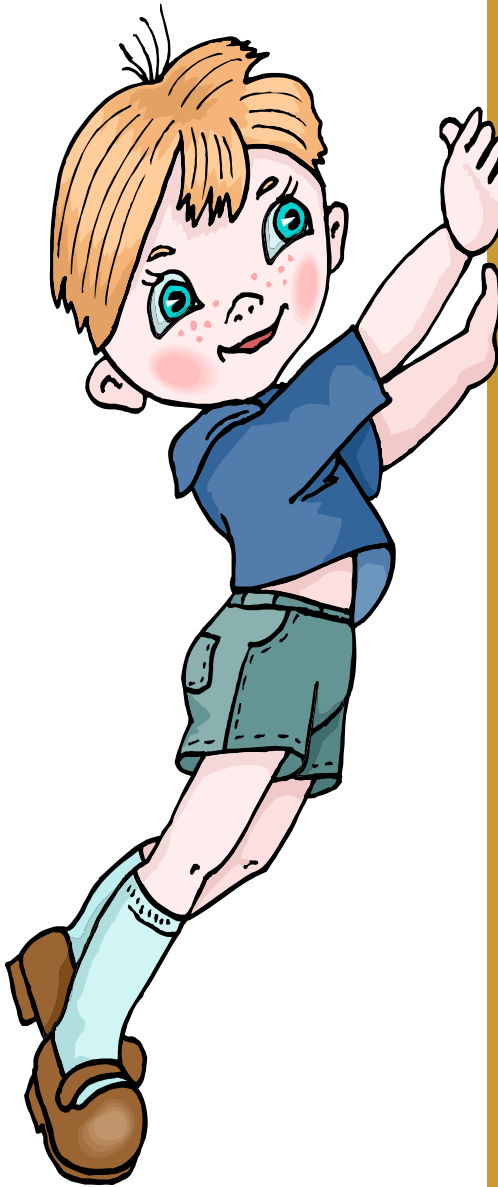


Colour the picture of the Loving Father welcoming his son home.

The younger son said,
"Father I am sorry." What words can I use when I have made someone sad? What can I do to show I am sorry?



SOMETHING TO REMEMBER



Some words have been left out of the sentences. Put them back where they belong, then read the message.

hurt, say, do, right, sorry, others, up, harder, person, closer, family, hugged.

The story of the loving father reminds me that I sometimes ---- others by what I --- or --.

I can make things ----- in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I say ----- to God and ----- and try to make -- for what I have done.

I try ----- to be a better -----.

Then I am ----- to God and to others in God's ----- again.

IT'S LIKE BEING ----- BY GOD!



MY PRAYER

Loving Father, help me to be strong and to say sorry when I hurt someone so that I can always be close to you. Amen.

WE TRY HARDER



SOMETHING TO DO

Every day the sunflower turns its head to follow the sun to receive its warmth so that it can grow. It can remind us to follow Jesus every day by loving and forgiving one another. *To make a sunflower you will need:*


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small white paper plate.• Paper towel tube• A sheet of green paper• Sheets of yellow paper | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pencil, Tape, Glue, Staple, Scissors.• A small handful of sunflower seeds (from the Supermarket) |
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To make the Stem of the Sunflower:
Use glue or tape to wrap a piece of green paper around a paper towel tube.

To make the petals:
 Trace your handprints on yellow paper. Cut them out. You'll need about 6 handprints.

 **To make the Sunflower:**
Glue or staple the handprints around the small paper plate.

Put a small layer of glue in the centre of the flower. Sprinkle sunflower seeds in the glue.

 Staple the stem to the flower (you'll have to flatten the top of the paper towel tube in order to staple it). You now have a beautiful sunflower to remind you to turn to God everyday!

SOMETHING TO READ and DO

Help the younger son find his way home to his father by writing the answer to the questions in the numbered boxes.



What can I do to show that I am trying harder to be a friend of Jesus?

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

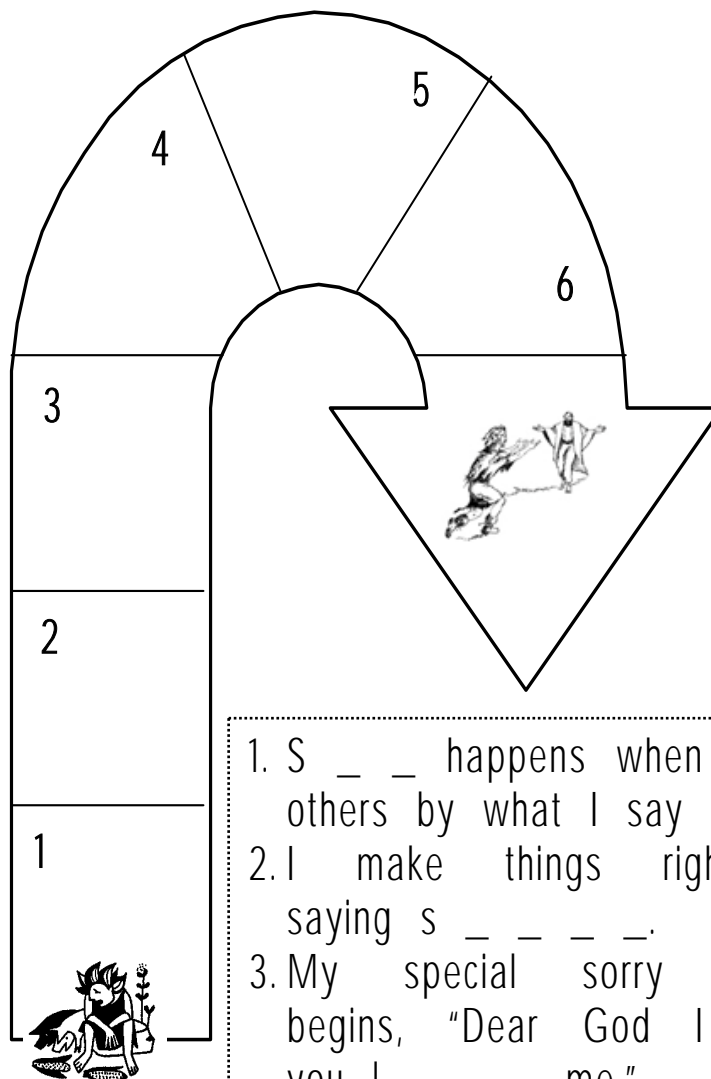
After the Sacrament of Reconciliation I need to try harder to be a friend of Jesus.

Answers to puzzle: SIN, SORRY, LOVE, PENANCE, SUNFLOWER, GOD.

MY SORRY PRAYER



Dear God, I know you love me. I am sorry for not loving others, for not loving you and for all my sins. Help me to live like Jesus. Amen



1. S _ _ happens when I hurt others by what I say or do.
2. I make things right by saying s _ _ _ _ .
3. My special sorry prayer begins, "Dear God I know you I _ _ _ me."
4. I show I am sorry for what I have done wrong by doing P _ _ _ _ _ .
5. The S _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ can remind us to turn to God.
6. The story of the Loving Father helps me to remember that G _ _ loves me.