

## AT HOME: EXPLORING THE *MAX and DROOGO* STORIES

### Week 1

This week your child will be asked to read the first story in *The Marvellous Adventures of Max and Droogo* (pages 6-9: 'Droogo Makes a Mark').

The questions at the bottom of page 9 may help your child begin to think about what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There are three things that we need to do:

1. We need to be aware that we have sinned, that we have done or said or thought something wrong on purpose. We should feel sorry for our sins and say sorry for them. We call feeling and saying sorry **CONTRITION**.
2. We need to admit with honesty that we have sinned and **CONFESS** our sins by telling them to a priest.
3. We need to do a **PENANCE** to show that we are sorry for our sins and to make up for the harm we have caused by doing something which restores the relationships which we have damaged, especially our relationship with God.

We are contrite, we confess our sins, we do penance. Humbly we turn back to God and God forgives us and restores our relationship with Him.

In the story, Droogo:

- Does wrong on purpose by wanting to punish the other dragons for being nasty, and so makes holes in the playground
- Is contrite: the young dragon feels sorry when the Reception Class dragons fall into the holes and says sorry to their teacher
- Confesses: "It was my tears that caused all these holes."

A penance is expected: the children are asked in question 2 to think of something that Droogo should do (a penance) to make up for the *sin* of deliberately making holes in the playground. It's worth noting though, that Droogo has already done something to make up by scooping the little dragons out of the holes.

Question 1 asks the children to consider whether the Reception Teacher forgives Droogo or not. Remember that, even if the teacher does not forgive, God always forgives us.

## Week 2

This week your child will be asked to read the second story in *The Marvellous Adventures of Max and Droogo* (pages 10-13: 'Hot Air Mishap').

The questions at the bottom of page 13 may help your child begin to think about what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Remember the three important things we need to do to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

1. Feel and say sorry for our sins (**CONTRITION**)
2. Acknowledge and tell our sins to a priest (**CONFESSION**)
3. Show that we are sorry for our sins by an act of **PENANCE**

In the story, Droogo:

- Does wrong on purpose by wanting to steal some picnics
- Is contrite: the young dragon says sorry for being greedy and wanting to steal picnics
- Confesses: "I was very greedy."

A penance is expected: the children are asked in question 1 to think of something that Droogo should do (a penance) to make up for the *sin* of deliberately wanting to steal and so causing the loss of the picnics – and many hot air balloons too!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> question may provoke some interesting discussion. Max always initiates the mischief (the sin) and never gets the blame. How would it be possible to get Max to feel sorry and confess – and what penance should the monkey receive?



### Week 3

This week your child will be asked to read the third story in *The Marvellous Adventures of Max and Droogo* (pages 14-17: 'Sweet Treat Temptations').

The questions at the bottom of page 17 may help your child begin to think about what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Remember the three important things we need to do to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

1. Feel and say sorry for our sins (**CONTRITION**)
2. Acknowledge and tell our sins to a priest (**CONFESSION**)
3. Show that we are sorry for our sins by an act of **PENANCE**

In the story, Droogo:

- Does wrong on purpose by wanting to steal some sweet treats
- Is contrite: the voice of Droogo's mum acts like the young dragon's conscience; Droogo goes to chef and says sorry for stealing a lot of sweet treats
- Confesses: "I've stolen quite a few sweet treats."

A penance is expected: the children are asked to think of something that Droogo should do (a penance) to make up for the *sin* of deliberately wanting to steal sweet treats and so ruining the big feast planned for later that day.



## Week 4

This week your child will be asked to read the fourth story in *The Marvellous Adventures of Max and Droogo* (pages 18-21: 'Ice Rink Disaster').

The questions at the bottom of page 21 may help your child begin to think about what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Remember the three important things we need to do to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

1. Feel and say sorry for our sins (**CONTRITION**)
2. Acknowledge and tell our sins to a priest (**CONFESSION**)
3. Show that we are sorry for our sins by an act of **PENANCE**

In the story, Droogo:

- Does wrong on purpose by wanting to "cause real trouble" (melting the ice-rink) even though the young dragon knows "that it's wrong".
- Is contrite: "I'm so sorry," Droogo tells everyone outside the ice-rink.
- Confesses: "This [the damage caused by the melting of the ice-rink] is all my fault."

A penance is expected: in question 2 the children are asked to think of something that Droogo should do (a penance) to make up for the *sin* of deliberately wanting to cause trouble and so almost destroying an ice-rink.



## Week 5

This week your child will be asked to read the fifth story in *The Marvellous Adventures of Max and Droogo* (pages 22-25: 'Ice Cream Melts').

The questions at the bottom of page 25 may help your child begin to think about what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Remember the three important things we need to do to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

1. Feel and say sorry for our sins (**CONTRITION**)
2. Acknowledge and tell our sins to a priest (**CONFESSION**)
3. Show that we are sorry for our sins by an act of **PENANCE**

In the story, Droogo:

- Does wrong on purpose by wanting to show off even though it's going to hurt others.
- Is contrite: "I feel so sorry," thinks Droogo and then says sorry to the Reception Teacher.
- Confesses: "This [melting the ice creams and upsetting the little dragons] is all my fault."

A penance is expected: in question 2 the children are asked to think of something that Droogo should do (a penance) to make up for the *sin* of deliberately wanting to show off, whatever the consequences (lots of little dragons and their teacher end up being upset).

