**UNIT 5.4 RECONCILIATION**

**CONCEPTS**: Redemption, Sacrament, Liturgical Year

**About this unit**

In this unit the children will learn that God heals our friendship with him and others through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Where this unit fits in**

This unit builds on work in Year 3 during the unit 3.3 ‘Called to Change’ It continues the theme of Holy Week which is taught throughout the programme.

**Prior learning**

It would be useful if the children reflected on their choices and the consequences of their actions.

**Key Words**

Choices, consequences, sin, parable, forgiveness, reconciliation, repent, sacrament, examining, conscience, confession, penance, sorrow, act of sorrow (contrition), absolution

**Links to ‘God’s Story’ and ‘Church’s Story’**

*God’s Story 3,* pp. 102-03, 112-27

*Church’s Story 3,* 100-111

**KEY SCRIPTURE**

Luke 15: 11-32 (The parable of the lost son)

Matthew 18: 22 (Peter’s question about forgiveness)

**KNOWLEDGE SEQUENCE**

* Their actions always have consequences.
* Sin hurts others and our relationship with God
* Catholics seek God’s forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
* Lent is a time for reconciliation.

**WTL LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

• Reflect on what strengthens our friendship with God and with others and what damages it

• Reflect on times we have shown or been shown love and forgiveness

• Know that sin is a failure to love

• *Understand that actions have consequences*

*• Reflect on some of the consequences of actions*

• Know that when we sin we hurt ourselves and others and damage our relationship with God

• *Understand that Mary, our Mother untangles knots of sin*

*• Reflect on how Mary is always ready to help us*

• Know that God heals our friendship with him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

• Know how we can prepare to receive this sacrament

• Know what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation

• Know that this sacrament enables us to change our behaviour

• Have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

• Perform the Stations of the Cross

**BY THE END OF THIS UNIT PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO:**

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| Compare their own and other people’s responses to questions about the consequences of their actions. | Show knowledge of the Parable of the Lost Son and show some understanding of what it tells us about reconciliation | Express a point of view about the characters in the parable of the Lost Son and give a reason for each view | Use the religious vocabulary sin, consequence, reconciliation, confession, penance, Act of Contrition, conscience, absolution widely, accurately and appropriately |
| Show some understanding of the belief that God loves and forgives us and the importance of our response by making links with scripture sources (Mt5:23-24 */ Lk22:54-62 / Lk23:34 / Lk23:39-43/ John 15:7.* | Show knowledge and some understanding of the religious signs and the steps involved in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. |