**Reconciliation Role Play**

Goal: Learn the steps to going to reconciliation and see a role play of the sacrament of reconciliation

Materials: Role play, paper, pencils, art materials, Rite of Penance sheet, scissors

Engage:

1. Welcome families to the room.
2. Call attention to a hand you have drawn on the board or white paper.
3. Tell students you are going to give them a “handy way” to remember the steps to the sacrament of First Reconciliation

Explore:

1. Ask each child to trace their parents right hand on a piece of paper.
2. Tell families you are going to talk about the five easy steps to reconciliation and talk about what they mean. Parents should write the steps in the hand as you discuss them. Briefly describe each step.
   1. Thank God for His gifts and examine your conscience (Think about the things you have done wrong and want to do better.)
   2. Pray an act of contrition saying you are sorry.
   3. Promise to do better in the future.
   4. Confess your sins to God in the presence of the priest.
   5. Do the penance the priest gives you.
3. After you have gone over the steps, tell the families they will watch a role play of these steps and that the child should color in the finger if they think the step has been done.
4. Invite a parent in the room or a student to play the role of the parent in the role play.
5. Invite prepared volunteers to do the reconciliation role play parts of child and priest.

Reflect:

1. Ask children to give the thumbs up if they think that the person in the role play followed all the steps.
2. Tell children to keep their hand as a way to review what they have learned.
3. If time allows, hand out The Rite of Penance sheet. Ask families to cut the steps apart, mix them up and the have children put them in the right order.
4. If they get them in the right order, they can color the pictures and then glue them down.