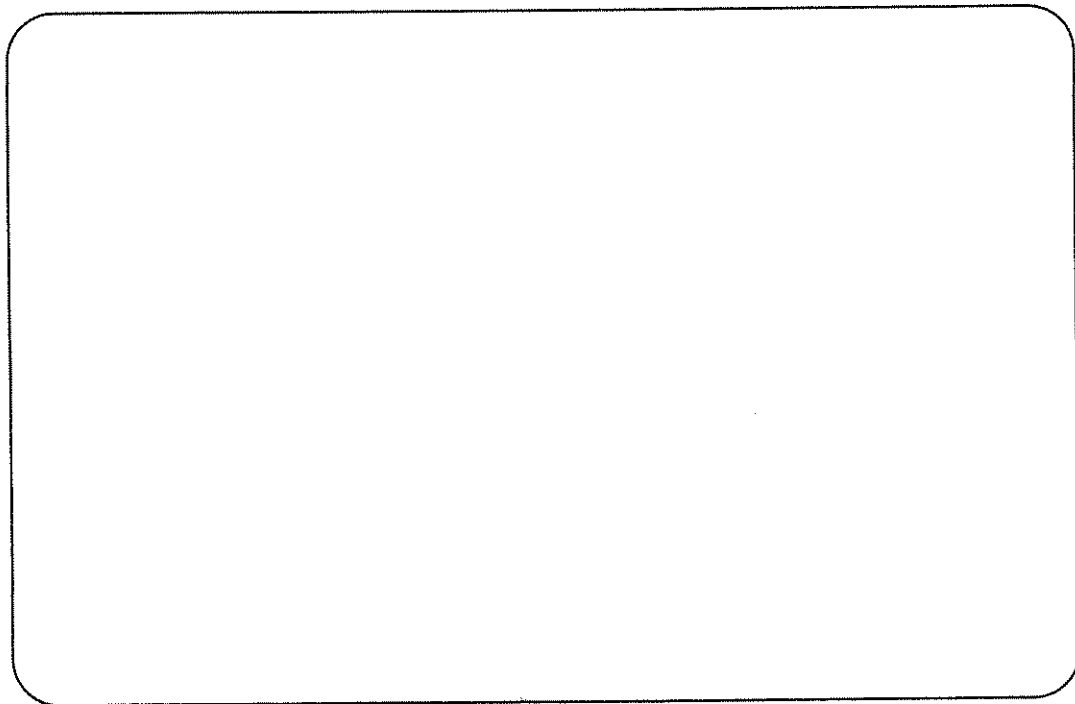


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God's Love and Mercy

1. Does God love us even if we sin? How do we know?
2. What example did Jesus give to tell us about God's love for us?
3. How is Jesus like a "good shepherd"?
4. How can we be "good sheep"?

Draw a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.



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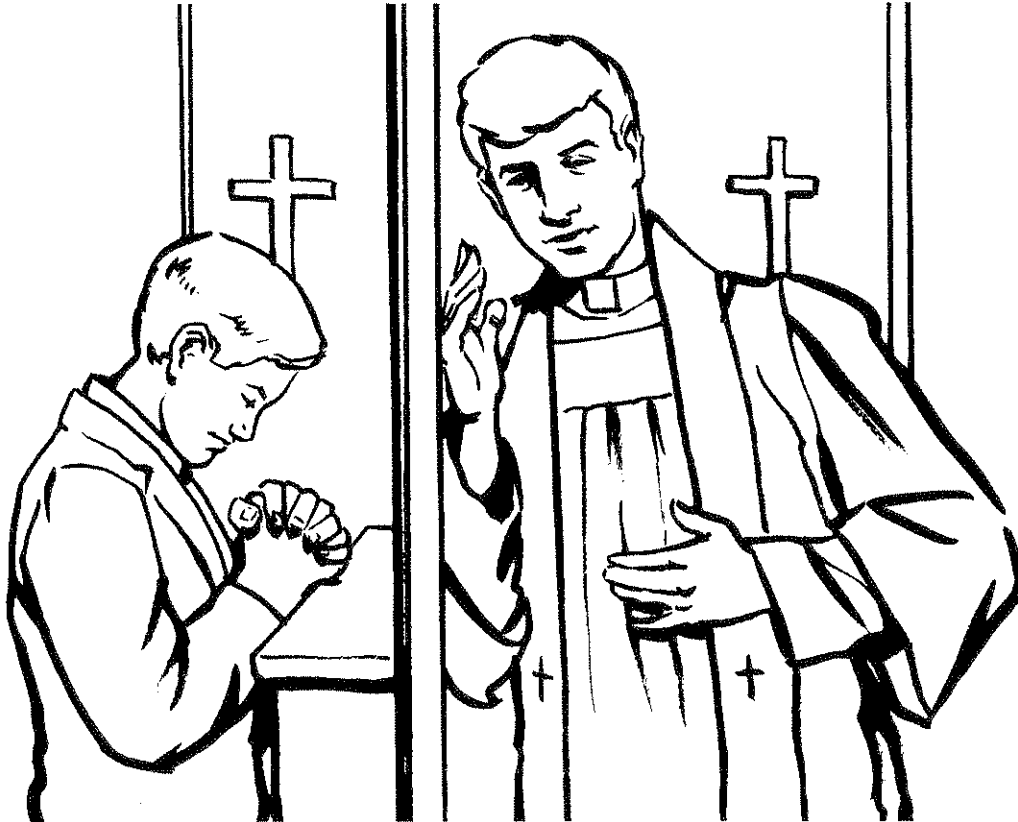
God Forgives Sins

1. What is mortal sin?
2. What is venial sin?
3. Are all sins equal?
4. How are love and forgiveness related? You may use the example of Peter and Mary Magdalene to explain.

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Confession

Color the picture below.



Only God can forgive sins. But on the first Easter Sunday night, Jesus gave His Apostles the power to forgive sins in His name. This was a gift of grace to the world. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and said, “Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit; if you forgive men’s sins, they are forgiven.”

The Apostles were the early priests of the Church. Our priests today carry the same power to forgive sins. They do this through the Sacrament of Penance.

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God's Tender Mercy

Match up the two columns according to the example.

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| _____ God | A. poured precious oil on Jesus' feet and wept for forgiveness. |
| _____ Peter | B. was known by name and was precious to the shepherd. |
| _____ The lost sheep | C. denied Jesus three times on the night He was betrayed. He wept with sorrow. |
| _____ No sin on earth | D. have the same power as the Apostles to forgive sins. |
| _____ Jesus gave | E. is the One who forgives our sins. |
| _____ Sins | F. are two kinds of actual sin. |
| <u>A</u> Mary Magdalene | G. is greater than God's love and mercy. |
| _____ The Sacrament of Penance | H. the power to forgive sins in His name. |
| _____ Mortal and venial sins | I. frees us from our sins. |
| _____ Our priests today | J. are not all equal. Some are more serious than others. |