

PENANCE - 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

YOU WILL NEED:

- Penance visuals on RE Online laminated (see Related Files for this unit).
- length of purple cloth (optional)

Note: Script is for the Second Rite of Reconciliation, which is the Rite covered in this unit and referred to in KWL Year 4.

Script suggested for use with the numbered visuals.

You may choose to lay each visual on a length of purple cloth. If this is the case:

Lay length of purple cloth on floor with students seated around in semi-circle.

These images tell the story of the Second Rite of Reconciliation.

Lay images one by one from your right to left, the students left to right.

1. **It begins with the Introductory Rites where we come together as a community to celebrate the forgiving love of God.**
We may sing a hymn.
2. **The priest greets us and invites us to pray.**
3. **During the Celebration of the Word, one or more readings from sacred Scripture are proclaimed.**
God's Word calls us to repentance and a change of heart.
4. **The priest then explains the readings and helps us to think about how we are living our lives.**
5. **The next part is called the Rite of Reconciliation. Together, we say we are sorry for our sins, confident that God will forgive us.**
We pray the Our Father.
6. **We then go to the priest to confess our sins. The priest gives us a penance.**
7. **He raises his hand over our heads as he says,**
"I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

We say, "Amen".
8. **After everyone has had the opportunity to confess their sins, we praise God together for his mercy and thank him through song or prayer.**
9. **In the final part, the Dismissal, the priest blesses us all and sends us out to live in peace and love with each other.**

Pause quietly for a moment, and then begin to wonder together.

- **I wonder why the Sacrament of Penance is called a Sacrament of Healing.**
- **I wonder why sin affects our relationship with God.**
- **I wonder why sin affects our relationship with others.**
- **I wonder why the season of Lent is a special time for forgiveness and Reconciliation.**
- **I wonder why this sacrament can be received again and again.**

Prayer:

Forgiving and Compassionate God, Help us today to forgive those who have hurt us.
Forgive our own acts of selfishness and help us to reconcile with those we have hurt or offended.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Pack visuals into storage box and put on shelf. Ensure that these are available for students to use.