

Collective Worship

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Am I a child of God in the way that I treat others?

The following structure suggests themes and ideas for structuring a Lenten Reconciliation Collective Worship service. Feel free to change and adapt each element within your focus.

EYFS and Year 1 Sorry Time

- **Gather** - Create a space for prayer reflecting Lenten themes and colours.
- **Listen** - Saying sorry is good and happy. It is normal and good to own our mistakes. Jesus showed he forgave people by showing them that he loved them.
- **Respond** - How do you show you are sorry? (Hugs, kisses, words, kindness) How do you show you have forgiven? (Hugs, kisses, words, kindness).
- **Go Forth** - Think about; Am I a child of God in the way that I treat others?

Year 2 Choices and decisions

- **Gather** - Create a space for prayer reflecting Lenten themes and colours.
- **Listen** - It is difficult to make the right choices and make things better. Saying sorry does make things better, but only if you act on it and change. It is what we do after that matters.
- **Respond** - What choices and changes can you make to show you are sorry? How do you show you truly forgive someone? Remember; Jesus showed he forgave people by loving them.
- **Go Forth** - Think about; Am I a child of God in the way that I treat others?

Year 3 Actions, consequences and responsibility

- **Gather** - Create a space for prayer reflecting Lenten themes and colours.
- **Listen** - The Act of Contrition. Reconciliation is a time of comfort, healing and helping people to love one another. It is normal and good to own our mistakes. Our words and actions have the power to cause harm, but also do immense good.
- **Respond** - Reconciliation is a healing process, not penance. How can you own your mistakes and take responsibility for other people and the world? What good can you do after saying sorry?
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Year 4 The effects of our mistakes

- **Gather** - Create a space for prayer reflecting Lenten themes and colours.
- **Listen** - Jesus chooses his disciples. Jesus chose people to be his closest followers from groups of people that weren't liked in the community. He chose sinners. He believed they could be better if they were forgiven and they were.
- **Respond** - The choices we make affect a wide circle of people. Everything we do that comes from a sinful place spreads like a ripple. Is there a sin that is private and only affects you?
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Year 5 Forgiveness and new life

- **Gather** - Create a space for prayer reflecting Lenten themes and colours.
- **Listen** - The washing of the feet. "For I have given you the example that what I have done for you, you should do for one another." Christ experienced painful journeys during his life on Earth and was faced with betrayal more than once. Forgiveness was at the heart of his ministry. How did he treat sinners and people who had hurt him? How do we walk in Christ's footsteps?
- **Respond** - It is difficult to truly forgive. But forgiveness brings life. How does forgiveness bring you new life?
- **Go Forth** - Think about; Am I a child of God in the way that I treat others?

Year 6 The struggle between good and evil

- **Gather** - Create a space for prayer reflecting Lenten themes and colours.
- **Listen** - Peter denies Jesus - sometimes we come across evil masquerading as good in our lives. It is a great and constant battle to recognise the right choice to make and we will not always succeed. Even Peter, Jesus' right hand man didn't always make the right choices. We must learn to trust in our God for he will never stop loving and forgiving us as long as we continue to try, change and accept his guidance.
- **Respond** - How are you discerning in the choices you make? How do you embrace God's love and guidance to keep you on the right track?
- **Go Forth** - Think about; Am I a child of God in the way that I treat others?