

First Reconciliation Program Information

The book St. Edith uses is called ***Reconciliation*** from RCL Benziger and has 6 lessons. Each has a particular theme and ends with a section called “Together as a Family.” The main theme of the chapter will be presented in the classroom each week, and we ask that parents share the “Together as a Family” section at home each week. Your child will bring the book home each week to enable you to do so.

Please have them bring the book back to class each week.

- Chapter 1: We Belong to God
 - In this chapter children learn of the special ways we belong to God.
- Chapter 2: We Follow Jesus
 - In this chapter children learn about the Great Commandment.
- Chapter 3: We Listen to the Holy Spirit
 - In this chapter children learn that followers of Jesus are Good Samaritans.
- Chapter 4: We Are Sorry
 - In this chapter children learn about Zacchaeus and what it means to be sorry for our sins.
- Chapter 5: We Are Forgiven
 - In this chapter children listened to the story of the forgiving father
- Chapter 6: We Are Peacemakers
 - In this chapter children hear the Bible story of Jesus giving the disciples the gift of peace and that we receive that gift of God's peace in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

The "Together as a Family" section at the conclusion of each chapter includes four parts:

- *Remembering Together* - allows you to share what your child has learned as well as sharing stories of your own faith.
- *Sharing Together* - provides suggestions for family activities.
- *Praying Together* - offers a simple prayer for your family to pray together.
- *Getting Ready Together* - gives practical suggestions for ways your family can prepare for first Eucharist together.

This time at home may, at times, be hard to find, but it offers lasting rewards. The role of parents in the religious formation of children is first and foremost. It can't happen without you! When we presented our child for baptism we accepted the understanding of "raising them in the practice of the faith." This is not simply an obligation and privilege, but an opportunity to share with our children the greatest gifts of life.

Additional information can be found at www.FaithFirst.com by following the “Sacraments” link.