

Teacher's Note

This lesson shows the difference between temptation and sin. It is important that your child knows the difference. It is a common thing to be tempted to take candy in the store when one has no money to pay for it, to say bad words in anger, or to not let the clumsy child play on your team. It is an altogether different thing to do these things. When we actually steal the candy, say the bad words, and shun others; then we sin and need to ask for forgiveness.

By the Gospel stories that we use, we emphasize that Jesus wants to forgive us. In the Easter story we recall that all of the disciples abandoned Jesus when the soldiers came and took him away to hang him on the cross. We recall that the first words Jesus spoke to them on Easter was, "Peace to you" which meant that he forgave them. The same emphasis is contained in the story of the sinful woman. Scripture does not tell us that she said anything, but just wept at the feet of Jesus until her tears had washed his feet. Jesus says that her sins are forgiven because she is sorry. Be sure to emphasize the love and compassion of Jesus in any discussion of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with your child.