

# ROLE PLAY FOR THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION

## SETUP:

- Put two chairs facing each other about 3 feet apart at the front of the classroom.
- Decide which catechist will play the priest and which one will play the person going through the Rite of Reconciliation (aka Penitent).
- Provide each person in the role play a copy of this script.

★ **TIP** ★ : Explain to the class what role each person is playing before you start.

**DIALOGUE**

## SCRIPT:

<b>PRIEST</b>	Sits down in one chair	
<b>PENITENT</b>	Approaches the other chair, sits down, makes sign of the cross, and says	<b>“Bless me Father for I have sinned.”</b>
<b>PRIEST</b>	Gives an invitation to confess sins	<b>“Please trust in God’s guidance as you think about your relationships with God and others. I invite you to confess your sins and make a good confession.”</b>
<b>PENITENT</b>	Confesses sins by saying	<b>“Forgive my father for I have sinned. My last confession was 1 year ago. I am sorry for all my sins but especially for the times when I failed at:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being patient with my children</li> <li>• Judging others too often without supporting them</li> <li>• Not finding enough time to pray</li> </ul> <b>For these sins, I am truly sorry.”</b>
<b>PRIEST</b>	Gives penance	<b>“For your penance say 3 “Our Fathers” and also do this special task. Tell someone you love that they are very special and that you appreciate them. Say it in as caring a voice as possible. Now please say an Act of Contrition prayer to voice your sorrow.”</b>
<b>PENITENT</b>	Says Act of Contrition	<b>“My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. AMEN”</b>
<b>PRIEST</b>	Gives absolution by saying	<b>“Through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”</b>
<b>PENITENT</b>	Responds	<b>“AMEN”</b>
<b>PRIEST</b>	Dismisses the penitent with these special words	<b>“The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.”</b>

