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**KEY VOCABULARY**

Reconciliation, Confession, conscience, sorrow, penance, sin, choice, consequences, repentance, penitent, absolution, grace

**Scripture Deuteronomy 30:19**

**I am now giving you the choice between life and death, between God’s blessing and God’s curse, and I call heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Choose life.**

Choices

When making a choice, it is important to examine your conscience in order to make a good choice and minimise bad effects for ourselves and others. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God’s love and mercy; it is about the forgiveness of sin and being reconciled with God and one another.

Discipleship

**OUR BIG QUESTION**

What is good news?

**Key Questions**

How do we make choices?

Do all choices have consequences?

What helps you make good choices?

**This Topic learning outcomes are to know and understand:**

\* Choices have consequences

\*The importance of conscience in making choices

In this topic we will be looking at how God forgives us by reading the story of the Prodigal Son. The children will have chance to reflect on what sins are and how we can recognise when we have made a mistake. We will be looking at the sacrament of Reconciliation and how this can help us to build our relationship with God.

REFLECTION

I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your ordinances before me.

I cling to your decrees, O Lord; let me not be put to shame.

I run the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my understanding.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Amen.