



Family Catechesis for First Reconciliation (Session 5) Was it a Mistake or Could I have Done Better?

Aim: To Look again at some of the Maxims of Jesus in a Simple Examination of Conscience.
NOTE: Please copy or cut out the Maxim cards before the session.

Copy these Maxims of Jesus or cut them out

Parent: Welcome the child and other members of the family and gather them around the dining table or kitchen table.

- ❖ Tell everyone: Today we are going to play a quiet game about some of the Maxims of Jesus.
❖ However, let's say a prayer together. "Jesus you love us" (3 times slowly).

Parent: begins a discussion:

- Can you remember what a maxim is?
➤ Allow your child and other members of the family to contribute.

Parent Now, let's play the Maxim Card Game in a different way today:

- This time we will THINK about the Maxims.
➤ Place the Maxim Cards, (face down), on the table.
➤ Invite the child, and the other members of the family, to pick a card.

Each one reads in turn what is on the card. (No accusations from the other members of the family!!!)

Quietness:

Parent: Let's be quiet and think in our minds: (No answers out loud Please!!!)

- Did I always keep this Maxim of Jesus?
• How did I keep the Maxim?
• Are there times when I did not keep it?
• Did I just forget, or did I do the opposite?
• What can I do to keep it in future?



Parent: Now let's us hear what Jesus once said to his friends:

- The Parent or another member of the family slowly reads the following passage:
➤ One day Peter asked Jesus:

"Lord, how often must I forgive my brother or sister if he/she wrongs me?

As often as seven times?

Jesus answered, "No not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

(Matthew 18:21-23)

Parent: and all share:

- Jesus is saying to us: God, our Heavenly Father is MERCIFUL.
➤ If Jesus is telling Peter and us be merciful and to forgive others so many times,
➤ How many times is God our Father willing to forgive us?

☹ Do good to those who do not like

😊 Always treat others the way you want them to treat you 😊

😊 Forgive those who hurt you ☹

😊😊 Share what you have with those who have nothing

✝ Make peace with others

Conclusion:

Each one says a silent prayer asking Jesus for his forgiveness because he/she failed to keep the maxim as well as they could. Then he/she asks Jesus to help him/her to do better in the future.

All say together: Parent leads line by line.

My God, I am truly sorry for having offended you.

With the help of your grace,

I will do my best

Not to fail again.

AMEN.

Jesus you love us!



Celebrate God our Father's mercy with some juice!