

P3-4 - Sacraments of Healing

CfE Experiences and Outcomes & TIOF Core Learning

RERC 1-06b – Son of God

I have examined the role of Jesus as a teacher and a healer and I have reflected on how His words and actions influence my own life and the lives of others.

RERC 1.08a – Signs of God

I know that through the Community of the Church, people can experience God's love and care and I have reflected on how this community celebrates together.

Success Criteria from Core Learning

- I can hear, read and recall that Jesus healed many people and that we call the healing actions of Jesus miracles:
 - the healing of the man born blind (John 9: 1-7)
 - the healing of Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8: 14-15).
- I know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick are called 'Sacraments of Healing', which continue Jesus' forgiving and healing actions in the community of the Church.
- I know that there are seven sacraments and that, through God's grace, these help us to be more like Jesus and to grow in faith.

Key Vocabulary

Sacraments, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacrament of the Sick, Sacrament of Healing, community, Church.

Teaching and Learning

Recap on learning in previous sessions about Our Lady and the saints and ways in which they said 'yes' to God through the things they did.

Invite children to reflect on their own lives, do they always say yes to God? Are there times when they say no to God? Through discussion, establish examples of people saying no to God.

Explain that when people say no to God it is known as sin but because God loves us he is always ready to forgive our sins and give us another chance.

Because it is difficult to live on Earth as a human without sometimes sinning we were given special gifts called the Sacraments to help us. Establish if the children know any of the Sacraments already and use the artwork (AR3-4a) to identify the names of each of the sacraments.

Spend some time discussing the sacraments children will be familiar and have experience of (baptism, marriage, First Communion). Briefly explain that next year when they are confirmed they will renew the promises made for them at their baptism.

Explain that Holy Orders (Ordination) is where after many years of preparation, hard work and study a man becomes a Priest.

Now look more closely at the pictures of Reconciliation and Sacrament of the Sick. Discuss what is happening in these pictures. Why do the children think these are called Sacraments of Healing? Read together The healing of the man born blind (John 9: 1-7) and The healing of Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8: 14-15).

Explain that Jesus often forgave and healed people and that the Sacraments of Healing allow priests to continue forgiving and healing actions in our church community and through these sacraments we are able to experience God's healing love whether we are sick, in pain or sad.

Prayer and Reflection

Hymn: Lay your hands

Intercessory prayer to ask God to heal the sick, invite class to mention those who are sick who need healing.

Resources

AR3-4a – Artwork of the 7 sacraments

Research Challenge

Find out about other miracles Jesus performed.

Arrange a visit to the parish church to view / photograph / draw the confessional.