

Religious Education Task – 20.5.20

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Reconciliation

On Monday we began our new Religious Education topic of 'Reconciliation'. We thought carefully about what the words choice and consequence mean.

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.

Today we are going to learn that choices have consequences.

Task 1

Read the story below and answer the questions.

<p>It was holiday time, and lots of children were playing in the park. Tom and Andrew had met some of their friends, and were looking forward to a good game of football.</p> <p>Just then, along came Paul. "Just look," said Tom, "he's got his sister with him!" And there she was. Jane was dressed in her shorts and was wearing new trainers.</p> <p>"What have you brought her for?" asked Andrew</p> <p>"I had to choose," said Paul. "Mum said I could come if I brought Jane, but if not, I</p>	<p>would have to play with her at home."</p> <p>"It's all right," said Jane, "I can play football. I've been practising at home, and I've got my new trainers."</p> <p>Tom liked Jane. He'd seen her kicking a football in the school playground and knew she wouldn't spoil the game, but he felt a bit afraid of saying so. He thought Andrew wouldn't be friends with him if he did.</p> <p>"Hurry up," shouted the rest of the gang. "Aren't you going to play today?"</p>	<p>It was now or never.</p> <p>"Come on Jane," said Tom, "We'd better put our football boots on and show them." Then he turned to Andrew, "Give her a chance," he said.</p> <p>The game started before Andrew had a chance to answer. And they all enjoyed it, Tom, Paul and Andrew, and of course Jane.</p> <p>None of them regretted that Paul had brought his sister with him.</p>
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- What choices can you find in the story?
- What two choices did Mum give Paul?
- What do you think Paul said to his Mum?
- What were the consequences of Paul's choice of bringing Jane to the park?

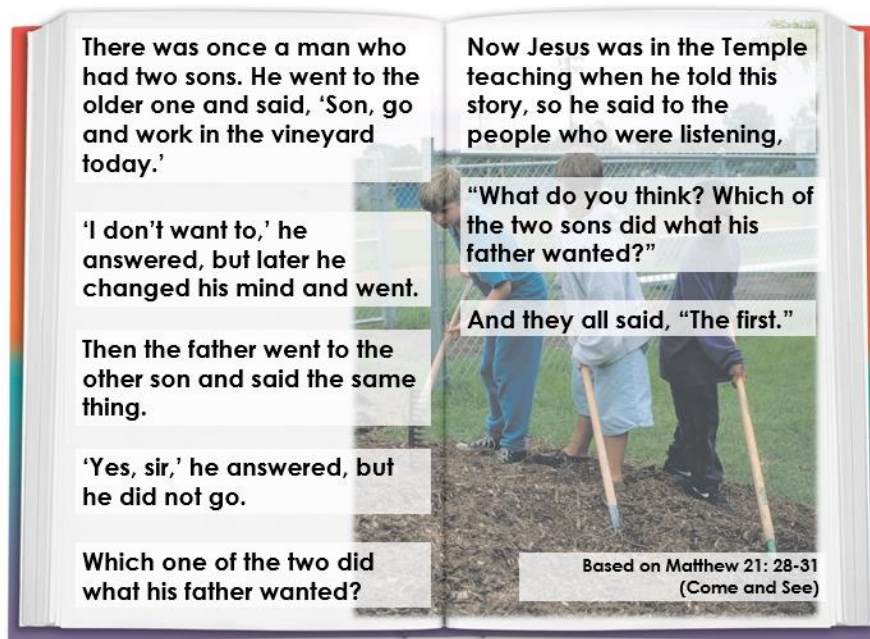
Task 2

Listen to the song choices by John Burland.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqAbh2YDG54>

What is the message in the song?

When Jesus was teaching the people, and trying to help them, Jesus told this story about two sons who made choices. Choices always have consequences. Read the story based on Matthew 21: 28-31.



Answer the questions below:

First son

- What was his first choice?
- Can you think of reasons why the first son changed his mind? How did he feel?

Second son

- What did the second son choose?
 - Why do you think he changed his mind?
 - How do you think he felt?
- f) How did the two son's choices affect the father?

Task 3

Think about a time when you had to make choices of your own, how did you choose and what were the consequences?

