

## Religious Education Task – 3.6.20

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### Reconciliation

Before half term, we began our new Religious Education topic of 'Reconciliation'. We explored the words choice and consequence and their meaning and read some stories to see some examples.

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.

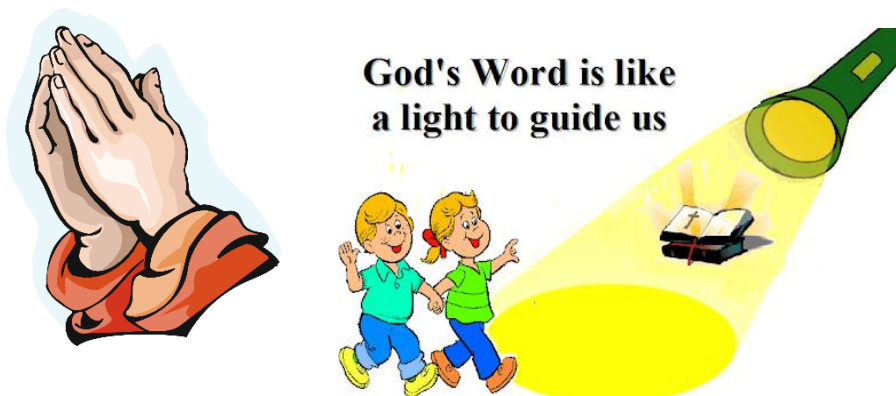
***Today we are going to learn about the meaning of sin and the examination of life (conscience).***

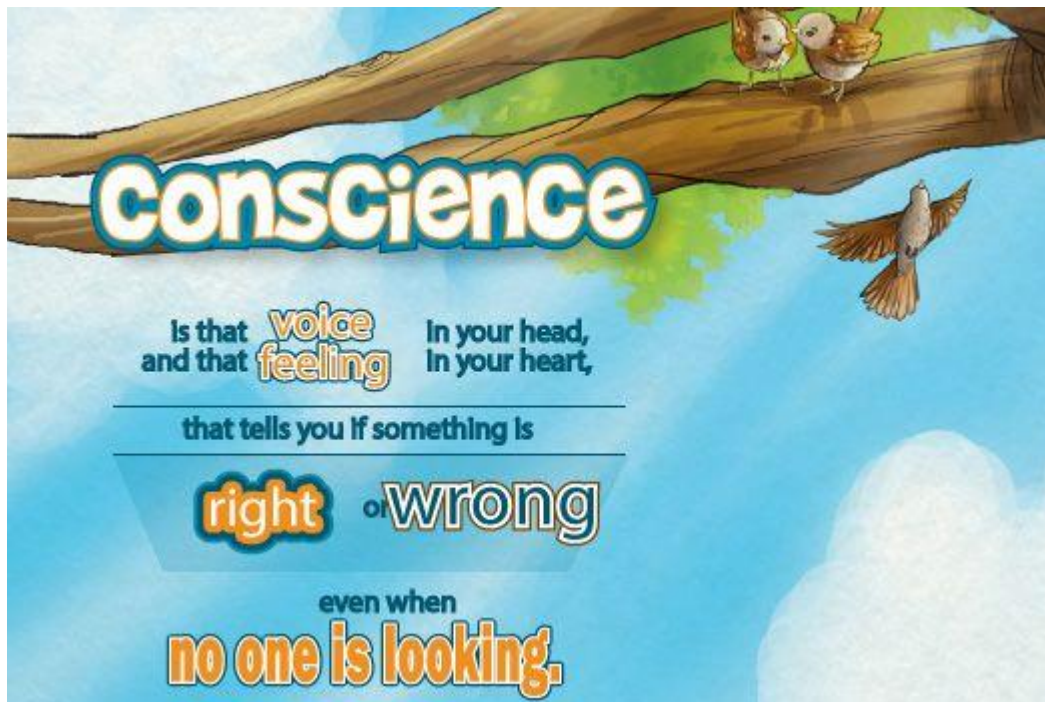
To begin, watch the video below to explore what we mean by the word conscience. 'Pinocchio and Jiminy Cricket – Always Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide'

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

Christians try to live as Jesus lived. Choosing wisely is important. There are some things that will help in making a good choice:

- to pray and ask for help.
- to get advice from someone you trust and know makes good choices.
- to think about the possible consequences of the choices.
- will it have a good effect on yourself and on others?





Many Christians pray every day for the help they need to make good choices. Every day, usually before going to sleep, many Christians 'examine their life' ('conscience'). This means that they think about what has happened during the day and how they have tried to be the kind of person that God who loves them, wants them to be.

They think about what they have done during the day – the good choices they have made for which they say thank you, and the bad choices for which they are sorry. The wrong choices which are done on purpose are sins – that is something that spoils or breaks friendship with God and with other people.

Sin is anything that breaks God's law of love. It is always something that has been done on purpose, not accidentally, or it is something we should do and purposely do not do it. This is the process of examining your life, conscience.

## Task 1

*Answer the questions below (in your homework book or on the blog)*

- Q How would you describe a sin?
- Q How would you know your action was good or wrong?
- Q How would you set about putting it right?
- Q Think of ways in which you can make amends for your wrong choices.

## Task 2

**Read the prayer below, which asks for help and guidance:**

Holy Spirit, you are with us when we choose.

For our good choices and the joy of making them, we thank you.

For the joy they bring us and others, we thank you.

For our wrong choices, we are sorry.

For the hurt we have done to others, we are sorry.

Help us to take time to think about the consequences of our choices.

We ask you to help and guide us. Amen.

**Make a poster encouraging Christians to choose wisely. You may like to use some of the examples in orange above and include some sentences from the prayer about help and guidance. You can be as creative as you like by adding pictures/words.**

## Extension

**Create a drawing or some art work to express the meaning of the word 'conscience'. What picture comes to your mind when you reflect on this?**