

Introduction:

- Ask the children what sort of things we need to say sorry to God for.
- Make a list on a flipchart or simply ask them to call out ideas.
- Ask why they think it is important to say sorry? Explain that it is because God cannot stand to have sin near Him and so we need to ask His forgiveness so that we can be close to Him.
- Explain that Jesus died so that we can be God's friends and so that we do not have to be separated from God (not able to be friends with Him) forever.

What is prayer of Confession?

- Confession is saying sorry to God for all the bad things that we have done and asking Him to forgive us.
- Explain that God cannot have sin near Him and He wants to forgive us so that we can be friends with Him and spend time with Him.

Bible story: Luke 15:11-24

- Ask the children to re-tell the story to you in small parts
- Ask what the children think the Son did wrong?
- Why is it so amazing that the Father forgave the Son?
- Who are the Father and the Son supposed to be like? (God and us)

Craft Activity: Prayer Pyramids

- Each side of the pyramid has a different type of prayer. (This will remind the children of last week's type of prayer; includes this week's, and will show what is still to come.)
- You can have each child make their own pyramid, colouring it in (but do so before the pyramid is stuck together).
- Take turns at throwing the pyramid in the air and saying a prayer that corresponds to the prayer type on the side pointing upwards.

