

## Overview of Sessions

### Session 1

#### **GOD GIVES US LIFE**

*Theme: God Wants Us to Be Safe*

*Parents: Virtus Training*

### Session 2

#### **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

*Theme: We Belong to Jesus*

*Parents: Fr. Kent on Reconciliation*

### Session 3

#### **THE GREAT COMMANDMENT**

*Theme: Love God & Love Your Neighbor*

*Parents: Spiritual Formation of a Child*

### Session 4

#### **ZACCHAEUS**

*Theme: God Invites Us to Change*

*Parents: Why Celebrate Reconciliation?*

### Session 5

#### **THE LOVING FATHER**

*Theme: The Prodigal Son*

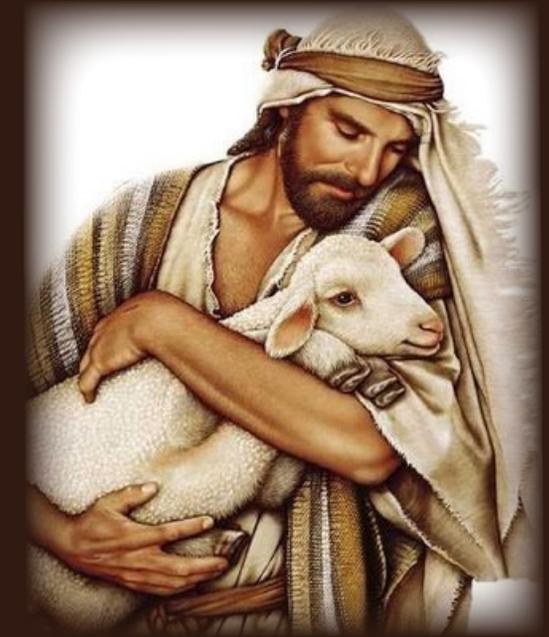
*Parents: Fr. Kent on Forgiveness*

## 3 Ways to Register

1. Online: [svdpk.org](http://svdpk.org)
2. Complete the Form
3. Call the office (316) 733-1423



# GOD'S LOVE IN FIRST RECONCILIATION



St. Vincent de Paul  
Catholic Church

**C**ongratulations! Your child is growing up. As parents, you relish each milestone—from baby’s first words and tottering steps to the crayon drawing proudly hung on the refrigerator. That your child has reached the age when he or she knows right from wrong, and can seek forgiveness is also reason to rejoice.

For most children, Reconciliation is usually the second sacrament received. This may seem odd, since the first purpose of the sacrament is to provide a way of reconciling when the relationship established in Baptism is lost through grave sin. Obviously, at age seven or eight, your child has not gravely sinned.

So why prepare children for this sacrament? Well, besides giving them the knowledge that there is a way back to God if they should ever need it, this sacrament also nurtures us. Reconciliation celebrates all those graced moments of forgiveness in our lives. Actually, you have been preparing your children to celebrate this sacrament with every experience of forgiveness and unconditional love given them.

In the next few months, we invite you to actively prepare your child for Reconciliation. We ask that at least one parent (both if possible) come to the sessions with your child. There are 5 sessions. The first is on a Sunday afternoon and the rest are on a Wednesday evening (see schedule below). Childcare for other siblings will be available.

Your presence at the sessions is essential, as each will involve sharing faith, activities, and prayer with your child. We hope this time of preparation becomes a precious memory for both parents and children. Know the prayers of our parish family accompany you as you begin this special journey with your child.

## 2017 SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

**Session 1**  
Sun Aug. 20 (1:00 - 4:00 PM) Ville

All other sessions  
Wed (6:30 to 7:45 PM)

**Session 2** Sept. 6

**Session 3** Sept. 20

**Session 4** Oct. 18

**Session 5** Nov. 15

**Celebration of First Reconciliation**

**Thursday Dec 14 (7:00 PM)**

## A Typical Session May Look Like This

### Gathering

Refreshments, Prayer, Song, & Presentation of Theme

Faith Sharing between Parent & Child

### Breaking

Children group for age level learning experience

Parents group for adult presentation & discussion

### Sending

Parents & children enjoy wrap-up activity

Ritual Prayer (For example, parents may be asked to bless their child)

Home kits with follow up activities .