

Parish Session: Penance & Reconciliation *Encountering God's Endless Mercy*
Sorrowful Mysteries: The Agony in the Garden
Sin or Accident Scenarios

1. You forgot to make your bed this week.
(Accident; it could be a sin if you intentionally didn't make your bed and then said you forgot.)
2. You were shopping with your mom or dad, and you took a candy bar without paying for it.
(Sin; this is called stealing.)
3. You told your mom or dad you were sick so you didn't have to go to school - or to church when you really weren't.
(Sin; this is called lying.)
4. Your friends were making fun of another classmate and you joined in.
(Sin; making fun of someone diminishes their worth to you and/or your friends. Depending on the intent of the teasing and insults, this can be similar to lying, or it can be as grave as killing - in that you are killing the other person's self-worth, dignity, reputation, etc.)
5. You weren't paying attention and spilled a glass of milk at the breakfast table.
(Accident; unless you spilled the milk in anger, then it would be a sin.)
6. Your dad asks you to feed the family pet while you are playing your video game. You are at the best part of the game, so tell him you already did, but you didn't yet.
(Sin; depending on the intent in your heart, this could be a sin of lying, a sin of idolizing your video game, or a potential sin of killing your pet's health.)
7. Your mom can't answer the phone, so she asks you to. As you take the message, you write down the telephone number wrong.
(Accident; it could be a sin if you intentionally wrote the number wrong.)
8. You fell in the park and ripped your pants.
(Accident; it could be a sin if you intentionally tried to hurt your pants.)
9. It's Friday, and your school sells cupcakes as a fundraiser. As you make your lunch, you see your dad's wallet on the kitchen counter. You take some money out without asking him.
(Sin; if you don't have permission, this is stealing.)
10. You are practicing soccer in the front yard with your mom. You kick the ball a little too hard, and it breaks a neighbor's window.
(Accident; it could be a sin if you intentionally aimed it to hit the window.)