Mistake, Sin, or Accident?

Name _____

In the sacrament of Penance, we talk to God through the priest about our sins. God is our best friend and, like any good friend, God *always* forgives us.

A sin is an *intentional,* unloving act toward God or toward others. Intentional means *on purpose.*

So, you see, we can't sin by mistake—and we can't sin by accident. Read the stories and put an S in the box next to actions that are sins, an M next to the mistakes, and an A next to any action that happened by accident.

Teresa and her father were at the delicatessen picking up some things they needed to fix their dinner. Teresa loved red licorice sticks and she asked her father if she could get one. He told her that he did not have money that day to buy the licorice stick, so she could not have one. Teresa knew that it was wrong to take something from the store without paying for it, but she really wanted that candy. So, while her father was in another aisle and no one was looking at her, Teresa slipped the licorice stick into her pocket. After dinner, she went to her room and ate the candy. ☐

Rafael and Nathan had identical jackets. On Friday, Rafael realized that he had worn Nathan's jacket home from school. He had grabbed the wrong one in his hurry to catch the bus. On Monday, Nathan was angry because Rafael had taken his jacket. Rafael told Nathan he was sorry and he gave Nathan his jacket back. ☐

Su Li and her friends were playing ball in the empty lot near Mrs. Smoski's house. Su Li hit a home run—right through Mrs. Smoski's window. Su Li told her parents and promised Mrs. Smoski she would clean up the mess and help pay for a new window. ☐

Think about times you have made mistakes, times you have hurt someone by accident, and times when you have sinned. How did you feel? What did you do?

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Read the following stories.

Circle the loving choice that each child can make.

Marisela is watching her favorite TV program. Her parents are busy painting the kitchen. When her mom's phone starts to ring, Marisela can choose to

- answer the phone for her mom
- keep watching the TV and let her mom stop what she is doing to answer the phone.

Jaime is with his father in the store. He sees a racing game that he really wants. Jaime points out the game to his dad. Jaime's dad says, "We can't get the game today. I don't have enough money." Jaime can choose to

- show his dad that he is upset
- say, "I can wait, Dad. It's not that important."

Write a loving choice that John can make.

John's younger sister has just learned how to ride her new bike. When she shows him how well she can do, she falls.

John can choose to _____

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Name _____ Date _____

The Sacrament of Penance
Sin vs. Mistakes

Circle the words in the Word Search below. Use the clues below to help you know what words to look for. All of the words are related to sin or mistakes. The words may be down or across.

M K V G L M K F W Z
Z N R P H O R V P T
C O W C V R M R V Y
O W L W P T N N H M
N L G L C A N N J I
S E R H R L K V P S
E D A N K H S I N T
N G V V E N I A L A
T E E X K N F T M K
C O N S C I E N C E

1. A _____ is a gift from God that helps us know right from wrong.
2. One of the 3 conditions of a mortal sin is you have complete _____.
3. One of the 3 conditions of a mortal sin is it has _____ matter.
4. One of the 3 conditions of a mortal sin is you have full _____.
5. A _____ is not a sin.
6. A _____ sin is a serious sin that deprives us of the Kingdom of Heaven.
7. A _____ is a choice to turn away from God and do wrong.
8. A _____ sin is a less serious sin that does not deprive us of God's grace.