

# SORRY

## CHEEKY PANDAS

### The Missing Pizza

#### Saint of the Day

**St. Padre Pio** was a priest who was known for being close to God and loving others. He was so close to Jesus that he carried the wounds of Christ on his body.

As soon as he was old enough, he became a priest and loved to hear people's confessions, helping those who were sorry for what they had done wrong receive God's merciful love by coming close to Jesus Christ.

#### You will need...

- Video
  - A snack, maybe even pizza to eat as you watch the video
  - Presentation for Prayer
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**Key Learning:** Even though it's not always easy, when we do something wrong, it's important to say sorry, knowing Jesus will always forgive us.

'Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love.'

Luke 7:47

## Session Outline

### 1. Informal welcome as families arrive

### 2. Official welcome

Introduce the title, theme, and all members of your team to all present, including the person to contact if they have technical issues, questions or concerns.

Outline what will happen during this session, how long it will take, and the key learning for today's session.

Ensure they have any resources needed for the activity in the video.

### 3. Opening prayer

Stay with me, Lord,  
because I am weak and I need Your strength,  
that I may not fall so often.  
Help me to know that when I do something wrong that  
you want me to run to you, to say sorry,  
knowing that you will forgive me and help me start over.  
Amen.

### 4. Warm-up activity

Invite the children who have brought a snack to hold it up to the camera. This could be done by asking for different types of snack, e.g. fruit, nuts, chocolates, crisps, then something else. Ask them what they like about their snack and let them know that they are welcome to eat the snacks whilst watching the video.

### 5. Saint of the day

Today our saint, Pio, was close to Jesus from being a little boy. He often saw angels, Jesus, and Mary as a child and thought that everyone else did too. When he grew up, he became a priest and loved to help people receive God's mercy by listening to their confessions. Confession is when we can go and tell the priest about what we have done wrong so that Jesus can give us his forgiveness through the priest. St Pio really wanted people to know that Jesus waits for us with open arms, wanting to forgive us when we have done something wrong, because he loves us. He said:

'I wish my voice could reach all sinners: Come to Christ where all is love.'

### 6. Watch Video

We all have our favourite food, and it is no fun when it goes missing. Let's see what happens between Benji and CJ today.

### 7. Group discussion

After the video, help the children explore the theme through using the following questions:

- What happened to Benji's favourite snack?
- Why do you think CJ struggled?
- Can you think of a time when you needed to say sorry?
- Did you find it easy or difficult to say sorry? Why?

If you have enough facilitators this can be done in smaller groups, using multiple rooms. However, if this is not possible, you can also ask people to respond via the chat and then ask them to tell you a little more.

### 8. Family challenge

Encourage the families present to talk about today's session using the following questions:

- What did you learn from today?
- What questions do you have?
- How do we feel about saying sorry when we have done something wrong?
- How has this session made a difference?

If you will send the questions via email, mention it here so people can subscribe to your email list.

### 9. Parish announcements

We would love to see you at the following events/services:

Sunday Mass at \_\_\_\_am/pm or online via: \_\_\_\_\_  
Next week our session is called The Broken Song Machine. We will be thinking about how we all have something to offer. We would like to you think about how someone has offered to help you so that you can tell us about it.



### 10. Closing prayer

Begin with the Sign of the Cross  
Prayer Intention: Today we pray for the times we have done something wrong and ask for Jesus to forgive us and show us how to do better next time.

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory be

**Leader:** St Pio,

**All:** Pray for us.

**Leader:** Mary, help of Christians,

**All:** Pray for us.

Finish with the Sign of the Cross