**Reconciliation Retreat Mystery Walk**

Clues revise the theology of reconciliation and take the children to significant places around the community and school, starting in the retreat room and leading to the church.

A clue is written for each child and is hidden at each place in an envelope with their name on it.

*NB: clues to be adapted to suit your school/community and the number of children*

CLUE 1

We are on a learning journey together.

The most important thing we can learn at school is just how much God loves us.

Where would we find the leader of our school?

*Go to Principal’s office*

CLUE 2

God has given us plants and animals to provide food and bring joy.

We need to show respect for creation as well as people.

Where would we find harmony in nature?

*Go to the harmony garden.*

CLUE 3

God has given us bodies that need exercise and rest.

God wants us to show respect for our bodies.

Where would we find things to help us exercise?

*Go to the sports shed.*

CLUE 4

We are learning about sin and reconciliation.

Sometimes we might want to steal.

When we sin the whole community is affected.

What is the closest community centre to the school?

*Go to the shop with a project compassion box and talk about making up for wrong by giving to the poor.*

CLUE 5

Sometimes we hurt or are hurt by the people closest to us.

We learn forgiveness and reconciliation in our families.

Where do some of the community mums work during the day?

*Go to AFFAFE and receive a small sweet there. Text Father to say we are on our way.*

CLUE 6

Sometimes we need to say sorry to God as well and ask for healing so that we can live a good life.

Having the gift of faith in God is like a pearl of great price.

Where would you find lots of pearl shell?

*Go to the Church*

One of the priests to meet the children and have a brief talk about the church as a place of healing and forgiveness.

A card and gift (reconciliation badge) for each child –REC to present them

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