

Max and His Room

Here's a story to help us all understand. One day Max got his very own bedroom. Everything was perfect and in its place. But the next day, after church, Max threw his nice church clothes on the floor as he got changed to go outside and play with his friends. He didn't realize it at the time, but this was the beginning of a growing problem.

The next day Max threw his pajamas on the floor instead of putting them where they belong. That afternoon after soccer he left his soccer gear on the floor in the middle of the room. The following day he had some potato chips and a candy bar, but instead of putting the wrappers in the trash can, he threw them on the floor.

This went on for three weeks. Max just kept throwing things where they didn't belong.

Then one day he came home and he couldn't open the door to his room. He went looking for his mother and asked, "Mom, why did you lock my room?"

"I didn't lock your room," his mom said.

"Well, I can't get in there. Someone must have locked it."

Max's mom tried to get in the room, but she couldn't. "Maybe something is blocking the door," she said.

Max and his mother went outside and looked in the window to see what was blocking the door. They were amazed at what they saw. All of Max's stuff that he had been leaving everywhere for weeks had fallen in front of the door and was blocking him from getting into his room.



When Max's dad came home, he pushed very hard against the door and forced everything to move so Max could climb into his room.

Max spent four hours putting everything away in the right places. He put his clothes in his closet or hamper, he put all his toys away, and he put anything that was trash in the trash can.

When he was finished he promised never to let his room get so messy again.

Just as Max made a mess of his room, sometimes we make a mess in our souls. We leave little sins lying around here and there, and before you know it, they are piling up.

Jesus wants to work with you to tidy up your soul. That's what he is going to do during your First Reconciliation.

