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**This Topic learning outcomes are to know and understand:**

\* Building bridges of friendship

\*The importance of admitting wrong and being reconciled with God and one another

**Scripture Matthew 5: 23-24 So when you are offering your gift at the altar if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you leave your gift before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift.**

**KEY VOCABULARY**

bridges, friendship, contrition, Absolution, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Examination of Conscience, sin, penance, confession

Building Bridges

In order for bridges to be built, a person has to acknowledge wrongdoing, so as to be reconciled to others and to God. This can be formally celebrated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Discipleship

**OUR BIG QUESTION**

What is good news?

**Key Questions**

How do we make choices?

Do all choices have consequences?

How can bridges between people be built?

People get lost when they deliberately do something wrong, hurting others, themselves or the world they live in. That is what is called ‘sin’. It is anything deliberately chosen – to think, say or do. It is also anything you choose to do or not to do that spoils or breaks the friendship with God and with other people. Sin is anything which breaks bridges of love. In this topic we will be learning about how the sacrament of Reconciliation can rebuild these bridges.

REFLECTION

I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your ordinances before me.

I cling to your decrees, O Lord; let me not be put to shame.

I run the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my understanding.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Amen.