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Reconciliation: Let's Celebrate!



This is a party!

- ✚ What happens at a party?
- ✚ Who likes a party?
- ✚ Why do we have parties?

It's a Celebration!

- We **celebrate** when we're happy about something
- Or when it's **a special day**

- In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we are happy because we feel good after we confess our sins
- Jesus makes us **free!**
- It's time for **a party!**

God loves us! We celebrate!



Prayer Celebration: Growing up Catholic means Celebrating with the Church!

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Everyone say it aloud together.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for helping us live as your children.

All: And thank you for making us free through Reconciliation.

Reader: Please listen now to God's Word from the Bible: (1 Corinthians 2:9)

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
...The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Listen to the Leader.

Let us now pray together this prayer, thinking about each word:

(Pause after each line)

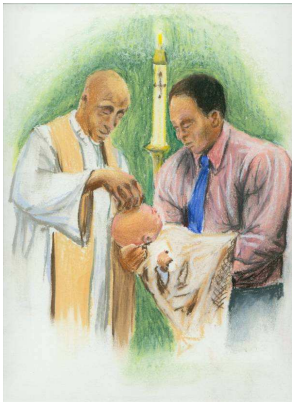
All: I confess to almighty God
And to you, my brothers and sisters,
That I have greatly sinned,
In my thoughts and in my words
In what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
Through my fault, through my fault,
Through my most grievous fault;
Therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters
To pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.



Leader: May God bless us for our work today. Amen.

What is a Sacrament?

- It's something we can see, hear, taste, feel or smell.
- It comes to us from Jesus
- It helps us be strong and helps us know Jesus.
- It is a sign of God's love for us.



Baptism

- We **feel** the water when we are put into it or when it is poured over us
- We **hear** the words of the Priest or Deacon: I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- We **see** the candle – a sign of Jesus being there.

What are the signs of Reconciliation?

Use the letters to complete the word.

- We **tell the priest** our sins when we

➤ **N S E**

C O F S

- We **hear** the words when the priest gives us

➤ **O B O T**

A S L U I N

- We **see** the Priest make the Sign of the

➤ **S O R**

C S





Meeting Jesus in the Bible

At baptism we become friends with Jesus, who is our friend first. He chooses us because he loves us very much.

A Man Who Wanted to See Jesus

There was a huge crowd,
and everyone was trying to see Jesus.

So a local rich man (named **Zacchaeus**) who collected people's taxes climbed up into a **tree** to see better.

He was very **short**!

When **Jesus** came along, he saw him up there and called to him. "Come down. I want to have supper with you tonight." Zacchaeus came down and received Jesus **joyfully**.

But the people grumbled. He's a thief, they said. Why does Jesus choose him?

But Zacchaeus said otherwise. "I don't steal," he said.

"And I give half of my income to the poor."

"If I have robbed anyone, I **restore** it to them."

Jesus knew his heart and said, "You are really a good person.

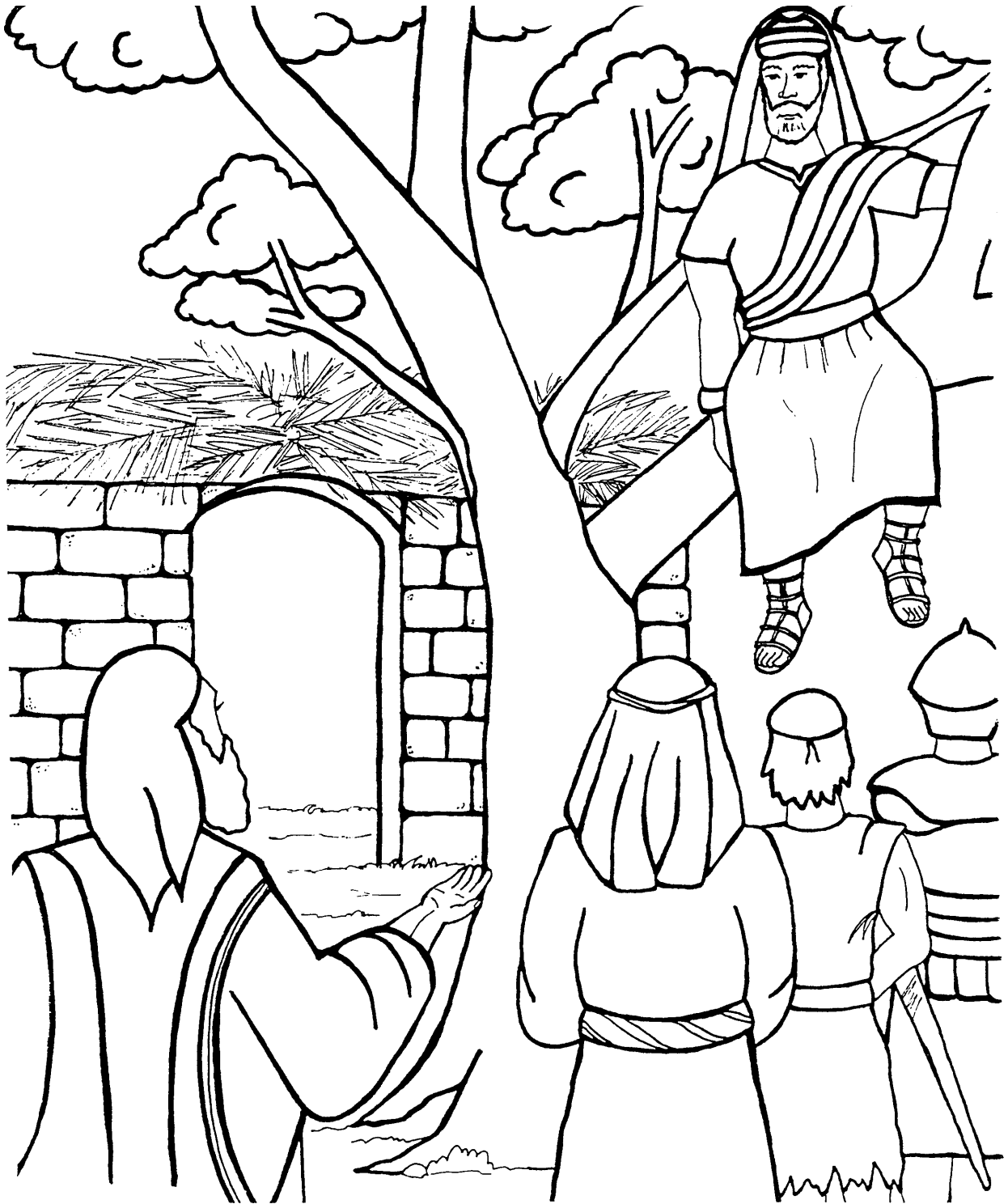
Salvation has come to your house today!

I have come to save the **lost**!"

Then they had a big party!



(Based on Luke 19:1-10)

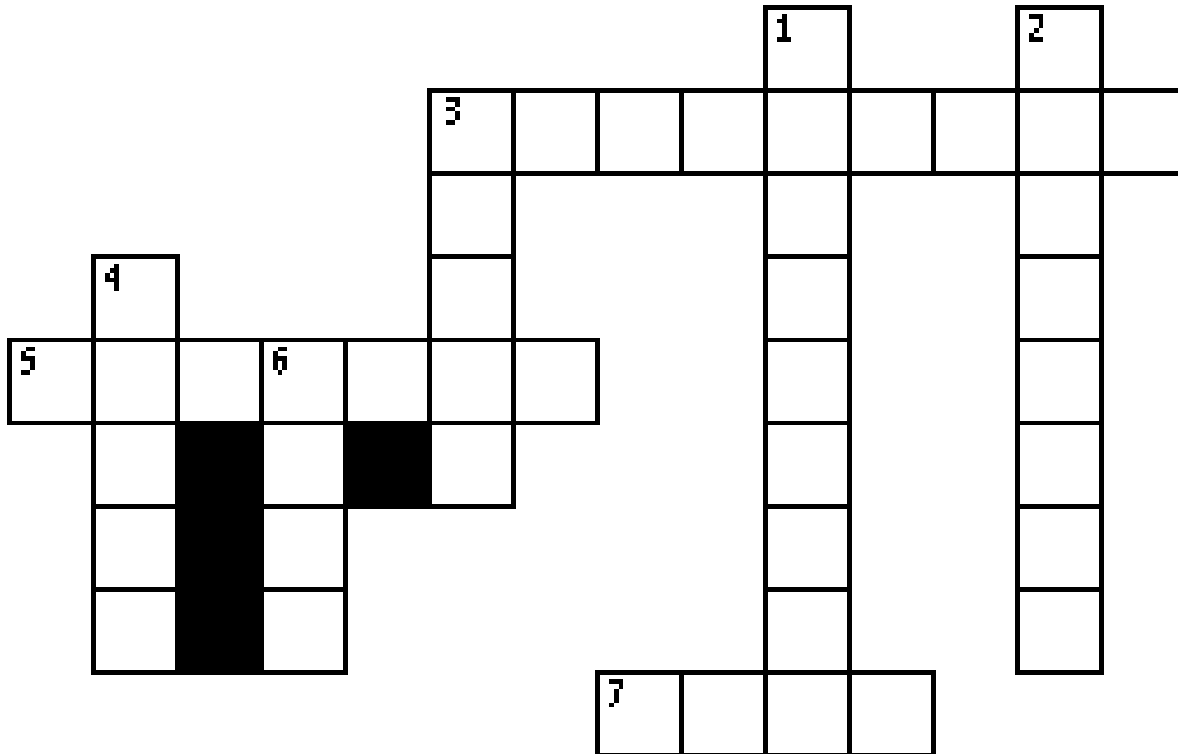


Zacchaeus climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus.

LUKE 19:4

Complete this puzzle.

Hint: The words are in the Bible Story in **BOLD**.



Down

- 1 There was a man named _____ who was a tax collector.
- 3 He wanted to see Jesus, but he was very _____.
- 6 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore _____
- 4 And when _____ got there, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, 'Come down. I want to have supper with you tonight.'
- 2 So he hurried and came down, and received Jesus _____.

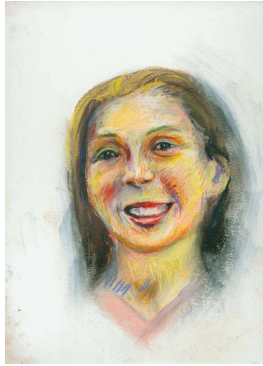
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- 5 Then Zacchaeus said to Jesus, 'I don't steal. And I give half of my income to the poor; and if I have robbed anyone, I _____ it to them.'
- 3 Jesus said to him, '_____ has come to your house today.'
- 7 'For I have come to seek and to save that which was _____.'

Review the Sacrament of Reconciliation

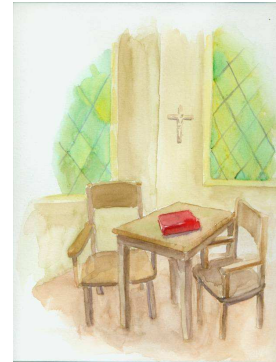
Number the steps of Reconciliation in the correct order.

Put the correct number in each box.



**We go
in Peace**

**The Priest welcomes us
to the Reconciliation
Room**



**There is a reading
from the Bible**



**We accept the Penance
and make a good Act of
Contrition**

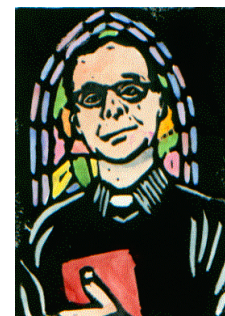


**The Priest gives
us Absolution
for our sins**



**We confess our sins
to the Priest**

**The Priest gives us advice
and asks us to do a
Penance**





At home this week

Work on this together at home as a way of continuing the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Invite Jesus to visit your house

What two things would you do to get ready for him?

1

2

What would you change in your house?

1

Tell Jesus why you want him to come to your house:

*Dear Jesus,
Please come to our house because*
