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**SCRIPTURE**

**Colossians 3: 12-15** God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So always do these things: Show mercy to others; be kind, humble, gentle, and patient.

**Matthew 5: 23-24** Go and make peace

**Luke 15:3-6,7** The Parable of the Lost Sheep

**Mark 12: 28-31** ‘Love your neighbour as you love yourself.’

**OUR BIG QUESTION**

How can bridges between people be built?

**KEY VOCABULARY**

contrition Absolution Examination of Conscience

sin penance confession

This can be formally celebrated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Through and in Christ, every human being is offered the power to reach out in forgiveness and peace, to receive and to offer reconciliation.

In order for bridges to be built, a person has to acknowledge wrongdoing, so as to be reconciled to others and to God.

**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.

**BUILDING BRIDGES**

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