

L.O. To recognize that sin is where we break God's commandments.

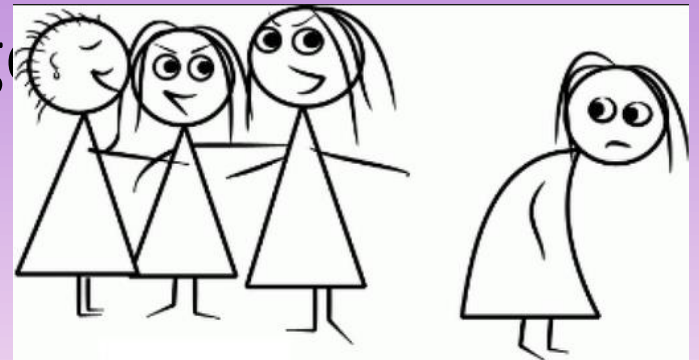
To understand what we need to do to rebuild bridges



Sin and examination of conscience.

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 do or not do that spoils or breaks the friendship with God and with other people. Sin is anything which breaks

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Mark 12: 30-31



When Jesus was teaching someone came up to him and asked him what he thought was the greatest commandment of all. This is what Jesus replied: “you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second most important commandment is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment more important than these two.’

Key questions

- What does “examine your conscience” mean?
When is it good to think about it?
- Which is easier – to love God or to love your neighbour. Is there a difference?
- Why do you think love of God and our neighbour is so important?
- What do you think *sin* is?

Christians try to build bridges towards one another every day. They 'examine their consciences' to see how they have kept these two commandments. Our conscience is like a voice or feeling inside us. This is the Holy Spirit helping us to respond to God. If we pay attention to the Holy Spirit, it will us to know if something is bad.



It is good to think every evening, before you go to bed, about how you have built bridges of love and friendship or, perhaps, broken them through sin. We remember if we have done something that hurt someone else or if someone else has hurt us. We can thank God for all the good and say sorry for the bad and know that God, like the good shepherd, cares about us and loves us. We also must try to forgive those who have hurt us.



What is sin?

God's laws of love can be broken by:

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What we are
thinking

A white speech bubble with a black outline and a tail pointing to the right.

What we say

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What we
do

A white thought bubble with a black outline.

What we
don't do

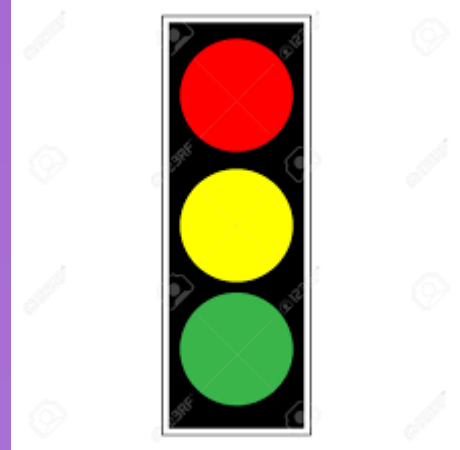
Your task

- Write a short story/account to illustrate one of these occasions and how a bridge might be rebuilt.



- Going deeper – link what happens in your story to either the lost sheep or the words of St. Mark

Self Evaluation



Have you:

- Understood sin and demonstrated it in a story?
- Understood 'examination of conscience'?
- Shown ways to 'build bridges' if we sin
- Linked your story to the Parable of the Lost sheep or Mark 12: 30-31?