

# Celebrating Reconciliation

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 3, Session 12**.

We choose to turn away from God when we sin.

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Mortal sin is a very serious wrong.

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Venial sin is a less serious wrong.

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Sin is forgiven when we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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In confession we tell God that we are sorry.

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Contrition is the sadness we feel when we have sinned.

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Before going into confession, it is important to make an examination of conscience.

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The Act of Contrition is a special prayer that tells God we are sorry for our sins. We ask for his forgiveness.

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Zacchaeus had been a dishonest tax collector when Jesus told him he wanted to stay at his house.

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Zacchaeus told Jesus he would give away half of everything he had. Jesus told him he was saved that day.

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