

The Rite of Penance

Number the steps for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in the correct order. Put a "1" next to the thing that happens first, a "2" next to the thing that happens second, and so on. Then draw a line from each step to the picture that best shows it.

Steps

Pictures

____ You share God's Word.

____ The priest gives you absolution.

____ You are sent forth.

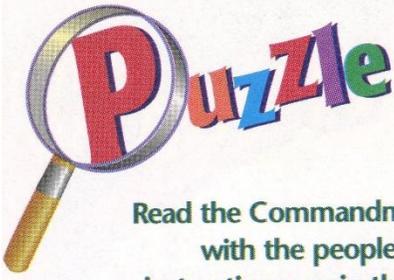
____ You are greeted.

____ You pray a prayer of contrition.

____ The priest gives you a penance.

____ You confess your sins to the priest.





Ten Commandments Word Find

Read the Commandments given to **Moses** on Mount **Sinai** when God made the **covenant** with the people of Israel. All the bold words in the Commandments and in these instructions are in the word find. Words are concealed in horizontal, vertical, and diagonal directions—frontwards and backwards. Circle them with a pencil.



- 1 I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other **gods** besides me.
- 2 You shall not take the **name** of the Lord, your God, in vain.
- 3 Remember to keep **holy** the **Sabbath** day.
- 4 **Honor** your father and your mother.
- 5 You shall not **kill**.
- 6 You shall not commit **adultery**.
- 7 You shall not **steal**.
- 8 You shall not bear **false** witness against your neighbor.
- 9 You shall not **covet** your neighbor's spouse.
- 10 You shall not covet your neighbor's **goods**.

Connect words and letters in the word find to find the format of the original Ten Commandments.

Use a marker to follow these clues:

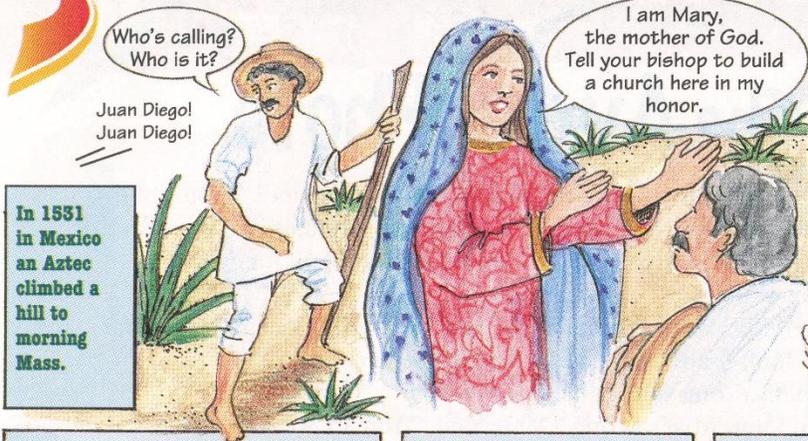
1. highlight across *gods*
2. down diagonally over two Zs
3. up diagonally over another Z
4. across *kill*
5. down *covenant*
6. back across *sabbath*, covering the whole bottom line
7. up *adultery*
8. divide the tablets by highlighting *name*

Act of Contrition

L P A Y I T A Y N U L M Y N F
L E P N U I H M B F O P D W O
N N A N J P E B B G A L T L Q
P A N D O O G V N D N E T N I
T N G O S S K O O C K H P E P
O C J O I M R B M L A M E N V
F E L N D W M N G A V O I D J
C A N D C K Q Q Q Z P Q B U E
Y E I D F Z W C D W M Q T U S
D R E L C H O O S I N G R I U
X I R B I V U Z Q U Z Q A M S
D M B O Z N L Q B W N Q E S B
N H G J S Z G Q Z E B R H I O
R B B N R T H X H R C L G J O
X T N I T R E D N Y H B P A N

Find all the words in the Act of Contrition that are in **bold** print.

My **God**, I am **sorry** for my sins with all my **heart**.
In **choosing** to do **wrong** and **failing** to do **good**,
I have **sinned** against you whom I should **love** above all things.
I firmly **intend**, with your **help**, to do **penance**, to sin no more,
and to **avoid** whatever **leads** me to sin.
Our Savior **Jesus** Christ suffered and **died** for us.
In His name, my God, have **mercy**. **Amen**.

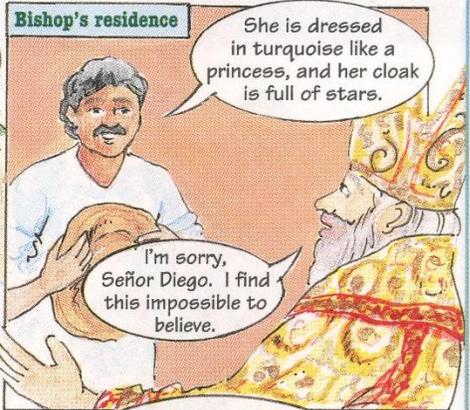


Who's calling?
Who is it?

Juan Diego!
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I am Mary,
the mother of God.
Tell your bishop to build
a church here in my
honor.

In 1531
in Mexico
an Aztec
climbed a
hill to
morning
Mass.

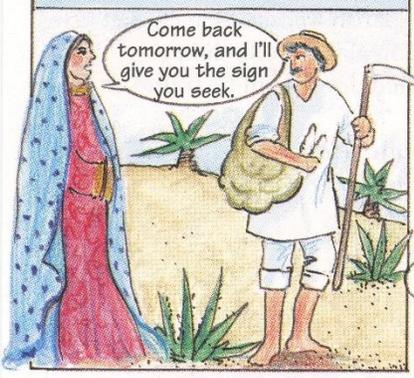


Bishop's residence

She is dressed
in turquoise like a
princess, and her cloak
is full of stars.

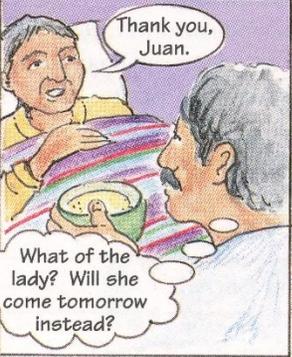
I'm sorry,
Señor Diego. I find
this impossible to
believe.

The lady sent Juan to the bishop again.
This time the bishop demanded a sign.



Come back
tomorrow, and I'll
give you the sign
you seek.

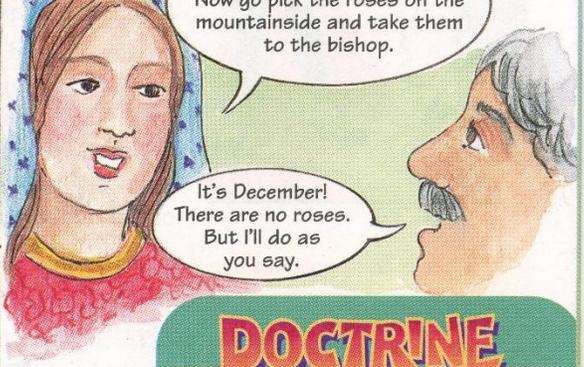
But the next day Juan's uncle
was sick.



Thank you,
Juan.

What of the
lady? Will she
come tomorrow
instead?

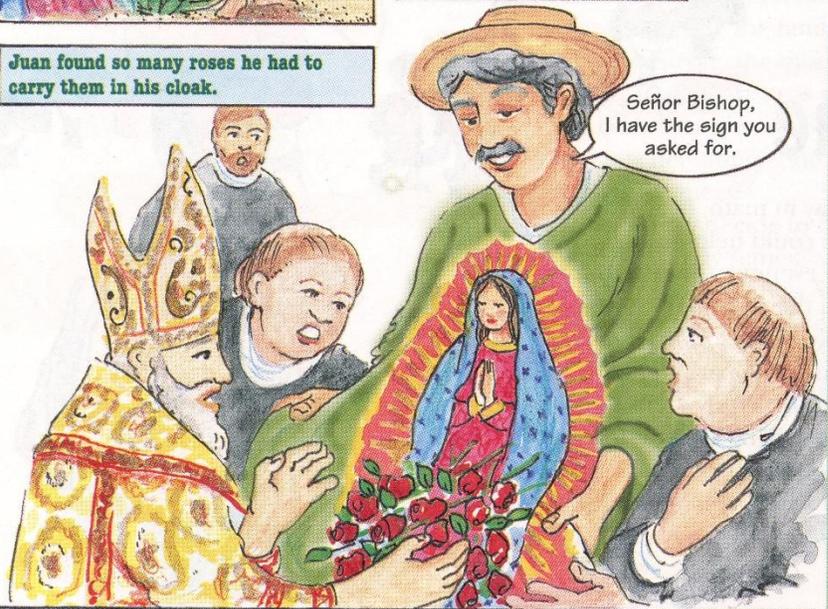
Next day



You were right
to help your uncle, Juan.
Now go pick the roses on the
mountainside and take them
to the bishop.

It's December!
There are no roses.
But I'll do as
you say.

Juan found so many roses he had to
carry them in his cloak.



Señor Bishop,
I have the sign you
asked for.

Unknown to Juan, his cloak held a beautiful image of the lady. Today the painted cloak hangs in Mexico City's cathedral. Today—over four centuries later—the Maguey fabric, usually good for only 20 years, shows no signs of deterioration. Pope John Paul II named Juan Diego a saint in 2002. His feast day is December 9th.

DOCTRINE

Jesus Is One of Us

The Bishops at the Vatican Council taught that Jesus is truly one of us. "He worked with human hands. He thought with a human mind, acted by human choice, and loved with a human heart" (Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, #22).

Jesus is both truly divine and truly human. By becoming human, God's Son reveals how human beings can live and love the same way God does. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus shows us that loving, forgiving, and sharing are ways in which human beings can act the same way God acts.