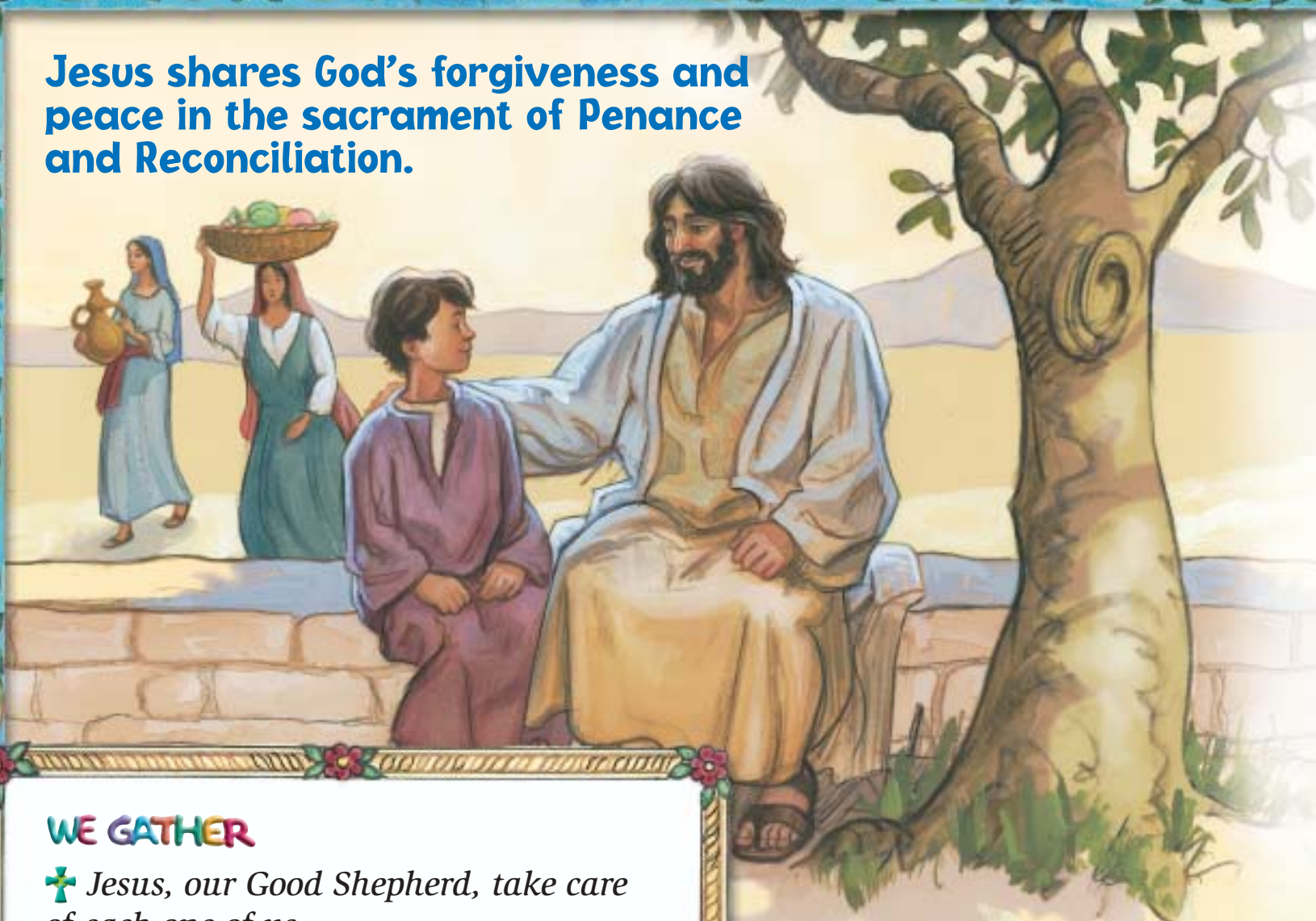


Jesus shares God's forgiveness and peace in the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.



WE GATHER

✝ *Jesus, our Good Shepherd, take care of each one of us.*

👤 Number these sentences in order to make a reconciliation story.

_____ Teresa did not feel right because she had lied.

_____ Teresa's mom hugged her and said, "I forgive you."

_____ Teresa said, "I'm sorry, Mom. I lied to you. I won't do it again."

_____ Teresa told her mom a lie.

WE BELIEVE

God's love and forgiveness give us peace. When we sin, we are not at peace with God, ourselves, or others.

In the gospels we read some stories about people who were not at peace with God. Jesus offered them God's love. He forgave their sins. Jesus shared God's mercy and peace with them.

Jesus gives us a way to find peace, too. He shares God's forgiveness and peace with us. In the sacrament of **Penance and Reconciliation** we receive and celebrate God's forgiveness of our sins. We can call this sacrament the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Jesus gave his apostles the power to forgive sin in his name. Today in the sacrament of Reconciliation, bishops and priests forgive sins in Jesus' name. They received this power to forgive sins in the sacrament of Holy Orders.

WE RESPOND

Why does the sacrament of Reconciliation bring us God's peace?

Pray quietly. Ask Jesus to help you to be at peace with God, yourself, and others.



Key Word

Penance and Reconciliation

the sacrament in which we receive and celebrate God's forgiveness of our sins