Saint John Climacus, pray for us!

Have you ever played Chutes and Ladders? It’s a fun board game for really little kids. You move your pieces up a ladder and try to get to the end of the game. But sometimes, you might land on a spot that makes you go all the way back to the beginning!

Today, in our Church, we remember Saint John. There are lots of Saint Johns, you know, but this one wrote a book about a ladder, a ladder that goes all the way to heaven. Of course, there isn’t a real ladder, but a ladder is a good way to think of how we all want to come closer to God. In his book, Saint John tells us how we can do this!

God does want us to be close to Him. But sometimes, when we do the wrong thing, we go the other way, away from God. Instead of going up, up, up, climbing closer to God at the top, it’s like we are sliding down the chute, away from God. All our life, we are kind of in this Chutes and Ladders game! As Christians, we have to always try to climb closer to our Lord. But then there are the wrong things we do sometimes. Always watch out for them because they make us slide away from Him!

When we follow the guides of our Church, we can do what God wants us to do—climb the ladder to Him.
What’s in the icon?

Here’s another icon of Saint Theodore Trichinas.

This saint was so humble and pure, that God gave him the gift of seeing angels.