



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 'Little Way Week' edition of *The Wednesday Word*. Little Way Week is a week of service which is inspired by the life of St Thérèse of Lisieux who remained faithful to God throughout her short life. St Thérèse is a great model of faith for all people.

Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and to love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Faith in God transforms how we see the world and helps us to keep growing in our love for each other too.

Wednesday 28th September 2022

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us about the power (and also the duty) that comes from having faith in God. Faith can 'move mountains'; it can free us from anxiety and give us confidence and inner strength.

A family full of faith is a family full of joy. Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITH**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



To see this week's Parish Version of *The Wednesday Word*: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 2nd October 2022



The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, 'Come and have your meal immediately'? Would he not be more likely to say, 'Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards'? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants; we have done no more than our duty.'"

Adapted from

Luke 17: 5-10 (the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

**Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in Church - all are warmly invited.**

"How beautiful it is to support
each other in the wonderful
adventure of faith!" *Pope Francis*



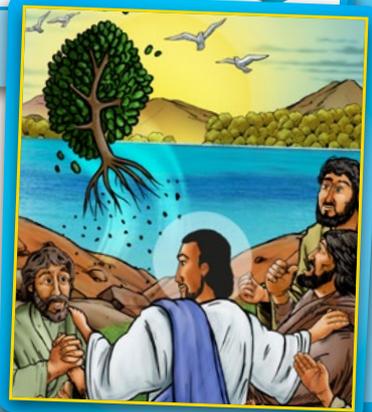
Having faith is to believe and trust in God's love for us. Faith is one of life's greatest blessings - it is a gift to be shared. The Church exists to help people to grow in their faith. You can find out more at: cbcew.org.uk



1 Our Special Time Together

Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)

One day Jesus' friends, the apostles, said to him, "Please increase our faith. Make our faith grow stronger." So to help them understand how small their faith really was, and how real faith helps us to do amazing things, Jesus said to them, "If your faith was the size of a tiny mustard seed, you could do astonishing things. You could even tell this mulberry tree to pull itself out of the ground, roots and all, and to plant itself in the sea, and the tree would obey you!"



What did the apostles ask Jesus to do for them? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ...

FAITH



3 Loving God & Each Other

"The family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith." *Pope Francis*

Faith greatly enriches our lives. Ask your child what the word 'faith' means to them. Who do they know who has great faith in God? Who helps them to grow in faith and learn more about God? You may want to tell your child about someone in the family, at school or in the parish who helped you to grow in faith when you were young.

"Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these." *St Ignatius of Antioch*

Faith and love are inseparable. Having faith in God helps happiness and love to grow in our families. What can we do to help our family's faith to grow, in little ways, as we celebrate 'Little Way Week'? Perhaps we can: perform a little act of goodness each day; talk about God together and with others; read *The Wednesday Word* together; say morning and bedtime prayers; ask God to help us grow in faith. For more ideas please see: missiontogether.org.uk

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to be like St Thérèse. Please increase our **faith** and move us to action - sharing God's love with the world in little ways. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

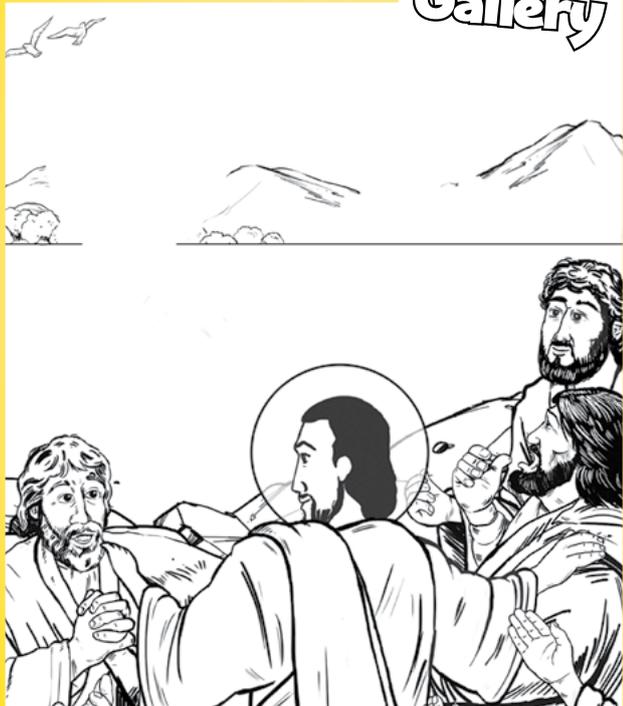
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- JESUS**
- APOSTLES**
- INCREASE FAITH**
- MUSTARD SEED**
- TREE OBEY**

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**



Cross out the letters **l m d** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.
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The apostles said to Jesus, "Please _____ our _____. Make _____ faith _____ stronger."

Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.



Jesus wants us to have faith in God's help - just like St Thérèse. He tells us that faith is a powerful thing. Even if it is as small as a tiny seed, then it can help us to do great things.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley
 This week I will try my best to...

