

Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

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Wednesday 14th October

Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

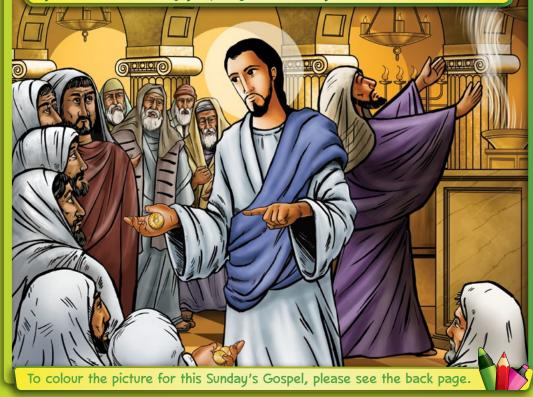
Some of the leaders of the people tried to trap Jesus and get him into trouble. So they sent some of their followers who said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God's way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone's rank means nothing to you. Then they asked him, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, the Emperor?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin you use to pay taxes." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God."



for Families

From the Gospel of 18th October 2020 Cf. Matthew 22:15-21 (the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **GRATITUDE**.



Wednesday's Word **GRATITUDE**

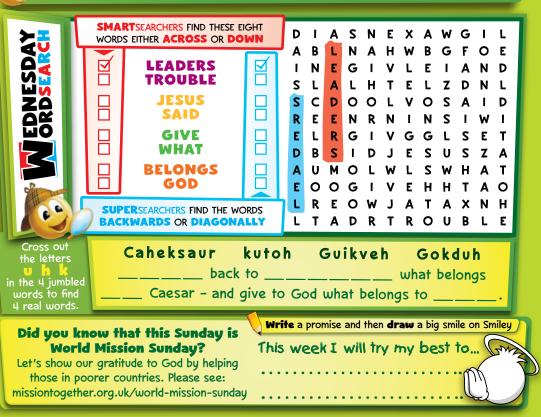
"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart, it is a heart that is content." Pope Francis

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him - our gratitude! Being grateful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life. Ask your child what the word 'gratitude' means to them. You may want to help your child understand what the word 'gratitude' means to you. Can your child remember a time when they felt really grateful to someone? How did they show their gratitude to that person? Each of you name one or two things (as well as your family) that you are most grateful to God for.

"In all created things recognise the care and wisdom of God, and give him thanks." St Teresa of Avila

Saying 'thank you' to God (at anytime throughout the day) is a great way for us to show our gratitude. It is good for us to be grateful to God for the blessings of his love, for our lives, our talents, our families, our school and for the love of those around us. How do we show God that we are grateful? Who else will you remember to show gratitude to in these coming weeks? Perhaps a parent or carer, a family member, a teacher or a friend. How will you do this (e.g. with kind words, a thank you note, a prayer, a gift, or by offering help)?

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for blessing us in so many ways. Help us to be always grateful to you and to show our gratitude by loving those around us. Amen.



Wednesday 21st October



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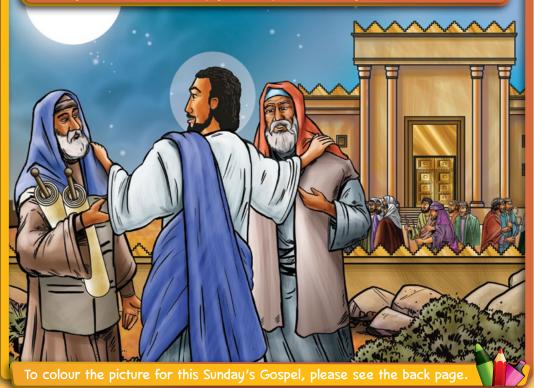
Some of the leaders gathered together. One of the leaders was an expert in the Law and he asked Jesus a question to try and catch him out. "Teacher," he said, "which is the greatest commandment in God's

Law?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. But there is a second commandment like it, that is: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' All the teaching of the Law and the Prophets follows from these two commandments."



From the Gospel of 25th October 2020 Cf. Matthew 22:34-40 (the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is LOVE.



Wednesday's Word



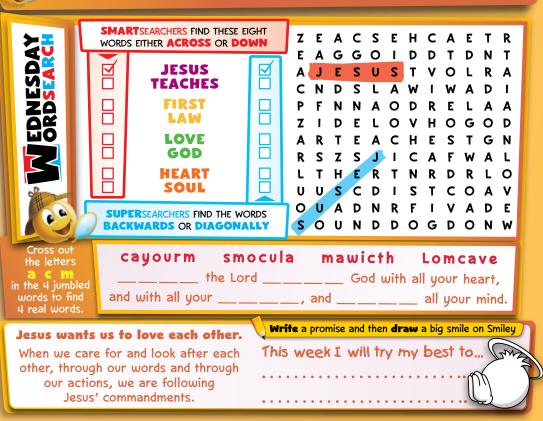
They who are filled with love are filled with God himself. St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment? Loving God first, with all our heart, helps us to be more loving to one another. Is Jesus asking the impossible when he says that we should love others as we love ourselves? Each of you say what you think it means to love like this. Perhaps it is: being more patient, tolerant and understanding; forgiving others; treating people as your equal - treating them the way you would like to be treated yourself. Ask your child who they know that loves like this. By loving others as we love ourselves, we experience the harmony and peace which comes from following the greatest commandment in God's Law - to love.

"It is not enough to say 'I love.' We must put that love into a living action." St Teresa of Calcutta

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our love for God is also made known through the way that we love others. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us. Each of you choose a special way in which you will show your love for God and for each other at home this week. Perhaps you can: show and tell family members how much you love them through unexpected acts of kindness; be peacemakers; pray for others, particularly anyone whom you may find difficult to like; look for a chance to help a teacher or a friend at school.

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to love others as we love ourselves. Please help us to see that other people have needs too, and to love you through loving them. Amen



Wednesday 28th October



Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and sat down. Jesus' disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them. "Blessed are people who know they need God, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them. Blessed are people who are gentle, for the earth is theirs. Blessed are people who are sad now, for God will comfort them. Blessed are people who work for

justice, for God will give them all they need. Blessed are people who work is show mercy, for they will have mercy shown to them. Blessed are the people whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. Blessed are people who make peace, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are people who are treated badly for doing what God wants, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them. So, blessed are you when people insult you and mistreat you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

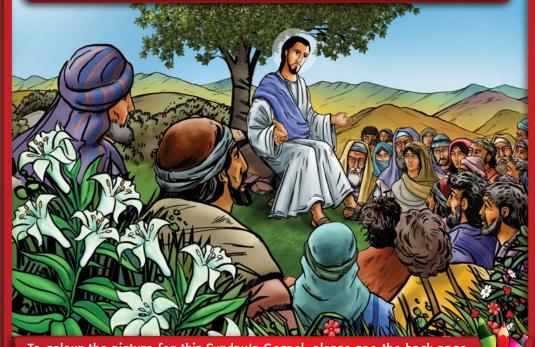


Good News

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From the Gospel of 1st November 2020 Cf. Matthew 5:1-12 (The Feast of All Saints)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **SAINTS**.



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Wednesday's Word



"What does it mean to be "Blessed"? To be blessed means to be happy." Pope Francis

What did Jesus say belongs to people who know they need God? This Sunday we celebrate the feast of 'All Saints' - those people whom the church recognises as models of love and who are already in heaven. In this Sunday's Gospel, the blessings which promise happiness are called the Beatitudes and they show us the path that will lead us closer to God. The saints tried hard to follow the teaching of these beatitudes in their day-to-day lives - Jesus calls us to do the same. Ask your child what the word 'saint' means to them. Which saints have they heard about? Which one is their favourite and why? Are they, or you, named after a saint or do they know anyone who is named after a saint?

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (this Sunday's Gospel) is one of the most well-known passages in the Bible and has guided the saints throughout the ages. Did you know that the Catholic Church dedicates every Wednesday to Saint Joseph (the patron saint of families) and Wednesday Word Family Time is also dedicated to him? Which people do you know who try to follow these teachings and show some of the saintly qualities described in this Gospel? Each of you decide on one way that you can be a 'blessing' to others this week (you may want to read this Sunday's Gospel again for some ideas).

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to see and admire the saintly qualities in others and help me to grow more like you each day. Amen.

