

THE Wednesday
WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**Good News
for Families**

Wednesday 12th February

Wednesday 19th February

Wednesday 26th February

Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

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Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME

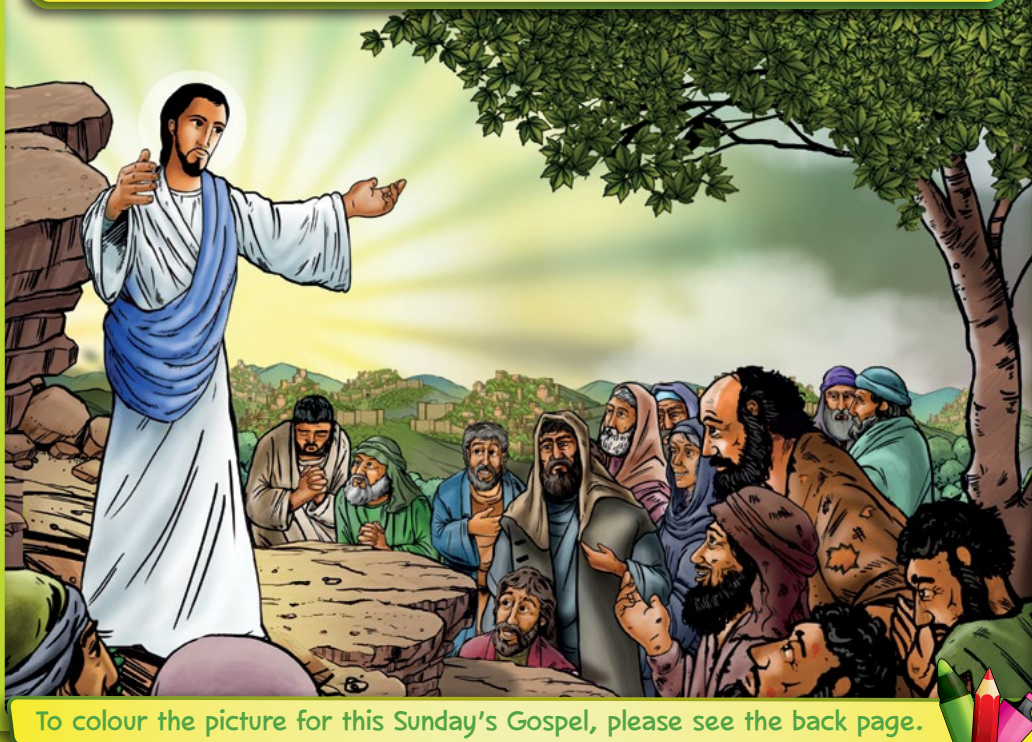
1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When Jesus and his disciples came down from the mountain, a great crowd came from all over to hear him teach and to be cured. Jesus fixed his eyes on his friends, the disciples, and said, "Blessed are you who are poor now, God's kingdom belongs to you. Blessed are you who are hungry now, because later you will have all the food you need. Blessed are you who are sad now, because later you will laugh. Blessed are you if people hate you and ignore you, and insult and attack you just because you follow me. Be glad and rejoice, because your reward will be great in heaven."



From the Gospel of Sunday 16th February 2025 Cf. Luke 6:17, 20-26 (the 6th Sunday in Ord Time, Year C)

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 **TRUST**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2 Wednesday's Word

TRUST



"Put your trust in God! The Beatitudes are Jesus' way of life." Pope Francis

What did Jesus say belongs to the poor? The blessings in this Sunday's Gospel, which are taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Plain (or Mount), are Luke's version of the 'Beatitudes'. This is one of the most well-known passages in the Bible and has encouraged people throughout the ages to trust in God. The Beatitudes remind us that, however bad things might look, those who serve and trust in God will have the reward of his everlasting love and blessings. It takes complete trust in God for us to live in this way. Ask your child what the word 'trust' means to them. Knowing who to trust is really important. Which people does your child really trust and why do they trust them?

"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's care." St Augustine of Hippo

Trusting in God's promises isn't always easy - but it's always rewarding. No amount of worrying will increase our safety or comfort; it's through trusting in God that we will find security and hope. Each of you say how, in the days ahead, you can show your trust in God. Perhaps you can: pray and offer any concerns to God if you are feeling worried; try to do your best without being afraid of making occasional mistakes; believe that God will bring good out of all that happens in life, even when things seem to be going wrong.

3

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to **trust** in you, to share your love and be a blessing to each other and to all those in need. Amen.



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

- ☒ **JESUS**
- ☐ **CROWDS**
- ☐ **DISCIPLES**
- ☐ **BLESSED**
- ☐ **REJOICE**
- ☐ **GLAD**
- ☐ **REWARD**
- ☐ **HEAVEN**

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

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Cross out the letters
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in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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"Be _____ and _____, because your _____ will be great in _____."



Jesus wants us to trust in God. There can be many things that trouble our hearts, but following and trusting in God frees us from worrying in this life and assures us of life forever with God.

Wednesday
19th February

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies and pray for those who are unkind to you and say bad things about you. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks and don't ask people to return what they have taken from you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you only love those who love you, why should you be rewarded? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you only do good to those who are good to you, why should you be rewarded? For even those who do not know God do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be rewarded? Even those who do not know God lend to each other, to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of God."



From the Gospel of Sunday 23rd February 2025 Cf. Luke 6:27-38 (the 7th Sunday in Ord Time, Year C)

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 **KINDNESS**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2

Wednesday's Word

KINDNESS



"Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us." Pope Francis

How does Jesus say we should treat our enemies? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the people about how we should treat others. He calls us to do something exceptional: we must love all people and be kind to them. Jesus' life is a lesson in how we are to be kind to all people - even those people who aren't kind to us in return. Ask your child what the word 'kindness' means to them. Each of you speak about a kind person. How does that person show their kindness? Has anyone ever been especially kind to you - even when you didn't deserve it? If so, how did it feel?

"Do not refuse a kindness to anyone who asks it." Proverbs 3:27

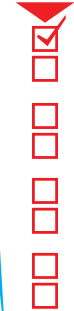
Kindness is part of everyday life, particularly family life. Even small, everyday acts of kindness are most valuable in God's eyes. Every act of kindness done to someone else is also done to Jesus, and it will be rewarded accordingly. In this coming week, how can we show kindness to each other? Perhaps we can: be generous, sometimes giving people more than we think they deserve; try to be compassionate and patient with others; pray a blessing on people around us - even those who aren't very friendly. It's not easy to follow some of Jesus' teachings, so it's often good for children to speak about their situations and intentions with parents or teachers first.

3

Dear Lord Jesus, please give us the strength to be kind to everyone we meet, even those who we find difficult. Amen.



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



LOVE
ENEMIES

DO
GOOD

GREAT
REWARD

GOD
KIND



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

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in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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"Love _____ enemies and do good, and _____
_____ expecting to get _____ back."

We learn to be kind by receiving kindness!
Our homes are great places to learn;
families can be schools of kindness.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



Wednesday
26th February

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. "Why do you observe the splinter in your friend's eye and never notice the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your friend, 'Friend, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your friend's eye. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. You can tell what a tree is like by the fruit it produces. You cannot pick figs or grapes from brambles. A good person does good things out of the good stored up in their heart; a bad person does bad things out of the badness in their heart. Your words show what is in your heart."



From the Gospel of Sunday 2nd March 2025 Cf. Luke 6:39-45 (the 8th Sunday in Ord Time, Year C)

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 **ACTION**.



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2

Wednesday's Word

ACTION



"We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions." Pope Francis

What did Jesus say 'a good person' does? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is using parables – short stories – to teach us important lessons. Just as good fruit is a sign of a good tree, so our words and actions show what is truly inside our heart. Ask your child what the saying, 'Actions speak louder than words' means to them. Tell your child about a time when someone was a really good friend or neighbour to you because of something they did. Then ask your child if they can remember a time when someone was really good to them.

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak." St Anthony of Padua

This Gospel also reminds us not to criticise others' actions but rather to look at our own actions and try to grow in goodness. Decide on some kind of action that you could take to show your love for God and others. Perhaps you can: visit a person who may need your help; try to be humble and truthful about any of your own faults; say sorry to one another for anything you have done wrong; help around the home more; offer to help out with a voluntary project; resist being quick to criticise; always try to look for the good in others; remember to be understanding, compassionate, caring and speak kindly of others.

3

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to be good friends to our family, our neighbours and all who we meet through our words and actions. Amen.

WEDNESDAY
WORDSEARCH

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JESUS
PARABLES

SPLINTER
PLANK

TREE
FRUIT

GOOD
HEART

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

S F P L A N K D O O G S
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"A _____ person does good _____ out of the good _____ up in their _____."

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THE WORD SUNDAY GOSPEL GALLERY



Sunday 16th February



Sunday 23rd February



Sunday 2nd March

