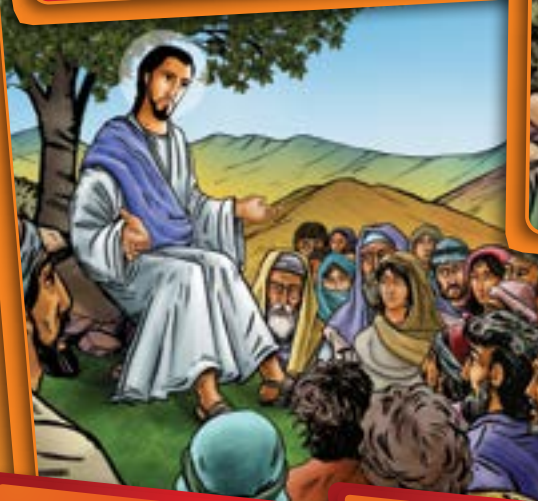


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SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Good News for Families

Wednesday 13th October

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Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

Wednesday
13th October



Good News
for Families

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said, "Master, we want you to do us a favour." Jesus said, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They answered, "When you come into your glory, allow one of us to sit at your right hand and the other at your left." When the other ten heard this they began to feel angry with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said, "You know how some rulers want to order people around and to control them. Well, you must not be like that. Whoever wants to be truly great must follow my example and be like a servant to others. I did not come to be served - I came to serve, and to give my life for other people."



From the Gospel of Sunday 17th October 2021 Cf. Mark 10: 35-45 (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 **GREATNESS**.



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

2

Wednesday's Word

GREATNESS



"Doing little things with a strong desire to please
God makes them great." *St Francis de Sales*

What did Jesus say he had come to do? It's natural to want to be great. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples how to be truly great. Being kind, self-giving, thoughtful and helpful are great qualities. It's not always easy to live our lives in this way but it is the way that God want us to live, to become the best that we can be. Ask your child what the word 'greatness' means to them. Who does your child know at home, at school or in the community who shows true greatness by putting others' needs first? It may help your child if you tell them about someone you know to be 'great'.

God is great and He made us to be great too. Through spending lots of his time serving others Jesus shows us the way to true greatness. Each of you share one thing about other family members which you think makes them great. Then choose a way in which you can be 'great' for each other this week. Perhaps you can: look for new ways to serve someone at home or at school; offer help at mealtimes, preparing the food and clearing up afterwards; avoid being bossy; resist pushing in and let others go first instead; give your time or money where needed.



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for all the great people in our world. Please help us to grow in greatness through putting others first. Amen.

WEDNESDAY
WORDSEARCH

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BACKWARDS OR **DIAGONALLY**

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M	S	R	N	A	L	V	U	L	I	H	O
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"Whoever _____ to be truly _____ must follow my
_____ and be like a _____ to others."

This week we celebrate the Feast of St Teresa of Avila. She is a real example of what it means to be truly great! Find out more about St Teresa in the Children's Section at wednesdayword.org (see 'SAINT FACTFILES').

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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Wednesday
20th October



Good News
for Families

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, there was a blind man, called Bartimaeus, sitting at the roadside begging. When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus who was walking by, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me! Help me!" Some of the people in the crowd told him to be quiet, but he began to shout louder until Jesus heard him. Then Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they said to the blind man, "Have courage! Get up! Jesus is calling you." The man threw off his cloak, jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said, "Master, let me see again." Then Jesus said to him, "Go! Your faith has saved you." And at once the man's sight returned and he followed Jesus along the road.



From the Gospel of Sunday 24th October 2021 Cf. Mark 10:46-52 (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 **COURAGE**.



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



2

Wednesday's Word

COURAGE



"To have courage for whatever comes in life - everything lies in that." St Teresa of Avila

What did the blind man do when the people told him to stop calling for Jesus? In this Sunday's Gospel, by continuing to call on Jesus, the blind man showed courage. Ask your child what the word 'courage' means to them. When was the last time they needed courage? Have they ever needed the courage to: go somewhere new or try something new; tell the truth; admit a mistake; stand up for someone; speak up for something that was right; resist peer pressure or go against the crowd and say that something was wrong? Is there anything they are afraid of right now? Who do they know who has shown or shows 'courage'?

"Be brave. Let us learn to face moments of difficulty with courage, certain that the Lord never fails to give his support." Pope Francis

The word 'courage' comes from the Latin word for 'heart' and it basically means that you are brave. Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit - it makes us strong. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing. We can try to remember this Sunday's Gospel and ask Jesus to help us whenever we need courage. How can we have more courage? Perhaps we can: pray to God for more courage; support and encourage each other always to do what we know to be right - even if we are afraid.

Dear Lord Jesus, please give us the **courage** always to do and say what is right and help us to remember that we can always put our faith in you. Amen.

WEDNESDAY
WORDSEARCH

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

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Cross out the letters **s k m** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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So _____ said to the _____ man, "Have _____! Get up! Jesus is calling _____."

Most of us require courage at some time in our lives. Courage helps us to do many great things; to resist temptations, to overcome obstacles and to face our fears when we have followed what is good.

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Wednesday
27th October



**Good News
for Families**

1 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 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."



From the Gospel of Sunday 31st October 2021 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**.



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

2 Wednesday's Word

SAINTS



"Be a saint by carrying out your work with honesty and competence and by offering time in the service of others." 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.

**WEDNESDAY
WORDSEARCH**

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

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Cross out the letters **o u k** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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"Blessed _____ people who know they _____ God, for _____ Kingdom of Heaven belongs to _____."

This week, be inspired by discovering more about the lives of the saints, just click on 'Saints Stories' in the children's section at: wednesdayword.org

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Sunday 17th October



Sunday 24th October



Sunday 31st October

