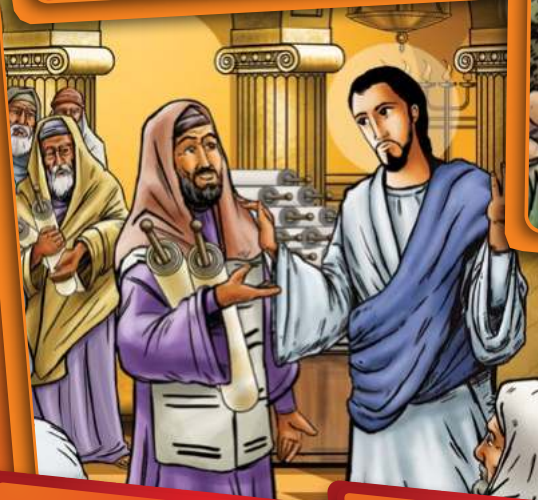
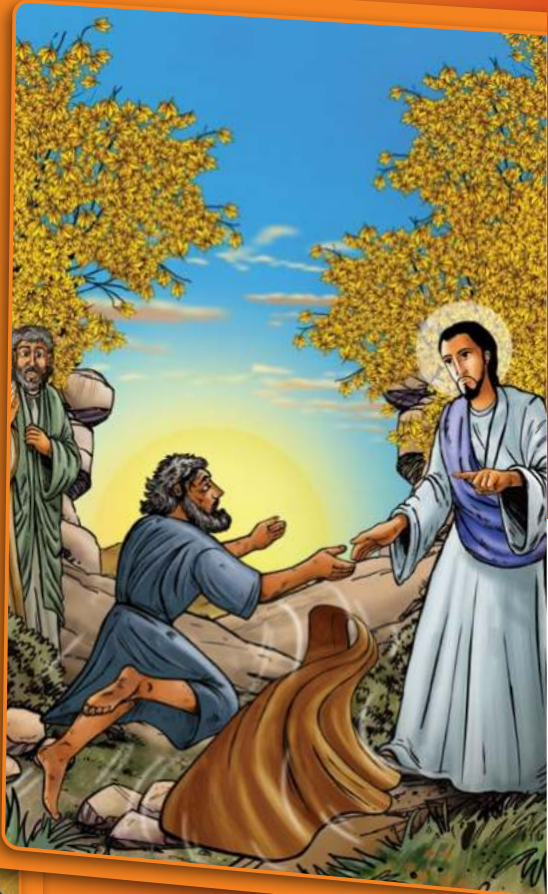


# THE **WORD** Wednesday SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## Good News for Families

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish



**Wednesday**  
16<sup>th</sup> October

**Good News for Families**  
**TOGETHER TIME**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Cf. Mark 10:35-45 (29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**3**

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**

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

- JAMES**
- JOHN**
- JESUS SAID**
- TRULY GREAT**
- SERVE OTHERS**



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

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Cross out the letters **i d b** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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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 - a real example of what it means to be truly great! Find out more in the Children's Section at [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)

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





Wednesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> October

Good News for Families  
TOGETHER TIME

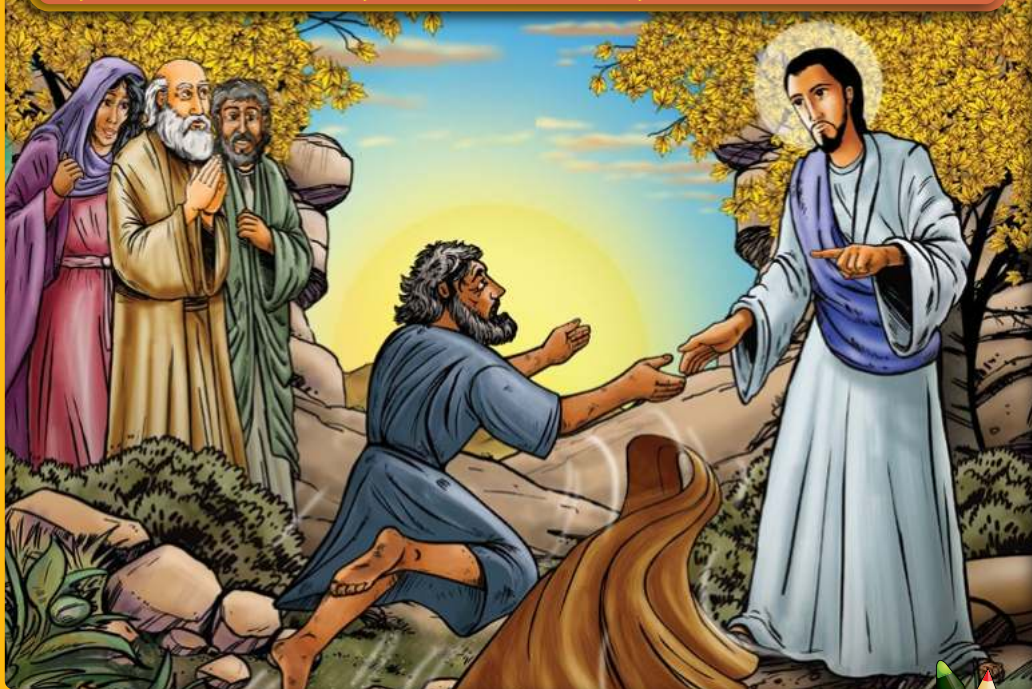
1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

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.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October Cf. Mark 10:46-52 (30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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



SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- BARTIMAEUS
- BEGGING
- JESUS
- PASSING
- COURAGE
- FAITH
- SIGHT
- RETURNED

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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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.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley





**Wednesday**  
30<sup>th</sup> October

**Good News for Families**  
**TOGETHER TIME**



**1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel**

One of the experts in the Law came up to Jesus and put this question to him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

From the Gospel of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Cf. Mark 12:28-34 (The 31<sup>st</sup> 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**.



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**2 Wednesday's Word**

**LOVE**



**"When we experience the love of God, we are more able to share this with our neighbour."** Pope Francis

What did Jesus say was the first 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? Ask your child what they think it means to love like this. You may also want to tell your child what you think it means to love others as we love ourselves. 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.

**"If we love God and our brothers and sisters, we walk in the light."**

Pope Francis

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our love for God is also made known through the way that we love others. God wants us to love each other with just as much love as we have for ourselves. Each of you choose a special way in which you will show your love for God and for each other this week. This Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, is the Feast of 'All Saints' - a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day the Church especially remembers all those who are already in heaven. Why not, as a family, come along to Church to learn more about God's love? All are warmly invited.

**3**

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 WORDSEARCH**

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

- EXPERT
- ASKED
- JESUS SAID
- FIRST LAW
- LOVE GOD

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

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Cross out the letters **c m h** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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One of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ came up to \_\_\_\_\_ and put a \_\_\_\_\_ to Him."

By loving others as we love ourselves, we experience the happiness which comes from following the greatest commandment in God's law - to love.

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

