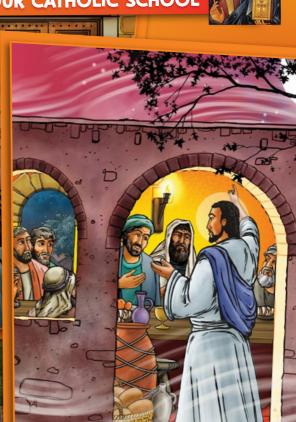


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# Good News for Families

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Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish

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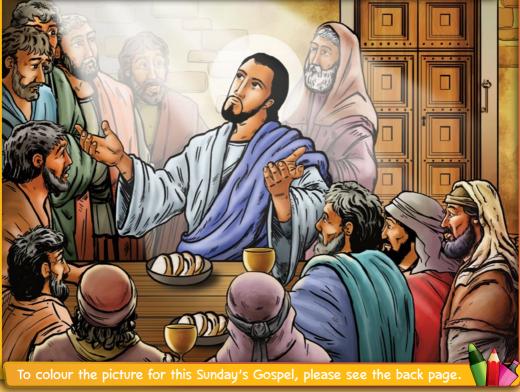
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# 1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Father, I am not praying only for these followers. I am also praying for everyone else who will have faith because of what my followers say about me. I want all of them to be one with each other, just as I am one with you and you are one with me. I also want them to be one with us. Then the people of this world will believe that you sent me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them and so that I may

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 29th May 2022. John 17:20-26 (the 7th Sunday of Easter, 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 **HELPER**.



## 2

#### Wednesday's Word



"May we be united to one another, by the power of love which the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts." Pope Francis

Who was Jesus praying for? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is praying that the disciples will stay united. Soon Jesus will return to heaven and he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper - to teach them and to be with them always. Ask your child who has helped them recently. What did that person do that was such a help to your child? You may want to share an experience of being helped by your children, other people, or directly by the Holy Spirit, and describe the difference that this help made to your life. Then each of you talk about an occasion when you went out of your way to help someone.

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others." St Augustine

We are God's most loved creation and we can be certain God will always help us, and he wants us to help others too. As a family, discuss and choose special ways in which you can be helpful to each other in this coming week. Perhaps you can: make your bed and keep your room tidy; use kind words; set the table and clear the dishes. Is there anyone who may especially need your help at school or at work, or maybe even someone living in a far-off place? What could you do to help?



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Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your love and care. Please help us to see the needs of others, and give us a growing desire to help them. Amen

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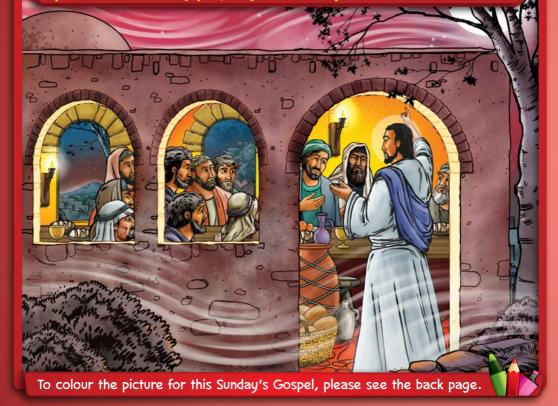
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Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will send you the Holy Spirit, the Helper, to be with you forever. Those who love me will listen to my words and keep them, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them and make our home with them. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you, but the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 5th June 2022. John 14:15-16.23-26 (Pentecost, Year C)

and remind you of all the things I have said to you."

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 **PENTECOST**.



## 2

#### Wednesday's Word



"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost is an event that continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world." Pope Francis

Who did Jesus say the Father would send? This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church - a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. Ask your child what they have learnt at school about Pentecost. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about Pentecost. The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit helps us to view others with fresh eyes, seeing them as brothers and sisters in Jesus, to be respected and loved." Pope Francis

Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. Each of you choose one of the following qualities that you would like to ask the Holy Spirit for today: Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control. Why did you choose that quality? In what ways could growing in that quality help you, or help other people at home, at school, or in the community? Come and learn more about the great celebration of Pentecost in Church this Sunday, and be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit brings. All are warmly invited.



birthday of the Church. This was the day when Jesus' disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, when the mission of the Church really began – almost 2000 years ago.

Simply repeating the words 'Come, Holy Spirit' is a great prayer to say at **Pentecost**, and also each day throughout the year.

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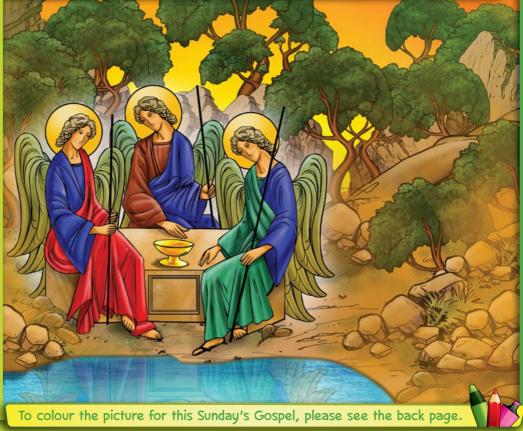
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Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but at this time they would be too much for you to understand. But when the Holy Spirit comes, he is the Spirit of truth and will guide you into the full truth. The Spirit will speak only of what he hears and he will tell you of the things that are to come. The Spirit will make my glory known, by receiving my message and telling it to you. Everything the Father has is mine; what the Spirit receives from me, he will tell it to you."

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 12th June 2022. John 16:12-15 (Trinity Sunday, 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 words, which are **HOLY TRINITY**.



## 2

### Wednesday's Words HOLY TRINITY



"The Trinity is Father, Son and Spirit of love. God is a communion of love and the family is its living reflection." Pope Francis

Who did Jesus say would come to guide the disciples into truth? This coming Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of The Most Holy Trinity (as represented in this week's picture). The Gospel gives us an insight into God's true nature, which is one of love. We read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us, so that we can share in the life and loving relationship of the Holy Trinity – forever. Ask your child what the words 'Holy Trinity' mean to them. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about the Holy Trinity.

"Every time that we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to the great mystery of the Holy Trinity." Pope Francis

Language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding. However, we remember the Holy Trinity each time we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross – a reminder that God is always with us, wherever we are. Ask your child if they know the words that complete this blessing: "In the name of the Father, and of the..."? Loving families are also a communion of persons. Each of you choose a way in which you can reflect the joyful love and togetherness of the Holy Trinity in your family relationships this week.



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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The word Trinity means 'Tri-unity',
three in one. The Church teaches us that,
although there is only one God, there are three
divine persons in God: the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, bound together in love.

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