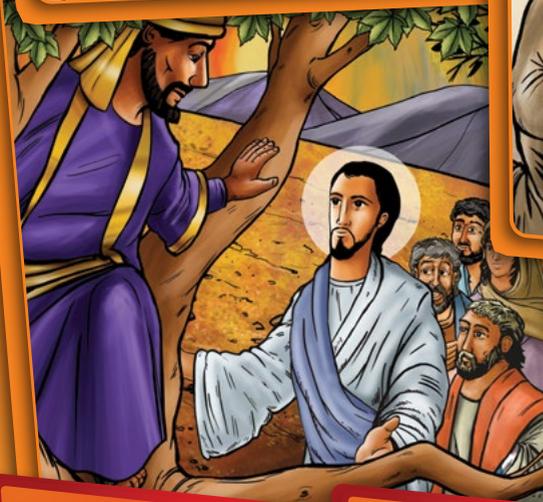
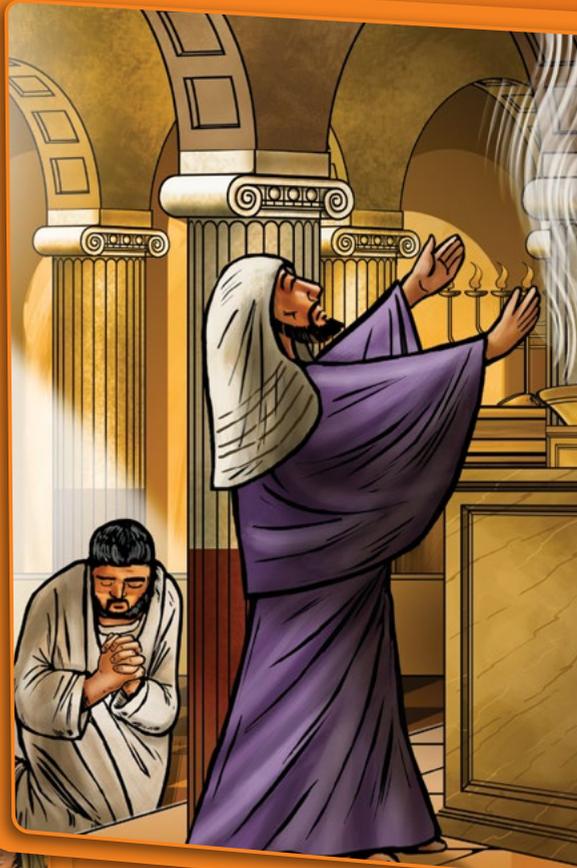
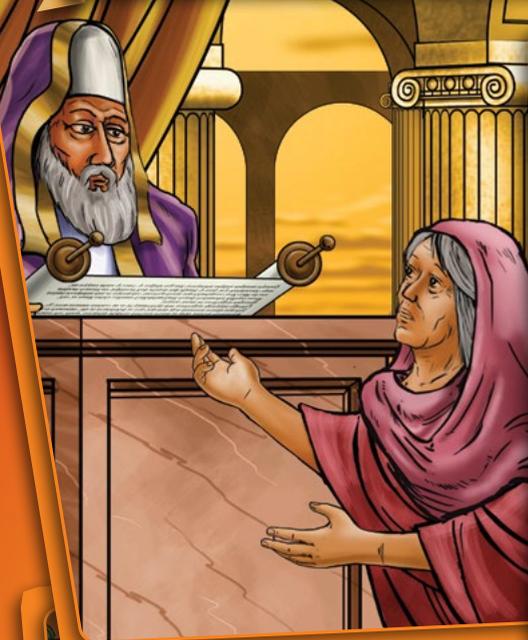


THE **WORD** Wednesday

**SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL**



**A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



**Good News  
for Families**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

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**Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish**

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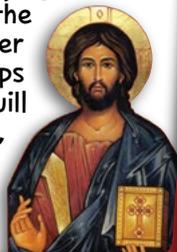
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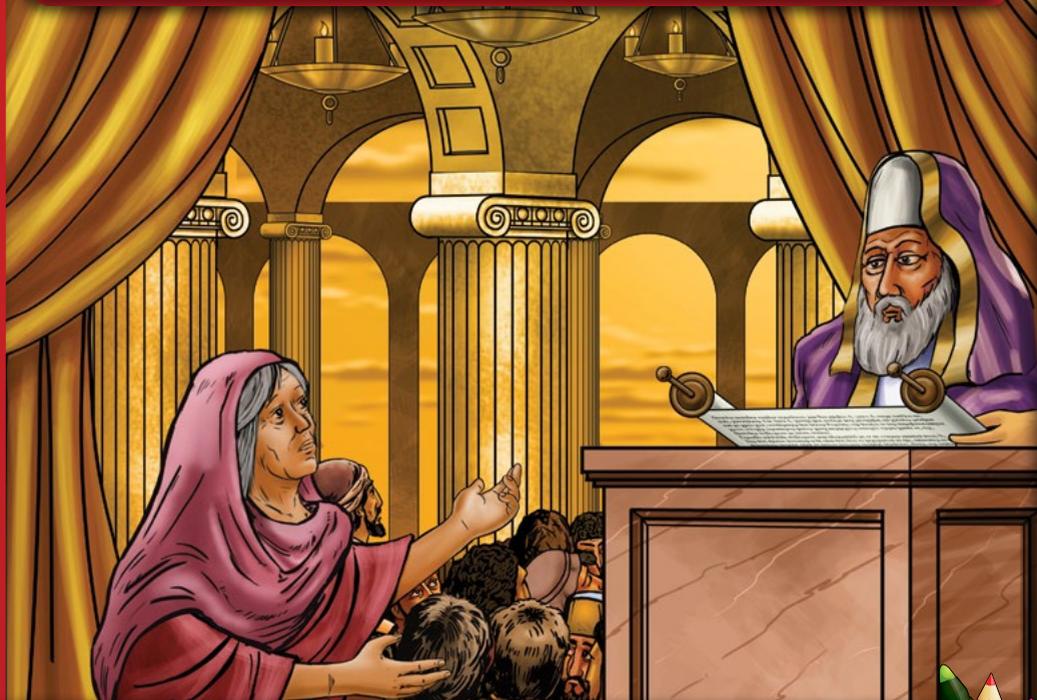
# 1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus wanted to teach his disciples that they should always pray and never give up. So he told them a story. Jesus said, "There was a judge in a certain town who had neither fear of God nor respect for any other person. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' For a long time the judge refused, but at last he said to himself, 'Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for any other person, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will continue coming and worry me to death.'" Then Jesus said, "If even the unjust judge eventually helped this woman who didn't give up, then how much more will God, who is good, help those who pray to him every day."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Luke 18: 1-8 (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 **PRAYER**.



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





**"Dear Parents, teach your children to pray. Pray with them.**

**Prayer strengthens family life."** *Pope Francis*

What was Jesus teaching his disciples? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that God is not like the unjust judge who is irritated by the woman pestering him. No matter how much we pray to God, he doesn't think we are pestering him - he is our loving Father. There are many kinds of prayer. This Gospel reminds us about the value of 'Asking Prayer' and not giving up in our prayer requests. **Ask your child what the word 'prayer' means to them. Does your child like to pray aloud or quietly, alone or with others? What is their favourite prayer?**

**"Prayer brings us not only nearer to God but also nearer to one another."**

*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

Prayer, at its simplest, is spending time with God - talking, listening, being together - telling God all about our lives. We can trust that God always hears our prayers and will always do what is best for us and those we pray for. We can pray anywhere, anytime. Each of you say when and where you like to pray (e.g. at home, in bed, at church, at school, outside, elsewhere). What would you like to pray and ask God for this week? **Who can you pray for throughout the coming week (e.g. a family member, a friend, your teacher, your priest, a poorly, hungry or lonely person)? How else can you help that person?**



For tonight's closing prayer, ask your child if they know **'The Lord's Prayer': Our Father, who art in heaven...**



## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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

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- POOR WIDOW**
- CONSTANT REQUESTS**
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**SUPERSEARCHERS** FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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 that they \_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_.

**Write** a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...  
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God wants us to spend time with him through prayer. Just as we need to put oil in a car to make it work properly, so prayer helps us to work properly - keeping us in good order.

Wednesday  
19<sup>th</sup> October



Good News  
for Families

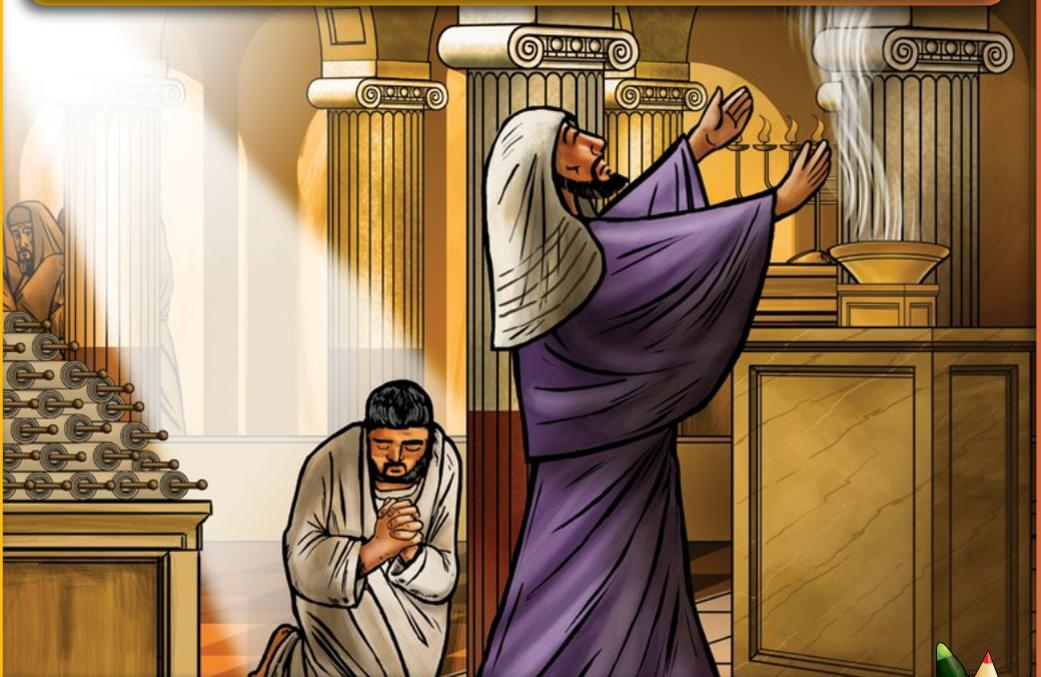
# 1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

There were some people who thought they were better than everyone else. One day Jesus told them a story. "Two men went into the Temple to pray. One of them was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people, and particularly that I am not like this sinful tax collector here. I fast twice a week and always give money to the Temple.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven, but he bowed his head and said, 'God, have mercy on me, for I am a sinner.'" Then Jesus said, "It was the tax collector who was pleasing to God, not the Pharisee. Those who praise themselves and think they are better than others will be humbled, but if you humble yourself then you will be praised by God."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022. Luke 18: 9-14 (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 **HUMBLE**.



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





**"When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things."** *Pope Francis*

Whose prayer was pleasing to God: the humble tax collector's or the proud Pharisee's? This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we should be humble - especially when we pray. Ask your child what the word 'humble' means to them. (Parent help - humble people do not think that they are better or more important than others; they are honest about their weaknesses and not afraid to say 'sorry' to God if they have done wrong). Who does your child know who is talented, but does not boast or show-off? It may help your child if you give an example of a humble person that you know.

**"God speaks to those who are truly humble of heart"** *St Pio of Pietrelcina*

God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God. As a family, name one of each other's special God-given gifts, something that you admire in the other person. Then each of you name a gift that you are especially grateful for - it could be a quality, skill or attitude. Decide on a way that you will use that gift to help someone in this coming week. You may like to finish this evening's special Family Time in humble prayer, each thanking God for the gift that he has given you to share with others (please see the prayer below).

O my God, I thank you for the gift of .... [Each person name their gift], which you have given to me. Help me always to serve you **humbly** and use my gift to make the world a better place. Amen.

## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH



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

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

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Cross out the letters **a k c** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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 "If you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself \_\_\_\_\_  
 you \_\_\_\_\_ be praised by \_\_\_\_\_."

**Write** a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

This week let's make a special effort to: say sorry to each other if we have done wrong; praise other people's strengths and successes; regularly remember to thank God for our own gifts.

**This week I will try my best to...**

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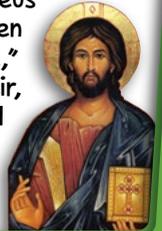
**Wednesday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> October**



**Good News**  
**for Families**

# 1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus was going through Jericho where a man called Zacchaeus lived. He was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. Zacchaeus was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: "Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today." And Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed Jesus joyfully. The people complained when they saw what was happening. "He has gone to stay at a sinner's house," they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, "Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house; for the Son of Man has come to seek out what was lost."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Luke 19: 1-10 (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 **GENEROUS**.



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



**"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous - to give and not to count the cost."** *St Francis Xavier*

How did Zacchaeus change after meeting Jesus? God's generosity is unlimited and offered to each one of us. Even knowing our faults, God invites everyone to experience the joy of his love and forgiveness - to make a fresh start with him and with each other. In this Sunday's Gospel, Zacchaeus' life was dramatically transformed for the better after meeting with Jesus. Zacchaeus was sorry for everything he had done wrong and welcomed Jesus and then responded with delight and generosity. Ask your child what the word 'generous' means to them. Who do they know who is a generous person - that is, someone who is willing to share and to put others' needs first?

**"May we learn to be generous in giving - to love without limits."** *Pope Francis*

The happiness which comes from welcoming Jesus into our lives is given to us out of God's generosity. God wants us to be generous too. We can be generous by sharing our possessions, but God also calls us to be generous with our time and our love. Ask your child if they can remember a time when they were generous, when they last gave something away without expecting anything in return. Giving generously brings us closer to God. How can we be generous in this coming week? Perhaps we can: try especially hard to share with our family and friends; give something to a charity; give some of our time to help others.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your generous love. Please help us to welcome you always and to grow in generosity to you and to each other. Amen.

## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH



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

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

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 "If I have \_\_\_\_\_ anybody I will \_\_\_\_\_  
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**This week I will try my best to...**

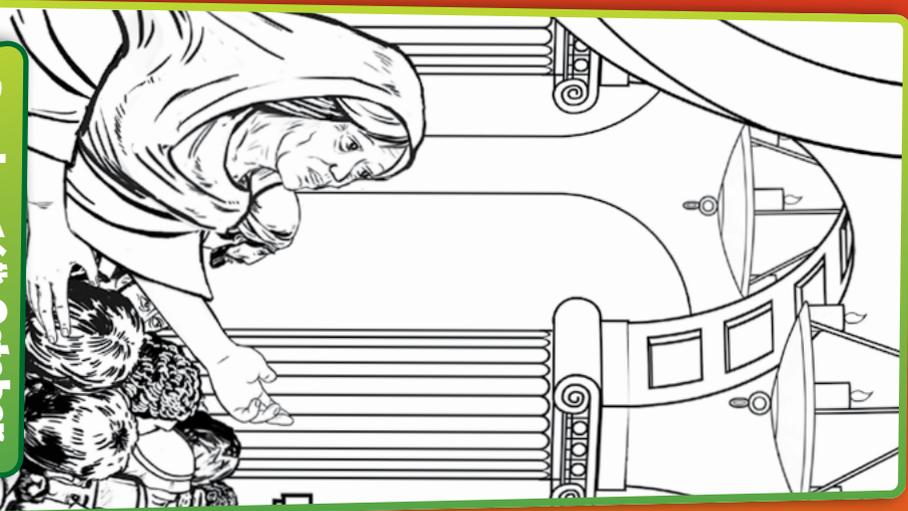
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God is generous and always ready to give us another chance - just like he did with Zacchaeus. We also need to be ready to give other people a second chance - to be generous with our forgiveness too.



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



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**



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

