



First Sunday in Advent

Dec 2023

Mark 13:33-37

Gospel of 3rd December 2023

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.



You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

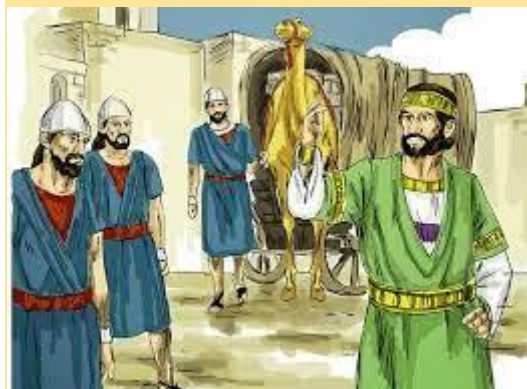
Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website. [Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



The Bible and Catholics
All Scripture is inspired by God

Jesus said, "Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It will be like a man who goes away from home on a journey and leaves his servants in charge, after giving to each one his own work to do and after telling the doorkeeper to keep watch. Be on guard, then, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming — it might be in the evening or at



midnight or before dawn or at sunrise. If he comes suddenly, he must not find you asleep. What I say to you, then, I say to all: watch!"

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission)

Jesus promised us that one day he would return.

In this gospel story Jesus is telling us that we must be ready when he comes again, but that we cannot be exactly sure when that will be. As we don't know when he is coming, we must try to be ready all the time. Although we don't have to stay awake all night, we can go to sleep! Advent is a time when we especially think about getting ready to welcome Jesus, when we remember his birth at Christmas and when he comes again in glory. In today's gospel, Jesus asks us to look out and keep our eyes open for what is happening around us, so that we are ready when he comes.

What do you think Jesus wants us to see when we look around us? Do we sometimes see people who need our help? People who are lonely? People who are sad? People who do not feel well?

What do you think Jesus would like us to do when we see people who are sad, lonely, poor or sick?

Sometimes we hear the story of people who live a long way away but who also need our help.

Omar*, and his family, live in a remote, mountainous part of Afghanistan. It can get very cold in the mountains in winter, and heavy snowfall often leaves communities cut off from help.

There has been a bad drought, and the lack of rain has meant Omar's* community haven't been able to grow food or get the supplies they need to survive the cold weather.

CAFOD has worked with local partners to help Omar* and his family get essential supplies like food, heaters and blankets. He now feels safe, knowing they are ready for winter.

Art can help bring the Gospel to life for children



You may find the website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to explore with your child. Each day they share artwork linked to the daily Gospel.

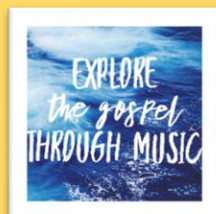
This week's Sunday Gospel art is:

Feast of Saint Andrew Matthew 4:18-22

Illuminated Manuscript page depicting the Calling of Peter and Andrew,
Painted by the Master of the Brussels Initials (Italian, active about 1389 - 1410),
Between about 1389 and 1400,
Created in Bologna, Emilia-Romagna, Italy
Tempera colours, gold leaf, gold paint, and ink,
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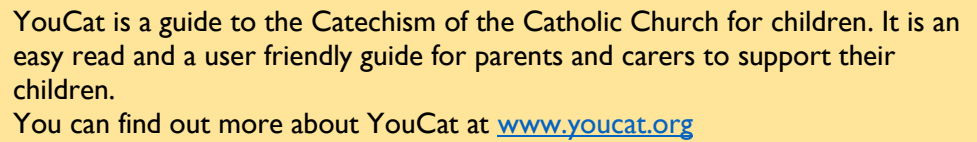
We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!
Traditional: 'Come Thou Long Expected Jesus' by Charles Wesley
Contemporary: '[Hail Mary](#)' by CJM Music
Contemporary: '[Pray For Us \(a song for Mary\)](#)' by Regnum Christi Music Collective



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home the details below.

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Password: thames-orange
Parent Portal: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

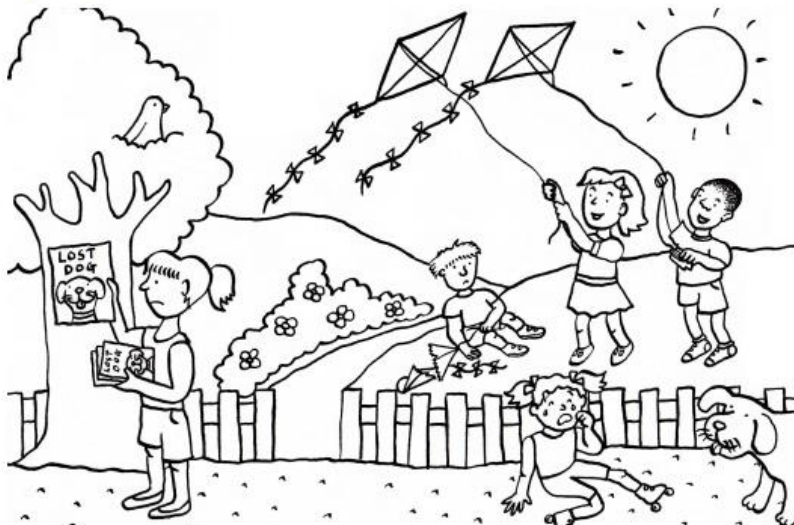
Ten:Ten with
Resources



Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?



Gospel: Mark 13:33-37



- The person who needs someone to be kind to them?
- The person who needs someone to share with them?
- The person who needs some help?

Advent activities

1. Read a bible story

2. Help out at home

3. Pray for peace in the world

4. Recycle something

5. Share with someone



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LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS
November - St Andrew (30th) December - St Ambrose (7th) - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th) - St Lucy (13th) - St John of the Cross (14th)	December - International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (2nd) National Grief Awareness Week (2 nd -8 th) - International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3rd) - World Soil Day (5th) - International Volunteer Day (5th) - Human Rights Day (10th) - International Migrants Day (18th) - International Human Solidarity Day (20th)

PRAYER INTENTIONS during Advent (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colour
Migrants and Refugees (Migrants' day - 3 rd December)	PURPLE
Openness to the Word of God (Bible Sunday – 2 nd Sunday in Advent)	
Expectant Mothers (especially on 4 th Sunday)	