



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 2024

Mark 1:21-28

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.



Jesus and his disciples came to the town of Capernaum, and on the next Sabbath Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. The people who heard him were amazed at the way he taught, for he wasn't like the teachers of the Law; instead, he taught with authority. Just then a man with an evil spirit came into the synagogue and screamed, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you here to destroy us? I know who you are — you are God's holy messenger!"

Jesus ordered the spirit, "Be quiet, and come out of the man!" The evil spirit shook the man hard, gave a loud scream, and came out of him. The people were all so amazed that they started saying to one another, "What is this? Is it some kind of new teaching? This man has authority to give orders to the evil spirits, and they obey him!"

And so the news about Jesus spread quickly everywhere in the province of Galilee.

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Jesus starts to teach in the temple, where the Jewish people went to pray. The people are surprised and impressed with the way he teaches. Why do you think that is?

The people in the temple believe what Jesus says and they trust him, more than the teachers they usually listen to. Why did they see Jesus as special?

Jesus teaches the people through the stories he tells. But he also teaches them - and us - through the things he does. He lives out what he is teaching.

Teachers are very important, they help us to learn about all sorts of things. What is your teacher's name? What do they help you to learn? Who else helps you to learn? Family or friends perhaps?

Some children who live in poorer countries around the world do not have the chance to go to school. Can you think of reasons why that might be?

Some children live in places where it isn't safe for them to travel to school or the school is too far away. Some children have to do jobs instead of going to school or they have to look after their little brothers and sisters while their mum and dad go to work. Some families cannot afford to pay the school fees or buy the uniforms or books their children need to go to school.

Do you think it is fair that these children do not have the chance to learn?
What do you think can be done to help?

Every child has a right to go to school. The charity CAFOD works together with local people around the world to make sure more children can learn.

Let's try this week to do our best to learn. To listen to our teachers, our parents, and all those who try to teach us the way.

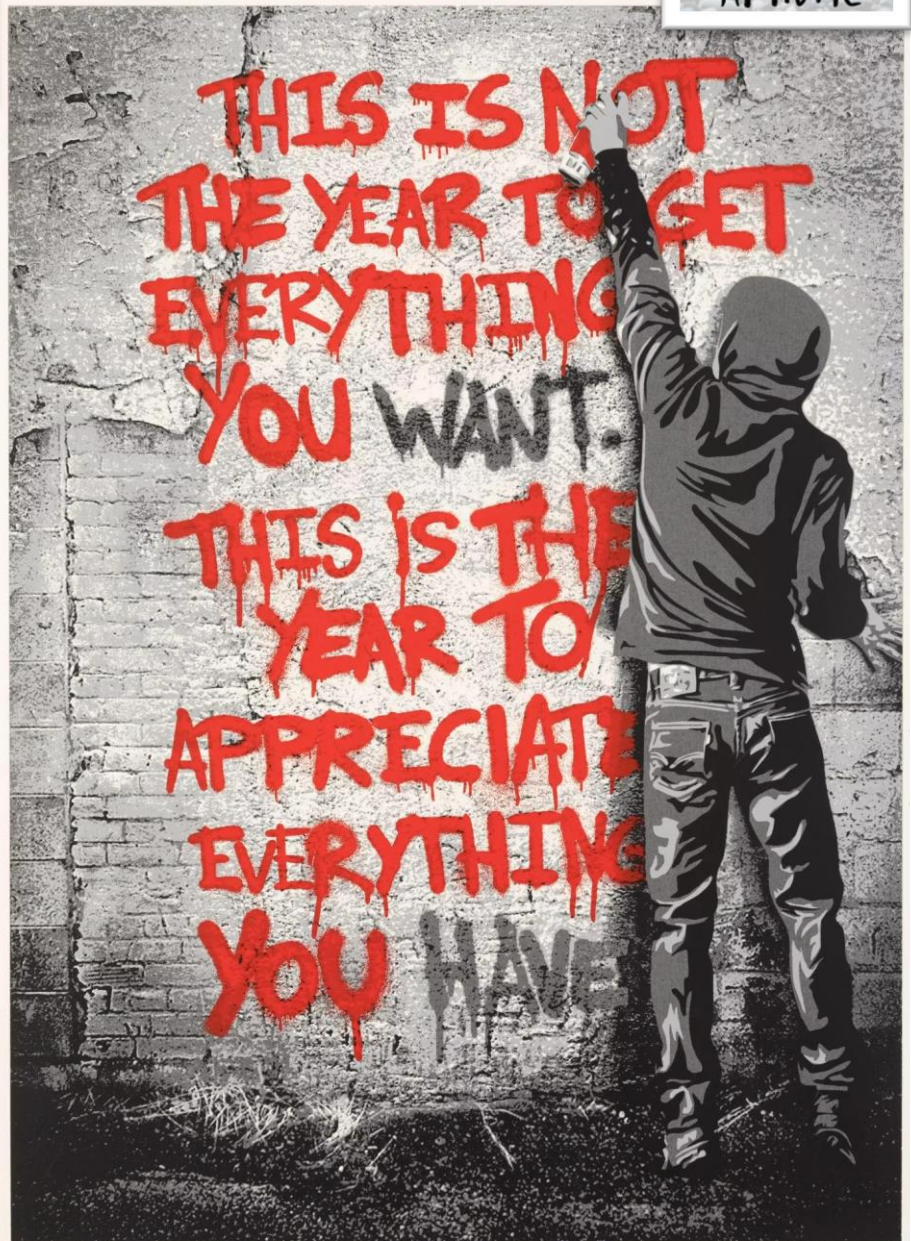
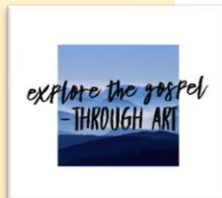
And let us try to listen to Jesus and to what he is teaching us too, so that together we may love one another as he asks us to.

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:
The Kingdom of God is like a Mustard Seed
Mark 4:26-34

Open Your Mind,
Painted by Mr Brainwash
(born 1966),
Executed in 2021,
Limited edition print
© Mr Brainwash



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!

Traditional: 'Lay Your Hands' by Carey Landry

Contemporary: '[Miracles](#)' by Jesus Culture



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

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Resources

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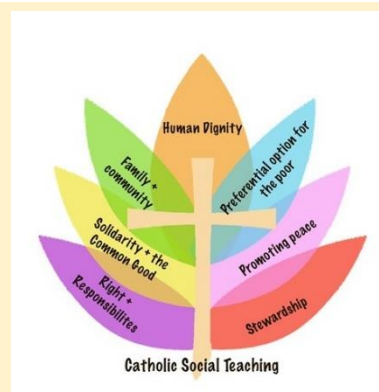
Parent Portal: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children. You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

Catholic Social Teaching:

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



This week's Gospel activity sheet from [CAFOD](#):

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January 2024 - Liturgical Calendar

Day Date Celebration

			solemnity
Sunday	7	<u>The Epiphany of the Lord</u>	solemnity
Monday	8	<u>Baptism of the Lord</u>	feast
Tuesday	9	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Week II
Wednesday	10	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday	11	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	12	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious (E)	
Saturday	13	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
Sunday	14	<u>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	Week II
Monday	15	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday	16	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	17	St Anthony, abbot	<i>memorial</i>
Thursday	18	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	19	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Wulstan, Bishop (E)	
Saturday	20	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Fabian, Pope, Martyr, St Sebastian, Martyr	
Sunday	21	<u>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	Week III
Monday	22	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr	
Tuesday	23	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	24	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<i>memorial</i>
Thursday	25	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	feast
Friday	26	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	<i>memorial</i>
Saturday	27	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Angela Merici, Virgin	
Sunday	28	<u>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	week IV
Monday	29	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday	30	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	31	St John Bosco, Priest	<i>memorial</i>