



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 2024

### John 15:1-8

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.

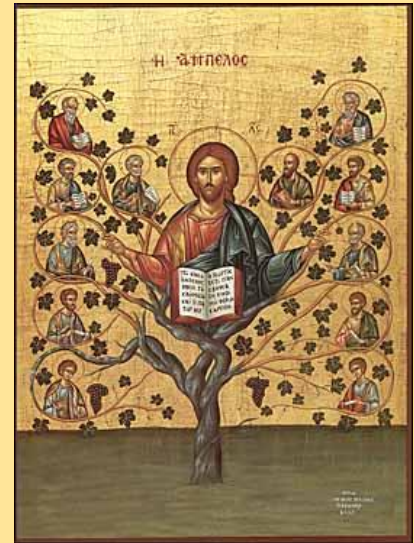


Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. Whoever does not remain in me is thrown out like a branch and dries up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples."

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



Jesus is teaching his disciples. He calls himself the "true vine". Do you know what a vine is? What grows on a vine? Grapes grow on vines. Do you like grapes?

Jesus calls us his branches because he supports us, like a tree trunk supports its branches. And he wants us to bear fruit for him.

What do you think this means? Do you think he wants us to grow grapes?!

What Jesus means is that he wants us to stay close to him and follow his teachings. This means being the best we can be, loving each other, and loving the beautiful world he has given us.

But this world is changing. Because we humans have treated the planet badly, our climate is heating up. And the hotter it gets, the more we see big weather disasters like storms or droughts – when there is no rain and everything dries up like the vine we heard about in today's gospel.

Everyone is affected, but the poorest people suffer the most.

We all have a part to play to protect our world, so that it stays a beautiful place for us all to live in safely.

There are many ways that we can show love for our neighbour and care for our world. Can you think of some, so that you will be like the strong, healthy branches on the vine that Jesus talks about?



The Bible and Catholics  
All Scripture is inspired by God

explore  
THE  
gospel  
AT HOME

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.

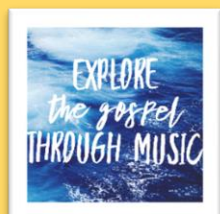
**I, the light, have come into the  
world**  
**John 12:44-50**

**Voûtes Célestes,  
Light projection by Miguel  
Chevalier (born 1959),  
Digital projection installation,  
Performed in 2016  
© Miguel Chevalier**



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

Traditional: 'Here I Am, Lord'  
by Dan Schutte  
Traditional: 'The Lord Is My  
Shepherd' (Traditional)  
Contemporary: '[Speak, O  
Lord](#)' by Keith and Kristyn  
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Contemporary: '[Psalm 23 \(I  
Am Not Alone\)](#)' by People and  
Songs



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

Username: st-michaels-  
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[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal)

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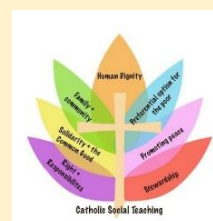


YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for  
children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and  
carers to support their children.

You can find out more about YouCat at [www.youcat.org](http://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:*

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

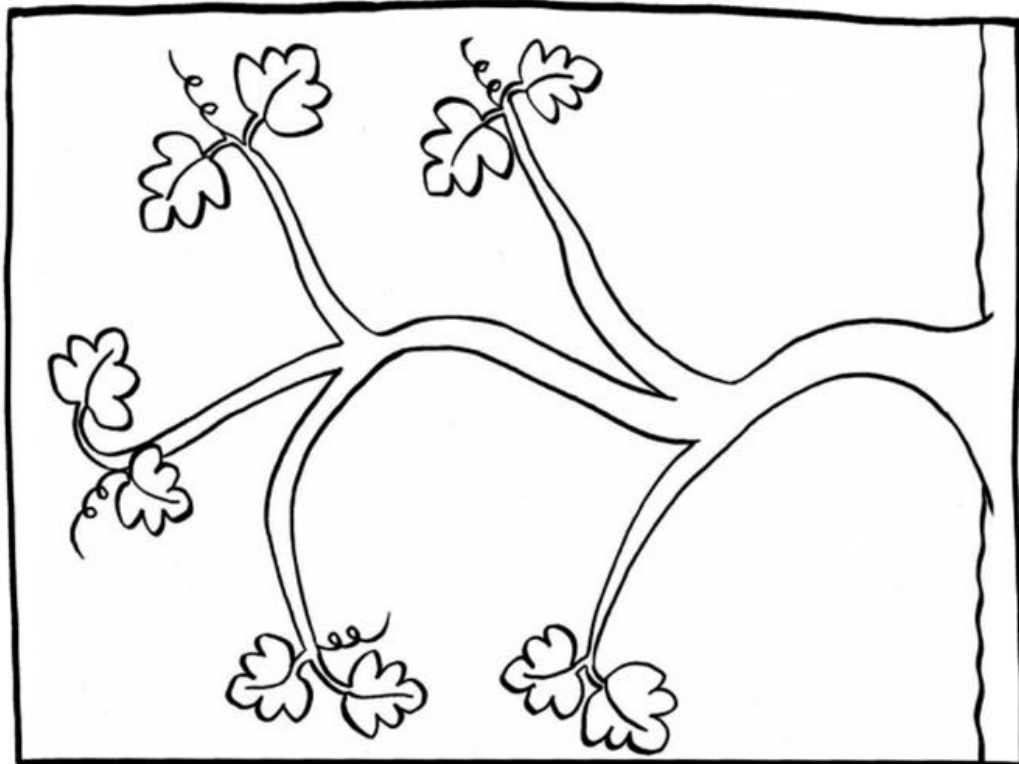
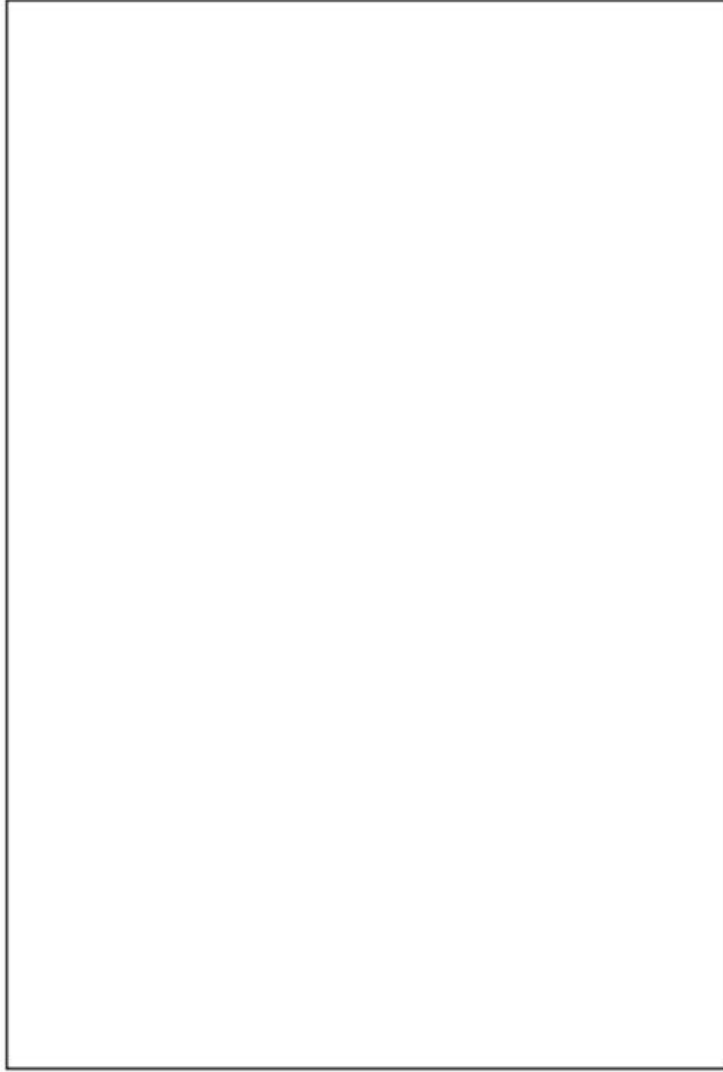
John 15:1-8

**"I am the vine, and you are the branches."**

Jesus describes himself as a vine and says we are like branches on that vine. We produce good fruit when we are connected to him. Draw some fruit in the tree and in each fruit write or draw one way that you will care for your neighbour or the planet.

### **Staying connected:**

Think about the ways you stay close to Jesus – perhaps being outside in creation, reading Bible stories, singing hymns, going to Church, loving other people or praying with your family. Use this space to write or draw how you connect with Jesus.





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## Excellence · Enrichment · Enjoyment



| PRAYER INTENTIONS (Based on the liturgical year)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | LITURGICAL COLOUR                                            |
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| New Members of the Church                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>WHITE/GOLD</b><br><br><b>RED</b>                          |
| <b>Vocations</b><br>Especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                              |
| <b>Human Work</b><br>Especially on St Joseph the Worker (1st May)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| <b>The Right Use of Media</b><br>Especially on World Communications Day (Ascension)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                              |
| <b>The Church</b><br>Especially on Pentecost Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                              |
| LITURGICAL YEAR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | SUNDAYS IN APRIL                                             |
| - St Francis of Paolo (2 <sup>nd</sup> April)<br>- St Isidore (4 <sup>th</sup> April)<br>- St Vincent Ferrer (5 <sup>th</sup> April)<br>- St Stanislaus (11 <sup>th</sup> April)<br>- St George (23 <sup>rd</sup> April)<br>- St Mark, Evangelist (25 <sup>th</sup> April)<br>- St Catherine of Siena (29 <sup>th</sup> April) | Easter Sunday<br>4th Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday |

| NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | OTHER RELIGIONS                                                                                                   |
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| - International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (6 <sup>th</sup> April)<br><br>- World Health Day (7 <sup>th</sup> April)<br><br>- Chinese Language Day (20 <sup>th</sup> April)<br><br>- World Creativity and Innovation Day (21 <sup>st</sup> April)<br><br>- World Mother Earth Day (22 <sup>nd</sup> April)<br><br>- Spanish Language Day (23 <sup>rd</sup> April)<br><br>- World Malaria Day (25 <sup>th</sup> April)<br><br>- International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day (26 <sup>th</sup> April) | - Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan – 9th-10th April)<br><br>- Vaisakhi (Sikh Birth of Kahlsa – 14 <sup>th</sup> April) |