



6th Sunday of Easter
May 2024

John 15:9-17

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 love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another." (Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission)



Jesus is telling us he loves us very much. How does it feel to know that Jesus loves each of us so much?

Jesus says he chose us all to be his friends, and we should love others in the same way as he loves us. He says that we should all do as much as we can to help our friends, and that if we follow his teaching, we will be friends of Jesus.

Who are your friends? Can you tell me the name of two of your friends? What do you like about your friends?

Friends can make us happy and laugh. They help us when we find things difficult. They are kind and share with us. Can you tell me something one of your friends has done to make you happy?

What do you do to help your friends when they are sad or finding something difficult?

Children in other parts of the world are the same as us, they also like to have friends that they play games with, friends who make them happy when they are sad and who help them when they are in trouble.

Jesus asks us today to love others as he has loved us. How do you think we can do this? How can we show love for children who live far away on the other side of the world?



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.

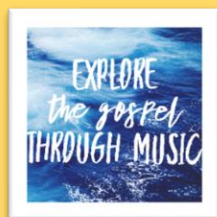
Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away
John 15:1-8

Gardener Pruning a Tree,
Etching by Jacques Callot (1592-1635),
Printed in 1628,
Etching on paper
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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: 'Father, In My Life I See' by Kathryn Crossweller
Traditional: 'Abide With Me'
Traditional by Henry Francis Lyte
Contemporary: '[You Are The Vine](#)' by True Vine Music
Contemporary: '[His Banner Over Me Is Love](#)' sung by Acappella Company



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

Ten:Ten Resources

Username: st-michaels-tw15

Password: thames-orange

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?

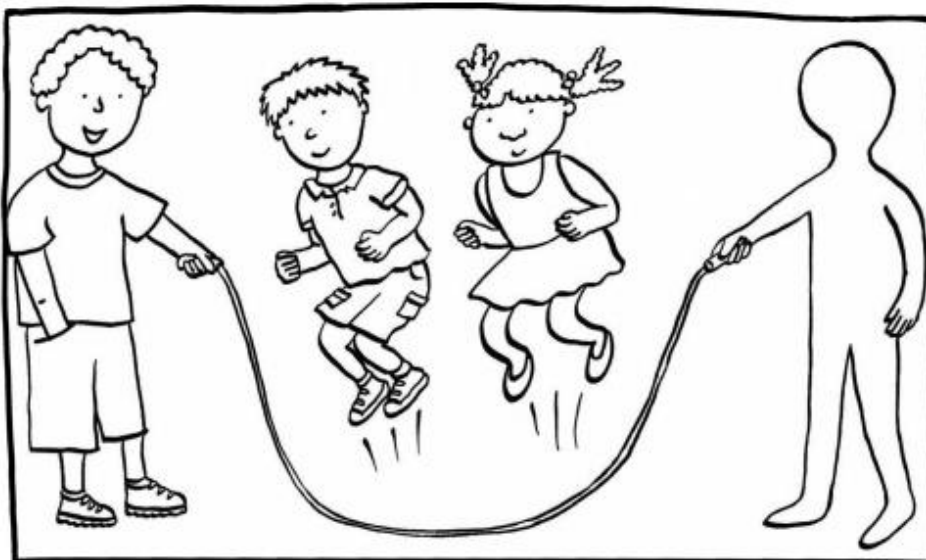


This week's Gospel activity sheet from CAFOD:

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"I call you friends"



Jesus calls us his friends, and tells us to love one another as he loves us. On the black outline add yourself to this picture of some friends. On the back of this sheet write or draw how you can be a good friend to children here and in other countries around the world.

Find a friend who...

Find someone who matches each of these things and write their name in the box. Once you're finished shout BINGO!

likes pizza	can tell you a joke	has the same colour eyes as you
likes drawing	has a pet	loves to read
can tell you what CAFOD does	plays football	likes to collect something

Match them up:

Can you remember what Jesus tells us about his amazing love? See if you can match the two halves of each verse together? We've done one to start you off.

I call you friends

The greatest love you can have for your friends

My commandment is this: love one another

You did not choose me

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you

I chose you

because I have told you everything I heard from my Father

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Catherine of Siena	Pius V	Joseph the Worker	Athanasius	Philip and James, Apostles	Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter; Minor Rogation Day	Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter; Minor Rogation Day	Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter; Minor Rogation Day	Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or ASCENSION THURSDAY	Damien de Veuster (USA); John of Avila	Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ASCENSION SUNDAY or the SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Our Lady of Fatima	Matthias, Apostle	Isidore the Farmer (USA)	Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter	Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter	John I
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
PENTECOST	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Bernardine of Siena	Christopher Magallanes & Companions	Rita of Cascia; Ember Wednesday	Thursday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	Friday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time; Ember Friday	Bede; Gregory VII; Mary Magdalene de Pazzi; Ember Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
TRINITY SUNDAY	Augustine of Canterbury	Tuesday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	Pope Paul VI	Thursday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Justin