



7th Sunday of Easter
May 2024

John 17:11-19

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.

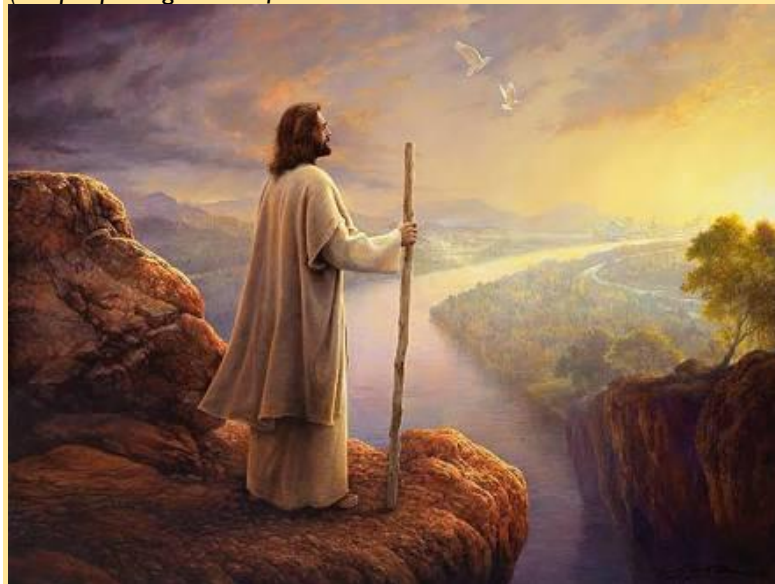
[Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



Jesus looked up to heaven and said:

“And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one. While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me. I protected them, and not one of them was lost, except the man who was bound to be lost – so that the scripture might come true. And now I am coming to you, and I say these things in the world so that they might have my joy in their hearts in all its fullness. I gave them your message, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world. Dedicate them to yourself by means of the truth; your word is truth. I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world. And for their sake I dedicate myself to you, in order that they, too, may be truly dedicated to you.”

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



In today's gospel Jesus is talking to God. He is praying.

Do you pray? What do you pray for or about?

Jesus is asking God to help his friends – the disciples – when he is gone.

Jesus knows it will be hard for them to be without him. But he has also given his disciples a very special job to do and he wants them to carry on doing this, even after he has gone away. So he wants God to keep them safe.

What job do you think Jesus wants his disciples to do?

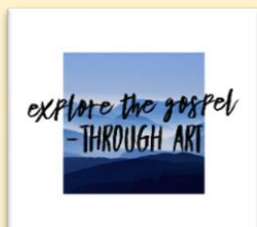
Jesus wants his disciples to follow his teaching, to love everyone just like Jesus loves us and to encourage others to do the same.

Jesus prayed for us too. Do you think Jesus has a special job for us to do as his followers? What do you think that job might be?

He wants us to share God's love with others – near or far away – and care for the lovely world he has given us. How do you think we can do that?

We can share God's love by helping each other. This also means taking care of our world so that everyone has the chance of a happy life. For example, when we humans cut down forests, that is bad for all the people, animals and plants who live there.

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.

**You also are to testify
John 15:26-16:4**

**Saint Francis preaching to the Birds,
Painted by Albert Chevallier
Tayler (1862-1925),
Painted in 1898,
Oil on canvas
© Wikimedia Commons**



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

Traditional: 'What a Friend We Have In Jesus' by Charles Converse/Joseph Scriven
Traditional: 'Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven' Traditional by Henry Francis Lyte
Contemporary: '[What a Friend I've Found](#)' by Delirious?
Contemporary: '[The Ascension](#)' by Phil Wickham



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:



Seventh Sunday of Easter
John 17:11-19

"I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world."

Jesus prays for his friends. He prays that they will be safe and protected as he sends them into the world with a special job. Write or draw some words to show Jesus' prayer for his disciples in the speech bubble.

My prayers:

God hears all our prayers; prayers of thanks, prayers to say sorry, prayers for others and prayers for ourselves. What are your prayers today? You may want to pray for those people who care for God's creation.

Thank you God...

I'm sorry for...

Please help me to...

Please be with...



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Liturgical Year	Sundays in May
- St Damien de Veuster (10th May) - Our Lady of Fatima (13th May) - St Matthias (14th May) - St Bede (25th May) - St Augustine (27th May) - Visitation (31st May) Ascension Thursday The date of Easter changes every year and the Ascension is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday. Mary, Mother of the Church Monday after Pentecost	- 4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday - Pentecost - Pentecost is 10 days after the Ascension (50 days after Easter Sunday)

National and International Days	Other Religions
- International Day of Families (15th May) - International Day of Living Together in Peace (16th May) - World Bee Day (20th May) - World day for Cultural Diversity (21st May) - Laudato Si Week (24th May) - International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29th May)	- Shavuot (Jewish Pentecost - June)