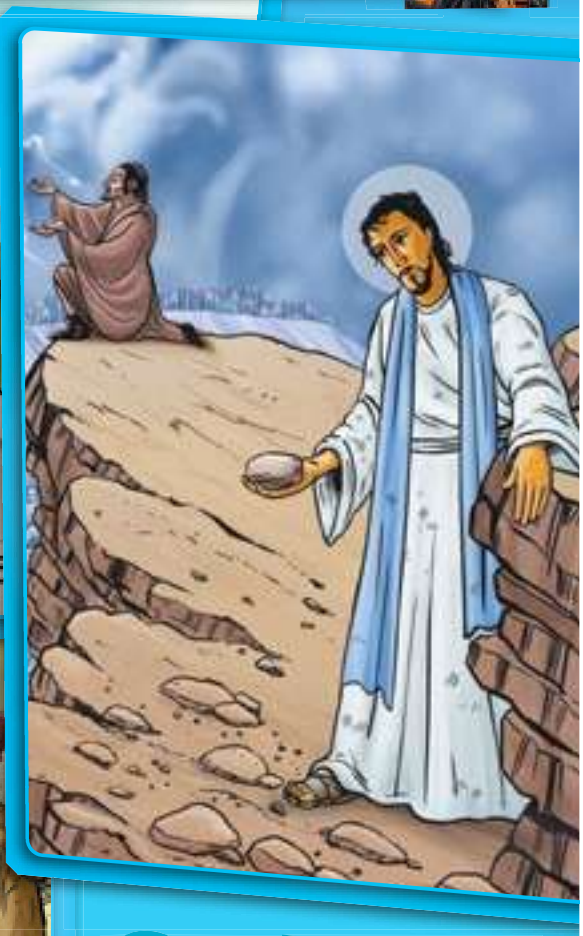
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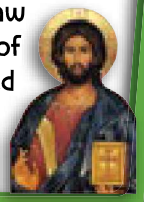
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Wednesday 11th February

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME (10 minutes)

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not imagine that I have come to destroy what the Law or the Prophets taught. No, I have come to make them complete – to show you what they meant. I tell you truly, until heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke of a pen, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 15th February 2026. Matt. 5:17-37 (the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **TEACHER**.

Jesus said, "Whoever practises and teaches these commands, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 5:19*



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

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2 Wednesday's Word TEACHER

"The true teacher is within; Christ is the inner teacher of every soul."
St. Augustine of Hippo

What did Jesus say that people who practise and teach God's commands would be called? In this Sunday's Gospel (taken from the Sermon on the Mount), Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's laws; our Catholic schools and parishes try very hard to do the same. Ask your child what the word 'teacher' means to them. Ask them which people teach them about God – at home, at school or in the community. What have they recently been taught about God? Who is their favourite teacher, and why? Perhaps you can tell your child about a person you know who is, or was, a good teacher, and say why.

"The family is where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love." *Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)*

It's important to have good teachers. Parents are the first and foremost educators of their own children – others can also teach us so much about what really matters in life. Each of you choose someone who teaches you good and right things, and say a prayer for them. How can we show our appreciation to all those who teach us? Perhaps we can: be a good learner by really listening to what they have to say; do the good and right things they have taught us; simply thank them for being a good teacher.

Dear Lord Jesus, please bless all the people in my life who teach me. Thank you for being my friend and teacher. Please help me to learn and grow in your love. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- JESUS TEACHING
- COMPLETES LAW
- PRACTISE COMMANDS
- GREAT HOLINESS

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SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **o d m** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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"Whoever teaches _____ commands, _____ be called _____ in _____ kingdom of heaven."

Jesus stood out as a teacher.

Seeing the power and authority of God at work in Jesus' words and actions gave people confidence in his teachings. When we have Jesus as our teacher, we are being taught by God.

Write a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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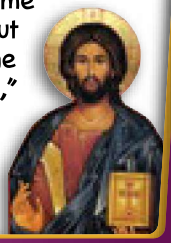
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Wednesday 18th February

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into loaves." But Jesus replied with God's word saying, "Scripture says: 'Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" The tempter then took him to the top of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down; for scripture says: 'He will put you in his angels' charge and they will come to save you.'" Jesus said to him, "Scripture also says: 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Next, the tempter showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "I will give you all these," he said, "if you fall at my feet and worship me." Then Jesus replied, "Be off, Satan! For scripture says: 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'" Then the tempter left him, and angels appeared and looked after Jesus.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 22nd February 2026. Matthew 4:1-11 (the 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **LENT**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

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2 Wednesday's Word

LENT

"Lent is a time for greater generosity – not just with money, but with love, forgiveness, and mercy." *St. Leo the Great*

How many days did Jesus spend in the wilderness? In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus relied on God's word to resist temptation. Lent is a time for us to make an extra effort to listen carefully to God's word, to try and make a change for the better by turning away from things which are wrong for ourselves or others. Ask your child what the word 'Lent' means to them. You may want to tell your child something that you know about Lent. Each of you say if there is anything you would like to start or stop doing this Lent.

"Lent is the season for deepening our love: love for Jesus, love for our family, and love for the poor." *St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

The Latin name for the season of Lent is 'Quadragesima' which means "forty days" or "fortieth day." This reminds us of Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness, where he grew stronger through resisting various temptations. How can we strengthen ourselves to resist temptations throughout Lent? Perhaps we can: set aside a few minutes each day to pray, asking God to help us; read God's word in the Bible or in *The Wednesday Word*; regularly say the 'Our Father' together, thinking carefully about each sentence; go to church together; fast from a meal or snack and give the money saved to charity.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- WILDERNESS
- FASTING
- TEMPTER
- APPEARED
- JESUS
- SPOKE
- GOD'S
- WORD

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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Cross out the letters **k n s** in the jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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"Man does not _____ on _____ alone but on every _____ that comes from the _____ of God."

Today is Ash Wednesday.

Catholics throughout the world celebrate Mass today and receive ashes on their forehead to mark the start of the Lenten Season.

Write a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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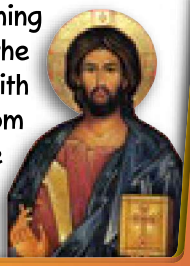
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TOGETHER TIME

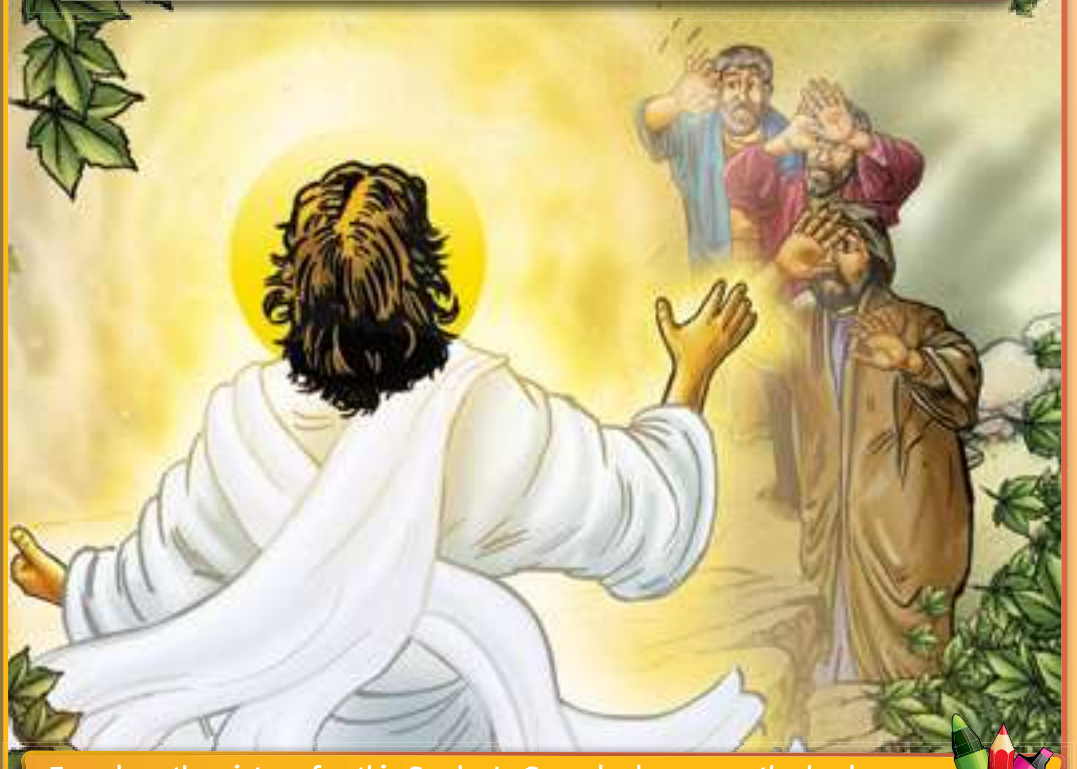
1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as the light, whiter than any normal clothing could ever be. Suddenly Moses and Elijah, the great teacher and the great prophet of the Old Testament, appeared and were talking with Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when the disciples looked round, they saw only Jesus was left there with them.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 1st March 2026 Cf. Matthew 17: 1-9 (the 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **SACRED**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2 Wednesday's Word SACRED

"The invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him." *Pope Francis (Pope from 2013 - 2025)*

Where did Jesus go to pray? In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples received a glimpse of the awesome divinity of Jesus through the change in the way he looked (his transfiguration). This sacred encounter took place on the Holy Mountain – Mt Tabor. Often in the Bible, mountains are described as sacred places. Ask your child what the word 'sacred' means to them. Our churches are sacred places, dedicated to the worship of God, but other places are sacred too: a home filled with the love of God. Where's your sacred space? Where do you pray or feel most at peace or closest to God (e.g. your house, your bedroom, your church, your garden or somewhere else)?

The Holy Mountain experience was a sacred moment. To be sacred is to be holy – to be dedicated to God. God wants us to be his sacred people – to be holy and to try to live and love like Jesus did. Praying at home helps us to recognise and respect our homes as sacred places, full of God's love. What else can help to remind us of God's sacred presence in our home (e.g. a Bible, candles, a cross, icons or something else)? As a family, talk about which sacred images you find most helpful. What can you do to help you recognise your home as a sacred place this Lent?

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the sacred places where you are worshipped and praised, and for making our homes sacred through your presence among us. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- JESUS CHANGED
- FACE SHONE
- MOSES ELIJAH
- CLOUD VOICE

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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Cross out the letters **a d k** in the jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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Jesus' face _____ like the _____ and his _____ became as dazzling as the _____ .

This Friday is CAFOD'S Lent Fast Day.

Why not do something special this Lent and help some of the world's poorest people? Find out more at: **cafod.org.uk/primary**

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Write a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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THE Wednesday WORD

SUNDAY GOSPEL GALLERY



Sunday 15th February



Sunday 22nd February



Sunday 1st March