

Wednesday 7th September 2016

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday



A Gift to you from your Catholic School

Sharing Sunday's Gospel with Parents and Families

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and to your family as we begin this new school year.

Throughout the world, our schools and parishes educate and care for millions of children. This Sunday is a day when we especially remember all our teachers as we celebrate 'Education Sunday', a national day of prayer for all those involved in the care and education of our children.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the images of seeking, finding and rejoicing act as symbols of God's care and unconditional love for each one of us. We are God's most loved creation and we can be certain that God will always care for us.

See overleaf to enjoy a special time together hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is CARE.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



We have so many good teachers and helpers who care for our children in our schools and parishes. Why not say a quiet prayer for them tonight as we begin the new school year? Learn more about Education Sunday at catholiceducation.org.uk

"The Lord seeks all; he wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and his love."

Pope Francis



Adapted from

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2016



The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them: "What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? 'Rejoice with me,' he would say. 'I have found my sheep that was lost.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous people who have no need of repentance."

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 11th September 2016
Luke 15:1-7 (the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church ~ all are warmly invited.

HAVING FAITH
IN YOUR FAMILY

The Gospel above or the five minutes FAMILY TIME section overleaf can be read independently by adults or children alike. However, reading them as a family really does help the family to grow in faith, wisdom and love.

Parents and children can find out more about the Catholic faith at: www.wednesdayword.org & www.catholicchurch.org.uk

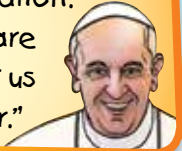


GOOD NEWS FOR FAMILIES

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the tremendous care that Jesus (the good shepherd of the Gospel) has for each person, the care we often experience through the actions of the people around us. We are all part of God's family, so when we show care for others we are showing care for God too.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS...

"Take care of God's creation. But above all, take care of people in need. Let us care for one another."



A Special 5 Minutes Together

Enjoy Reading Sunday's Gospel

See the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)

1 The teachers of the Law were complaining about Jesus. "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told the people a story. He said, "Suppose you were a shepherd who had a hundred sheep and one of them got lost. What would you do? Wouldn't you leave the other ninety-nine sheep that were safely grazing and go looking for the one sheep that got lost? And when you found it, wouldn't you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home? You would be so happy and you would call you friends and neighbours together saying, 'I have found my sheep that was lost. Come and celebrate with me.'"

Why were the teachers of the Law complaining? Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? See the Sunday Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is...

CARE

3

Loving God & Each Other

"Cast your cares upon God, for you are his and he will not forget you." St John of the Cross

Ask your child what the word 'care' means to them. Who do you know to be a caring person? Each of you give an example of where or when you feel God's care. Perhaps it is through: the love of your family and your friends; spending time alone with God in prayer at home; worshipping God with others; receiving help from others.

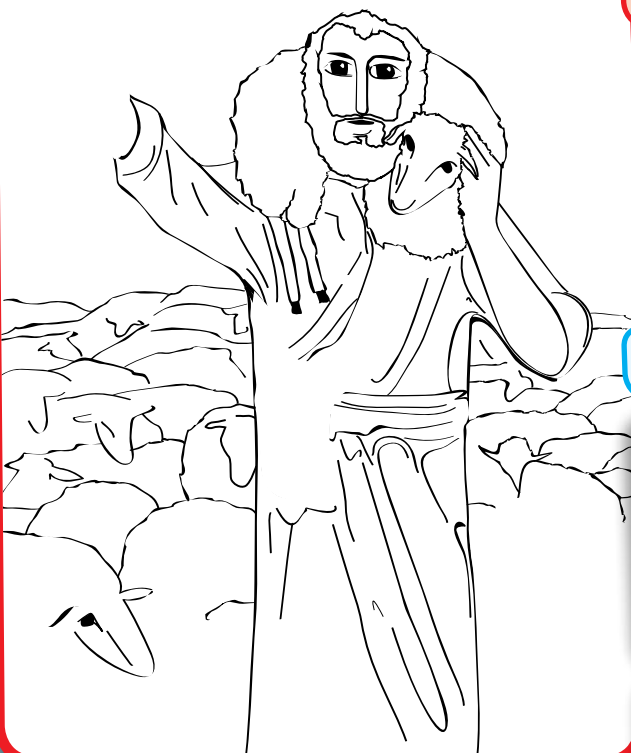
"Our Lord loves you and loves you tenderly."

St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Jesus loves us and cares for us - just like a good shepherd cares for all the sheep - and he wants us to care for others. Each of you talk about a time when you recently showed your care for someone. Is there anyone who needs your care right now? Choose a way in which you will especially start to show your care for others as we begin this new school year.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your love and care. Please help us to care for creation, to see the needs of others, and to do your work in the world with a loving and caring heart. Amen.

GOSPEL GALLERY + SUNDAYSEARCHES



SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- HUNDRED
- SHEEP
- ONE
- LOST
- SHEPHERD
- FINDS
- EVERYONE
- CELEBRATES

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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Cross out the letters k w i in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

icelewbratek fiowunkd skhewaip Ciowmek

Now fit the real words, in the right order, into the sentence below.

"I have _____ my _____ that was lost. _____ and _____ with me."

Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.



CARING FOR OUR PLANET CAFOD have a great video for children and families to help us think about the Pope's message of caring for the earth, our common home.

Find out more at wednesdayword.org (scroll down to find the 'Laudato Si' video in the children's section).