

Kids church: Summer challenge



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EVERY SUNDAY

Take some time to read the Gospel reading from Mass as a family. Take some time to read these together and complete an accompanying challenge activity. There's a challenge for every week of the summer.

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26th July: Matthew 13:44-52

READ TOGETHER

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.’

TALK TOGETHER

In this passage Jesus is trying to find ways to explain what heaven is like.

What do you think heaven is like?

What can you remember from church or school that you’ve learnt about heaven?

DO TOGETHER

Using the recycling waste make, paint, draw, colour what you think heaven is like. The bigger and more colourful the better!

2nd Aug: Matthew 14:13-21

READ TOGETHER

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

2nd Aug: Matthew 14:13-21

TALK TOGETHER

Jesus is God, and he did many miracles, some like this one was noted when his message was written. In doing miracles he shows us his power, being God he can do anything. This miracle shows us his power, but it also shows us that Jesus is concerned about all things, even small things. Here he didn't want those who were listening to him to go without a meal. There is nothing that God is not interested in, everything in your life is important to him, and you can ask for help. What things at the moment do you want to ask help with from God?

DO TOGETHER

Each person write a letter to Jesus, or draw if you can't write yet. Let him know the things in your life you need his help with.

9th Aug: Matthew 14:22-33

READ TOGETHER

Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. 25And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. 27But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." 28And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." 29He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; 30but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." 31Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

9th Aug: Matthew 14:22-33

TALK TOGETHER

Here we get another insight into Jesus' power, he's God, he can do anything! Here we learn about Jesus' rescue of the twelve from choppy seas. We also see what happened when Peter got scared.

Are there things or times in your life that make you scared and make you stop trusting in God?

We also see that Jesus reached out for Peter and caught him, how does God catch us today?

DO TOGETHER

Make a pasta drawing of Jesus and Peter, glue pasta shapes on a piece of paper to design them both. When you're done, put it somewhere that you'll see it each day (maybe the fridge in the kitchen or your bedroom). Each time you see your picture remember Jesus is reaching out for you when you are scared.

16th Aug: Luke 1:39-56

READ TOGETHER

‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

16th Aug: Luke 1:39-56

TALK TOGETHER

Today's reading is a prayer Mary said when she was pregnant with Jesus.

Mary the mother of Jesus was very special, she gave birth to Jesus, and in everything she did she did what God wanted, even if it made life harder for her. Mary is an example of how to live with God, she was attentive to what God wanted and did it.

What is God asking of you? How can we know what God wants for us? Why should we put God's will first before our own?

DO TOGETHER

If you have a picture or statue of Mary in your home, pick some flowers from your garden and place them by the image of Mary, and if you have one light a candle too. When you're doing this ask God to help you to be like Mary by saying yes to all of the challenges God gives you.

23rd Aug: Matthew 16:13-20

READ TOGETHER

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesare'a Philipi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" 14And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." 20Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

23rd Aug: Matthew 16: 13-20

TALK TOGETHER

Who do you say Jesus is? Who is he to you?

What does the bible and the Church explain him to be?

He wants to be our friend, God wants you to know him as a friend!

But how can we be friends with God, what does it even mean to be friends with God?

DO TOGETHER

From anything you can find in your house, make a friendship bracelet. Wear it this week, and when you see it remember Jesus is your friend. It's always important to talk to our friends, so what are you going to talk to Jesus about this week? What is he saying to you?

30th Aug: Matthew 16:21-27

READ TOGETHER

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." 23But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." 24Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? 27For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done.

30th Aug: Matthew 16:21-27

TALK TOGETHER

What does it mean to follow Jesus?
When Jesus says to take up a cross, what does he mean? Is this an easy thing to do? What cross does Jesus want us to pick up at this moment in time?

DO TOGETHER

When you've had a conversation about what God want you to do, in a way appropriate for your children go and pick up that cross. Maybe you could go and pick up some litter (look after God's creation), telephone or write to someone who may be lonely, offer to help your parent/guardian with the jobs they need to do today.

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Drop an email to bognorcatholicparish@live.co.uk and let us know the name of the child(ren) who need certificates, and a postal address and we'll send you their goody bags in the post.

Be assured of our prayers and hopefully we'll be able to meet in person soon at church!