



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us that the kingdom of God is open to everybody, to people of all cultures and backgrounds - and that includes you and me too!

Jesus puts forward a child as an example of how to enter God's kingdom. Why a child? Could it be a child's simplicity or dependency - or a child's openness to God?

God wants us to accept him and to trust him always to be there for us. God has a great plan for each of our lives, and we can discover what it is when we are open to God.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **OPENNESS**.

*Dom Henry Wansbrough*

A Word from  
**Pope Francis**

*"Let's try to be open to God's word, and open to the Lord's surprises when he speaks to us."*

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024



People were bringing little children to be with Jesus. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was annoyed and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round the children and gave them his blessing.

*Adapted from Mark 10:2-16*  
The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

**Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends: all are very warmly invited.**

*"May you be content knowing you are a child of God."*  
*St Teresa of Avila*

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share ▶

**Good News for Everyone**

**Jesus is open to everyone - he has time for us and cares for us.**

Jesus hears our prayers and offers his blessing to every person.  
Being open to Jesus helps us to be more open to one another.





# Good News for Families

## 10 MINUTE TOGETHER TIME



### 1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could bless them, but the disciples turned them away. So Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them, because God's kingdom belongs to people who are like these little children." Then Jesus hugged the children and blessed each one of them.

**Who did Jesus say that we must be like to enter God's kingdom?**

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

### Sunday Gospel Gallery

Imagine you are here with Jesus. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

### 2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing." *Pope Francis*

## OPENNESS



Openness to Jesus helps us draw closer to God. Ask your child what the word 'openness' means to them. Who is usually open with them - ready to listen to and support them? How does it make them feel when people are open with them? Good relationships depend upon openness. What happens to a family or community when people are open with each other?



How can we be more open to God and to others in this coming week? Perhaps we can: spend a little more time in prayer, which is listening to God - it's openness; invite someone round and let them - not us - choose what to play; try to listen and understand if someone has a problem; be ready to forgive someone who may have upset us; try not to demand our own way; be open and ready to accept praise or correction.

3 \* \* Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be more open to you by being kind and open to the people I meet each day. Amen. \* \*

### FINDING FIVE

**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LITTLE CHILDREN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	BELONG KINGDOM	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	JESUS WELCOMED	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	HUGGED BLESSED	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters a c f in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

apecoplef tahefsec Gafocd's belfoncgas

Jesus said, " \_\_\_\_\_ ' kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ who are like \_\_\_\_\_ little children."



### Good relationships depend upon openness.

A simple way of showing your openness to God's ways is by treating people in a way you would like to be treated yourself, regardless of any differences.



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley