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*Celebration of the Word*  
**Let's Pray  
Together**

He is Risen!





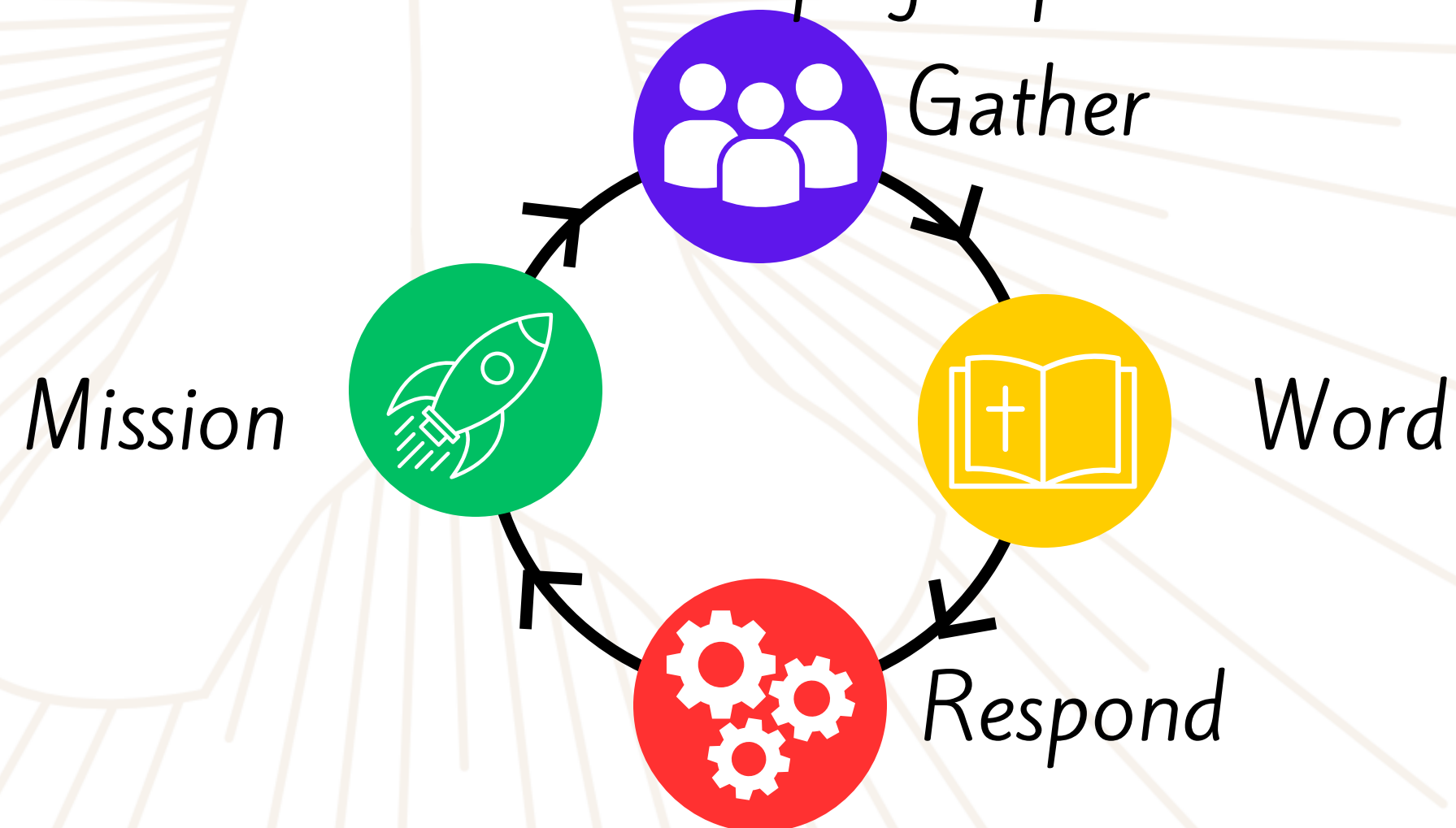


# Gather



*When we have our times of prayer together like this we call them a celebration of the Word.*

*This is made up of 4 parts:*





# Gather



*The Gather is where we make ourselves ready to Pray.*

*We also make the space ready by making a special display in the middle of the room.*



# Gather



Our word for the  
week this week is:

*Communication*

Our Liturgical  
Colour is:

*Gold/White*

Our Virtue for the  
week this week is:

*Diligence*

*Always trying your best*

What does our  
Liturgical Colour  
mean?

We use *Gold/White* during  
Eastertide, Christmastide and Feasts  
of Jesus & Mary. This symbolises  
Glory and Jesus Kingship

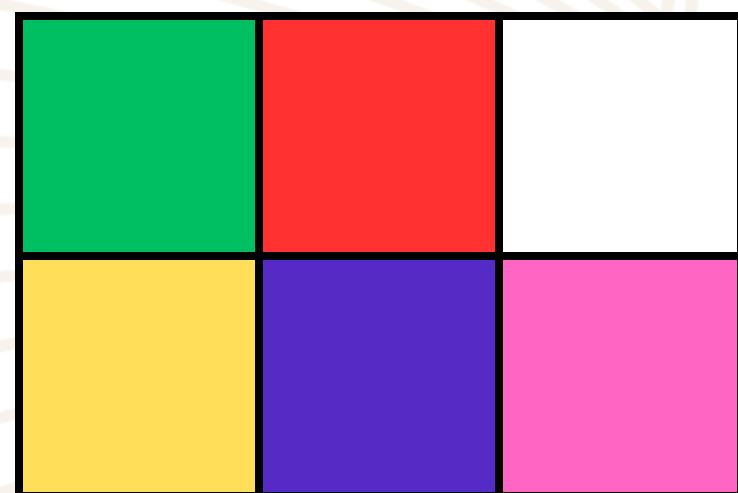




# Gather



*What shall we put on our Prayer display today?*



*What colour cloth shall we use?*

*Why have you chosen that colour?*



*What items shall we put on our Prayer display?*

*Why have you chosen these items?*

*Can you think of any other items you want to use?*



*Is there anyone you would like to pray for in particular today? Family or friends*



*We are going to gather together today to listen to Gods word and to pray.*

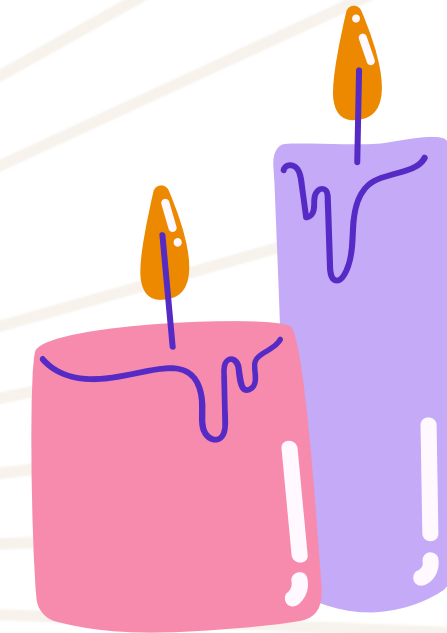


# Gather

*We are going to light our candle.*

*Why do we light the candle?*

*What do candles do other than give light?*



*What is this?*

*What has this got to do with Easter and Jesus?*

*Jesus is called the Lamb of God*







# Gather



*Today, we're going to spend some time talking to God  
and learning about a very special word:*

*Communication.*

*Communication is when we talk to other people and  
God.*

*Let's sit quietly and get ready to pray.*



# Gather



*We start every time of Prayer by doing something very special.*

*We make the sign of the cross on our body, this is a way of showing that Jesus loves us.*



*From the top of my head to my heart and from shoulder to shoulder, I love you Jesus*





# Gather



Loving Jesus,  
Thank You for today,  
Thank You for our friends and families.  
Help us to listen well,  
To speak kindly,  
And to use our words to share love and  
joy.  
Amen.



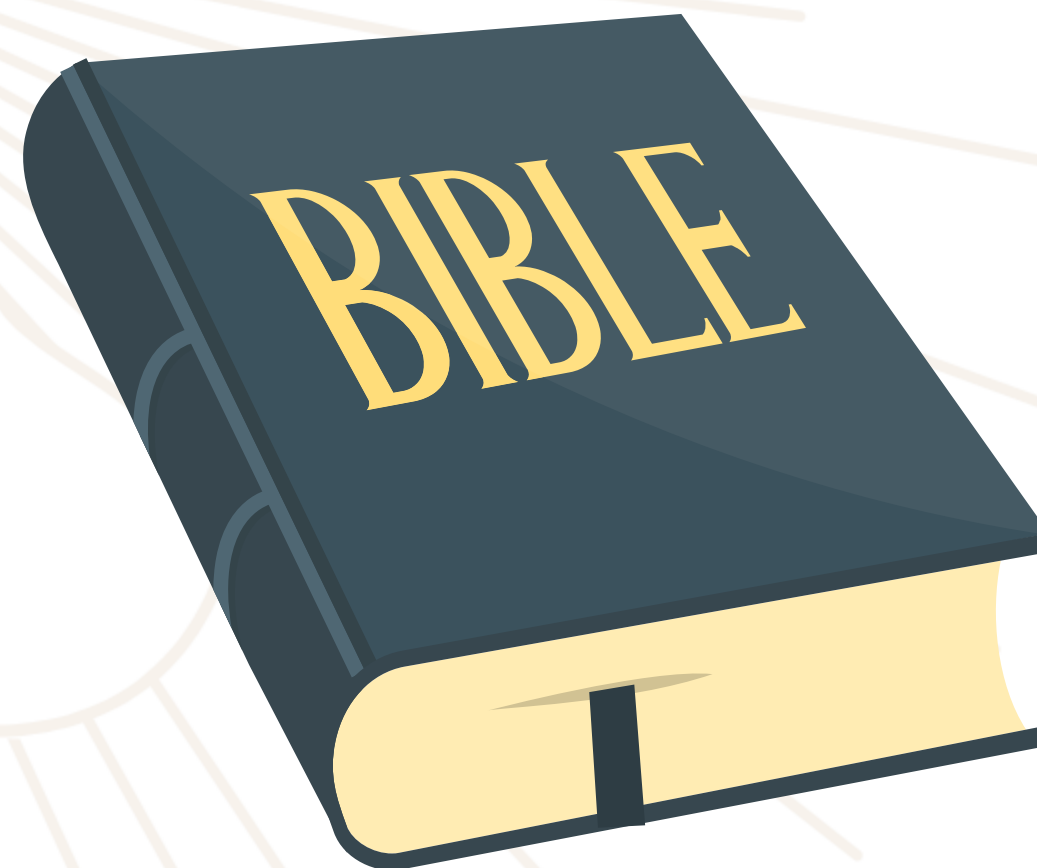
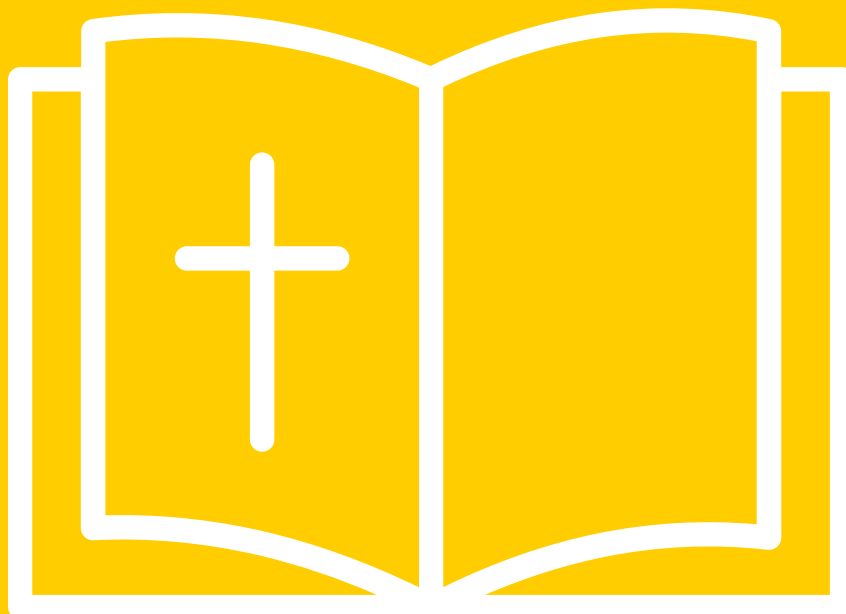


# The Word



*The Word is the most important part of our Celebration of the Word.*

*This is where we hear a story from a very important book. This book is very special to us, this book is called The Bible*







# The Word



Luke 1:8-26

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke  
Glory to You O, Lord

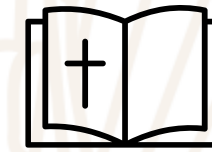


One day Zechariah was doing his work as a priest in the Temple, taking his turn in the daily service. According to the custom followed by the priests, he was chosen by lot to burn incense on the altar. So he went into the Temple of the Lord, while the crowd of people outside prayed during the hour when the incense was burned. An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar where the incense was burned. When Zechariah saw him, he was alarmed and felt afraid. But the angel said to him, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son. You are to name him John. How glad and happy you will be, and how happy many others will be when he is born! John will be great in the Lord's sight. He must not drink any wine or strong drink. From his very birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and he will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go ahead of the Lord, strong and mighty like the prophet Elijah. He will bring fathers and children together again; he will turn disobedient people back to the way of thinking of the righteous; he will get the Lord's people ready for him."

Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know if this is so? I am an old man, and my wife is old also."



# The Word



Luke 1:8-26



"I am Gabriel," the angel answered. "I stand in the presence of God, who sent me to speak to you and tell you this good news. But you have not believed my message, which will come true at the right time. Because you have not believed, you will be unable to speak; you will remain silent until the day my promise to you comes true." In the meantime the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he was spending such a long time in the Temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them, and so they knew that he had seen a vision in the Temple. Unable to say a word, he made signs to them with his hands.

When his period of service in the Temple was over, Zechariah went back home. Some time later his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and did not leave the house for five months. "Now at last the Lord has helped me," she said. "He has taken away my public disgrace!"

Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to You lord Jesus Christ

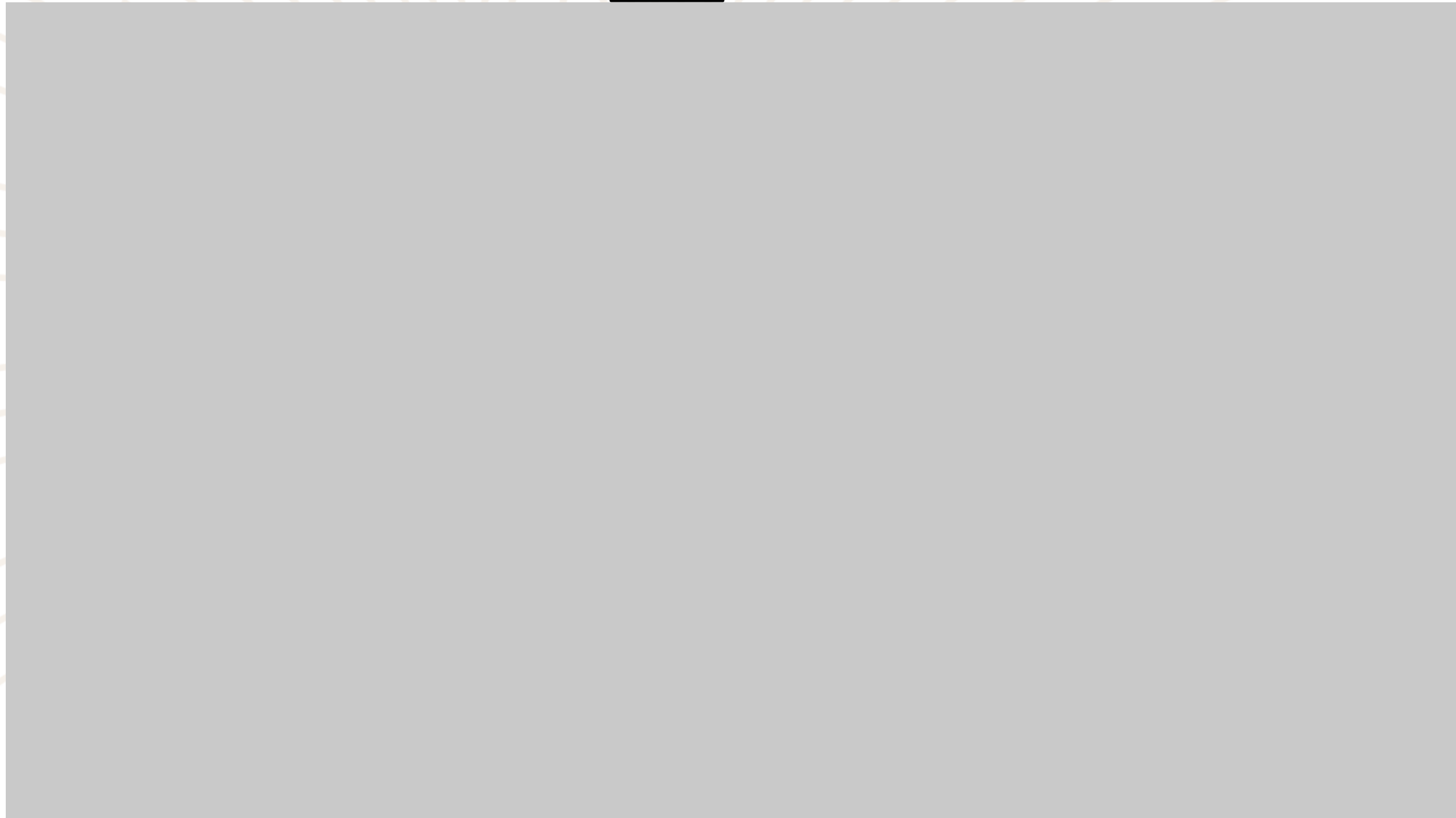




# The Word



Luke 1:8-26





# Respond



*The respond is the part where we think about the story we have heard and the theme of the Celebration of the Word.*







# Respond



One day, a man called Zechariah saw an angel!  
The angel told him some very good news — that  
he would have a baby son called John.  
But Zechariah didn't believe the angel.  
So God gave him a sign. Zechariah couldn't speak  
until the baby was born!  
He had to find other ways to communicate.





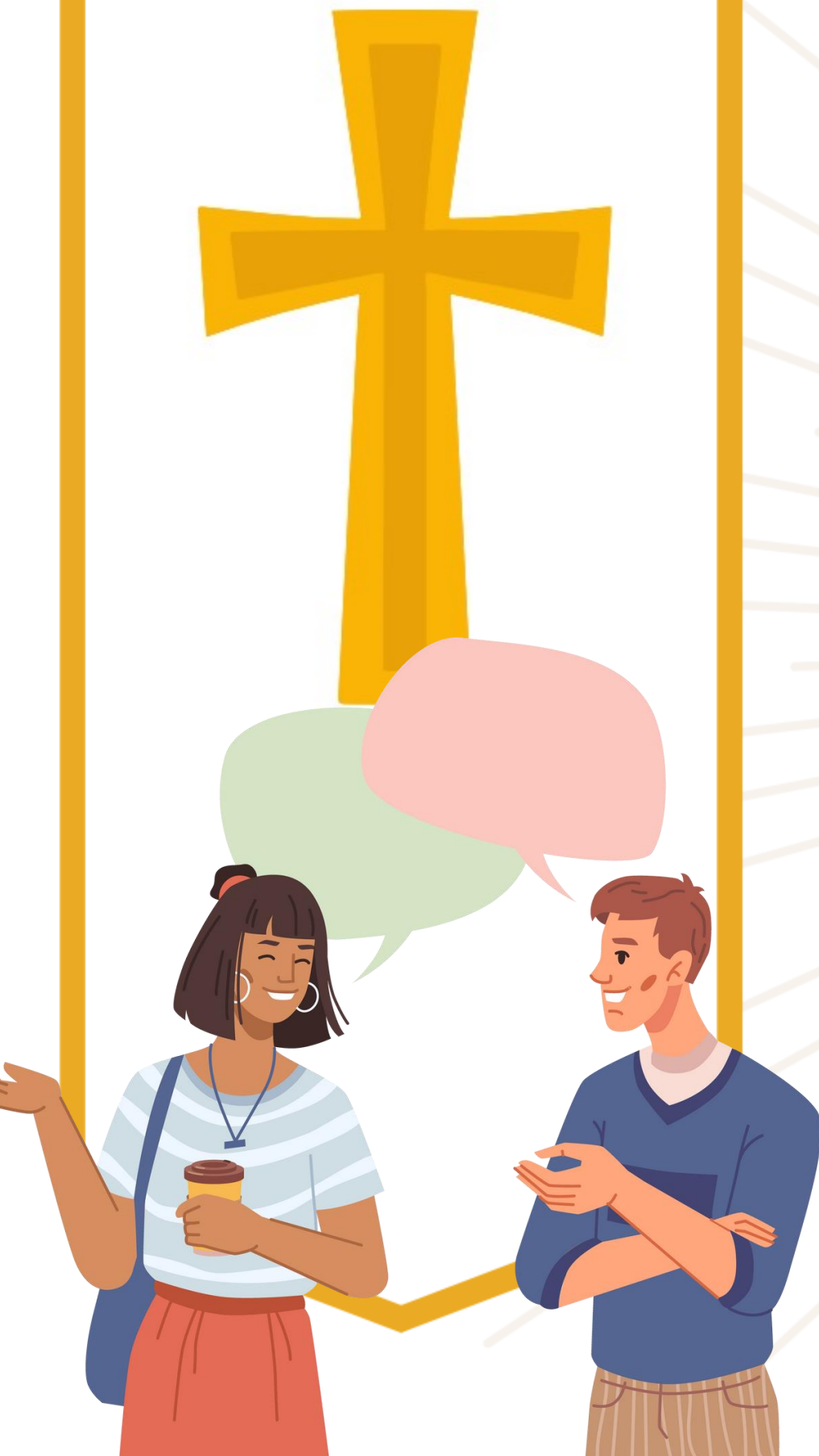
# Respond



Sometimes we forget how important our words are.  
Zechariah had to learn to listen more and speak differently.

God gave him a time to stop and think.  
Communication isn't just about talking — we can use our faces, hands, and even drawings to share how we feel!

God loves when we use kind words, listening ears, and gentle voices.







# Respond



- Have you ever had to use your hands or pictures to say something?
- What are kind words we can say to a friend?
- How do we feel when someone really listens to us?



# OPTIONAL



## Respond



Activity – "How Can I Say It?"

Materials:

- Simple emoji faces or picture cards (happy, sad, excited, tired)
- Paper and crayons
- Optional: simple sign language signs for "hello", "thank you", "sorry"

Instructions:

- **Emoji Match:** Hold up an emoji or expression card. Ask children to show that feeling with their faces or bodies.
- **Draw & Share:** Children draw a picture of something they love to talk about (pets, toys, friends). Encourage them to share it with a friend using both pictures and words.
- **Sign Practice:** Teach them a simple sign, like how to say "thank you" with their hand. Explain that we can communicate even without talking!







# Respond

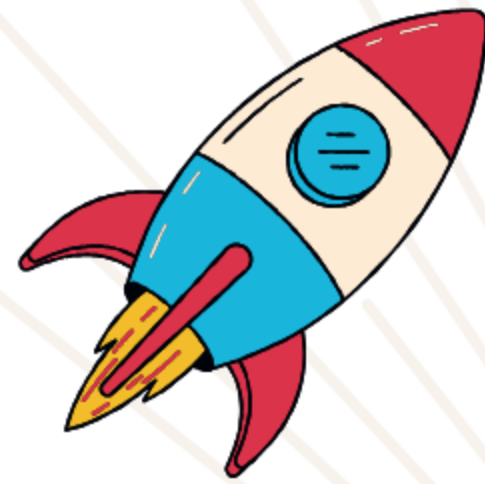


Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for the gift of faith.  
Help our faith to grow strong like  
the mustard seed.  
Help us to be kind, loving, and full of  
joy.  
Thank you for Easter and your love  
for us.  
Amen.





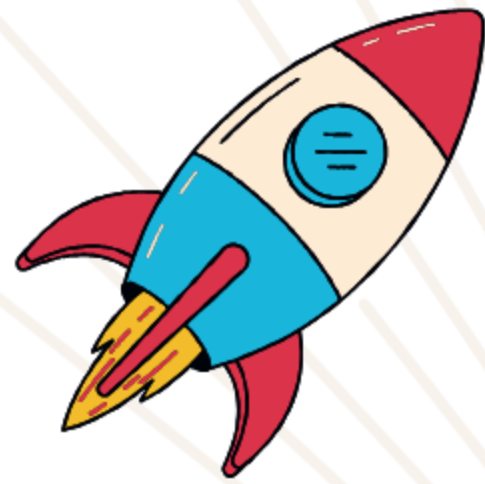




# Our Mission



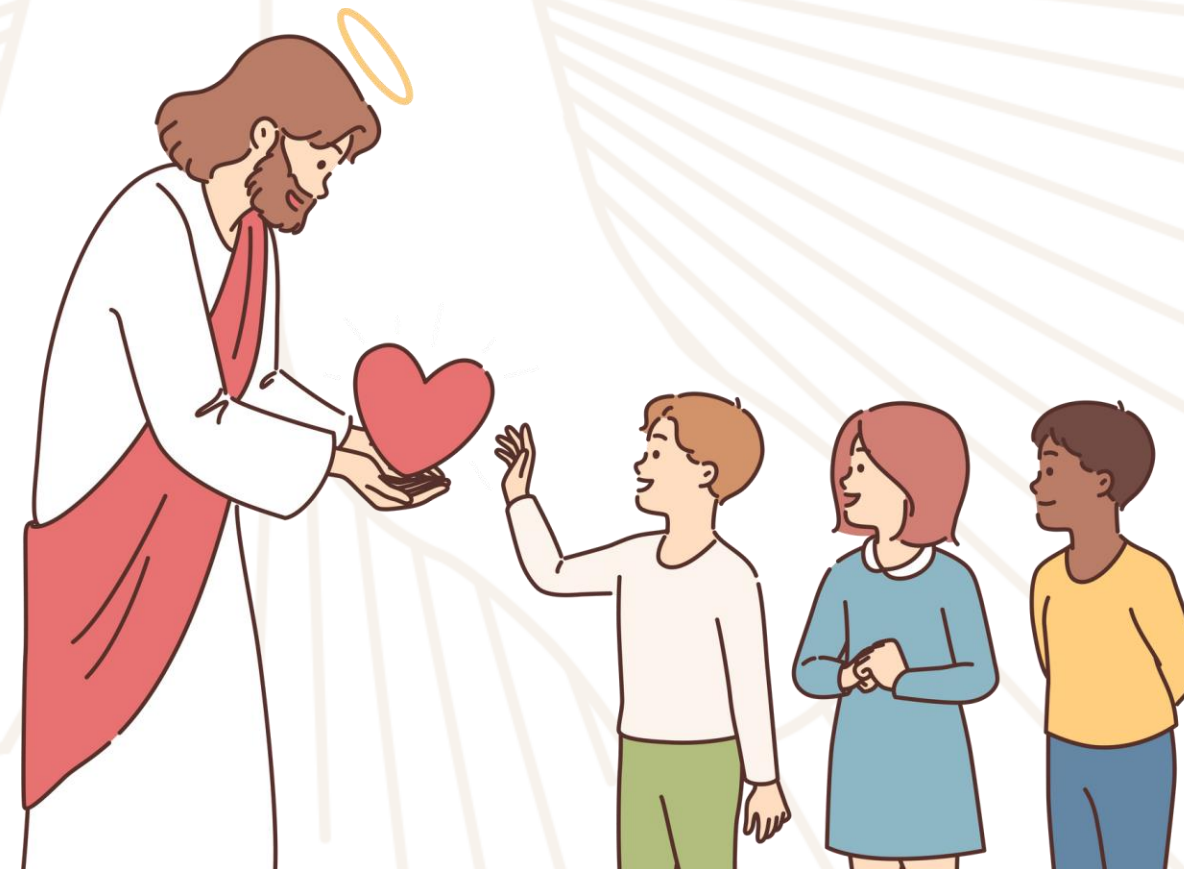
*The mission is a task that you are asked to complete before the time we gather together next week.*



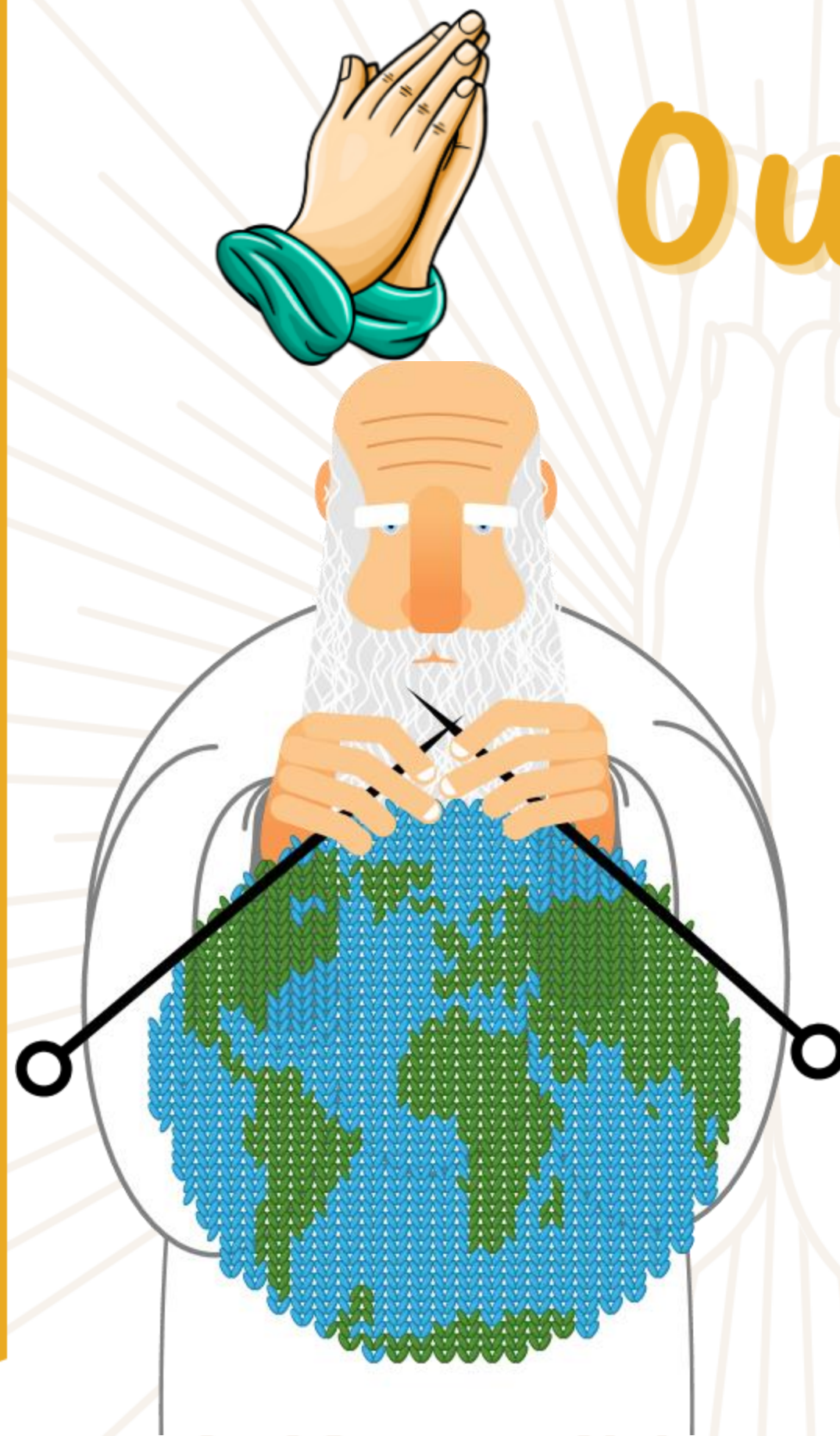
# Our Mission



*Your mission this week is to tell someone that they are loved.*







# Our Prayer



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





# Our Prayer



*We End every time of Prayer by doing something very special.*

*We make the sign of the cross on our body, this is a way of showing that Jesus loves us.*



*From the top of my head to my heart and from shoulder to shoulder, I love you Jesus*





# Celebrate and Grow



Things to celebrate...



Ways to grow...

Think about Catholic Social Teaching. Ask the children, how can we link our next COTW to a particular Catholic Social Teaching principle.



One idea for next time...



Did you find...?  
Non negotiable

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