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



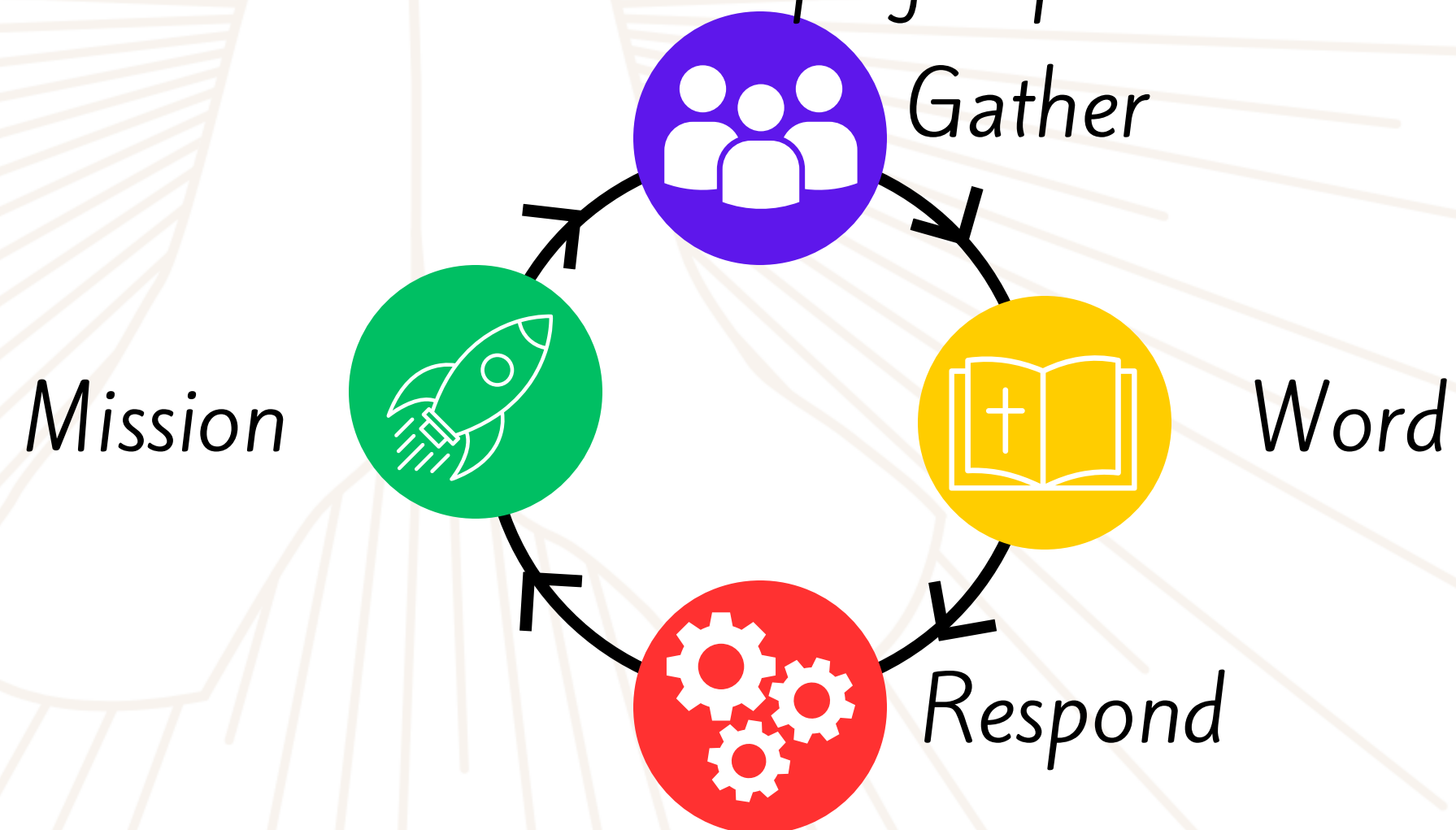


Gather



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



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.

The Sign of The Cross



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



Gather



Our word for the week this week is:

Joy

Our Liturgical Colour is:

Purple

Our Virtue for the week this week is:

Diligence

Hard working

What does our Liturgical Colour mean?

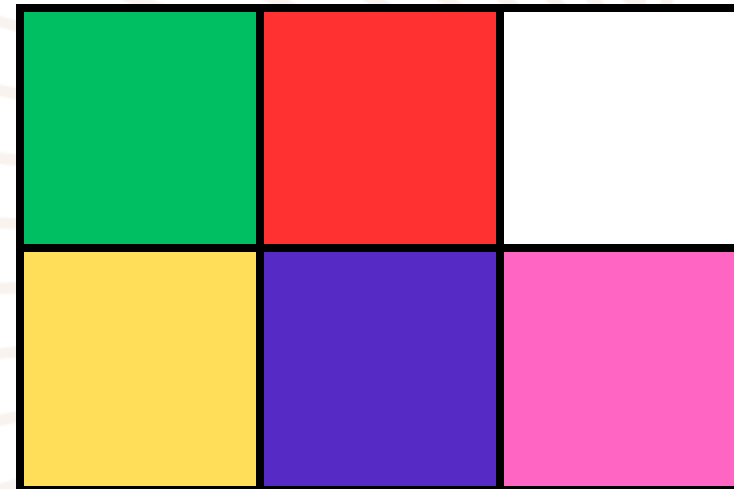
We use Rose (Pink) for the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Laudate). This symbolises Joy - Love



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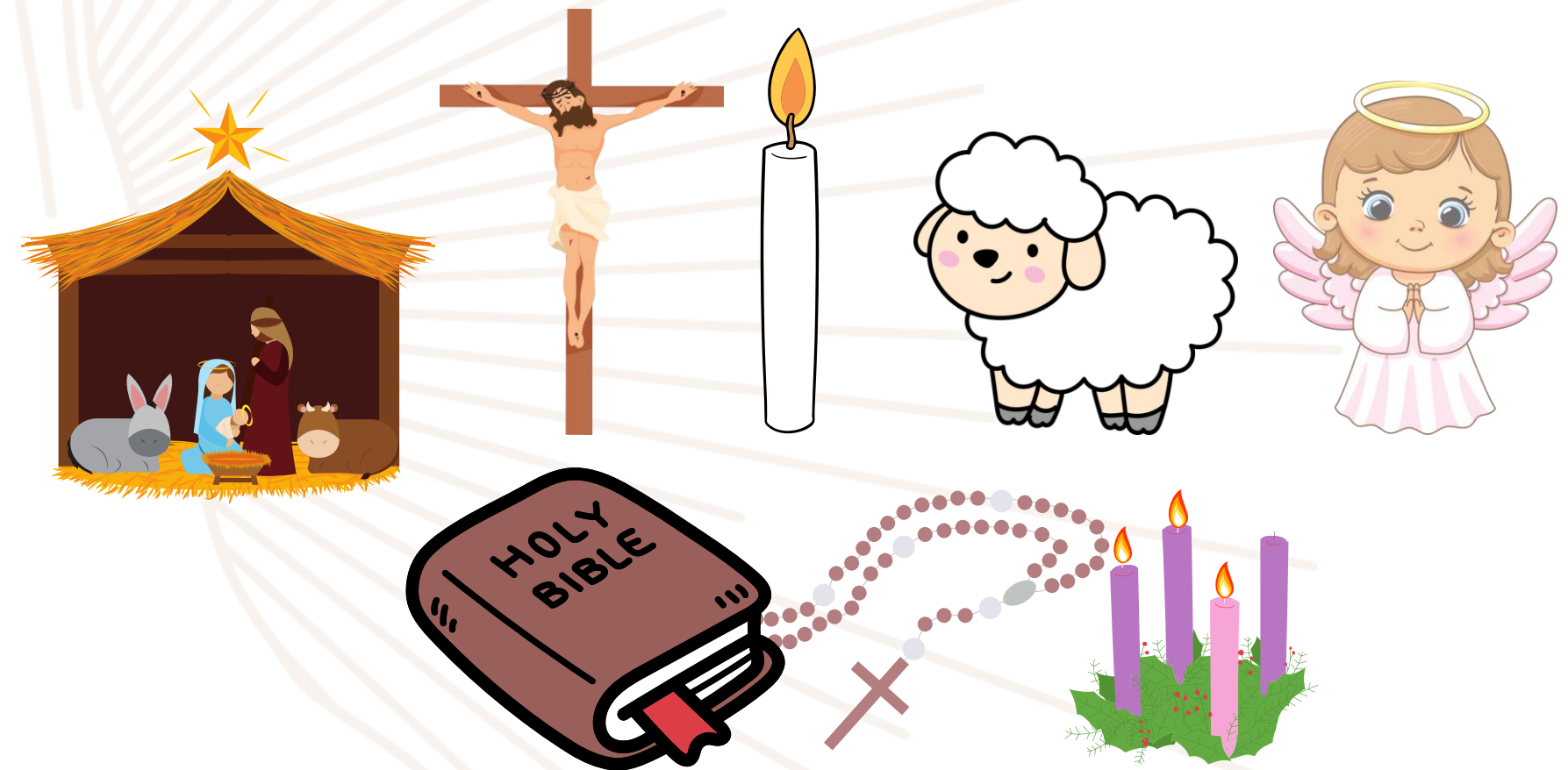


What shall we put on our Prayer display today?



What colour cloth shall we use?
We Use Green because we are in
ordinary time

Why do we use This colour in this
season?
We use this colour because green is
a colour of growing trees



What items shall we put on our Prayer display?

Why have you chosen these items?



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

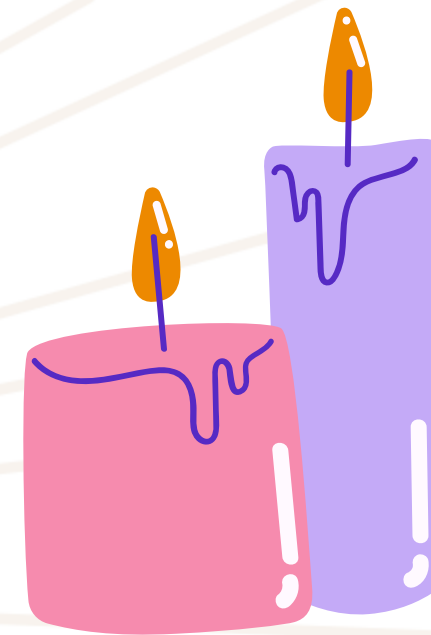


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We are going to light our candle.

Why do we light the candle?

What do candles do other than give light?



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



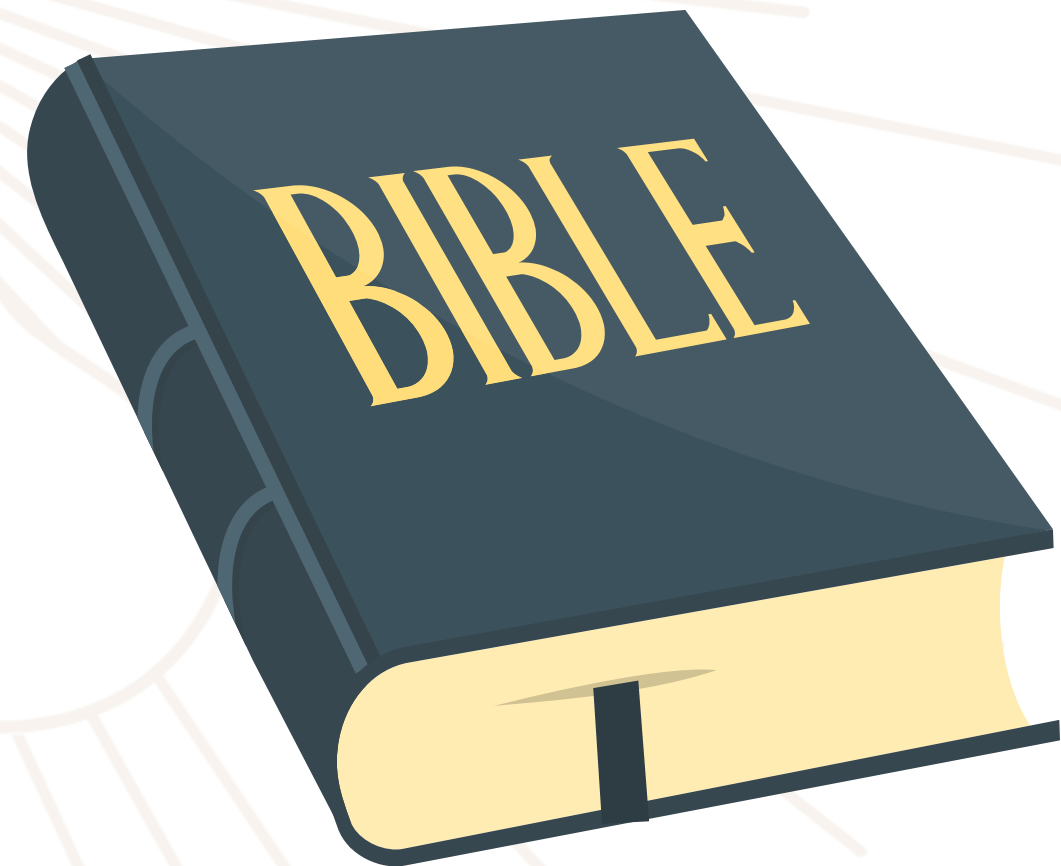


The Word



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 2:8-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke
Glory to you O'Lord

The Shepherds and the Angels

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born—Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"*

When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

*Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*





The Word



Luke 2:8-20





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



In our Gospel reading today we hear of the Shepherds who were out watching their sheep at night when the Angel of God appeared to them to tell them of the birth of Jesus. They went to visit the baby and were filled with joy.

We are almost at Christmas
it is time for us to be filled
with Joy!





Respond



How can we spread Joy to our class this week?



Joy means happiness



Respond



The first candle on the Advent wreath is for Hope

The second candle on the Advent wreath is for Peace

*The third candle on the Advent wreath is for Joy.
Jesus is almost here.*

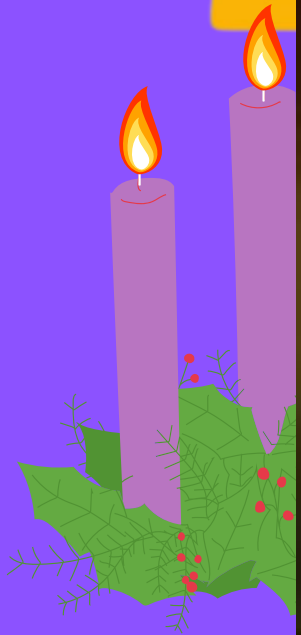


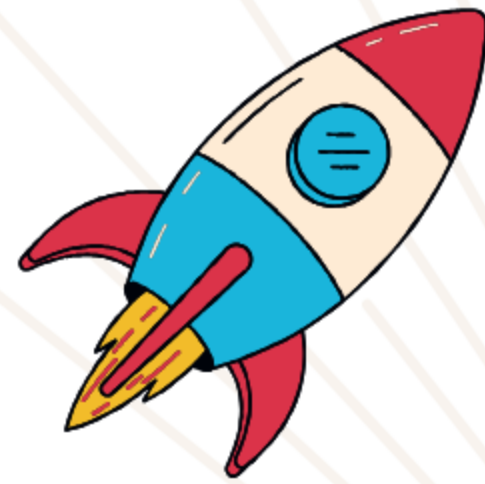


December



LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE ONE:

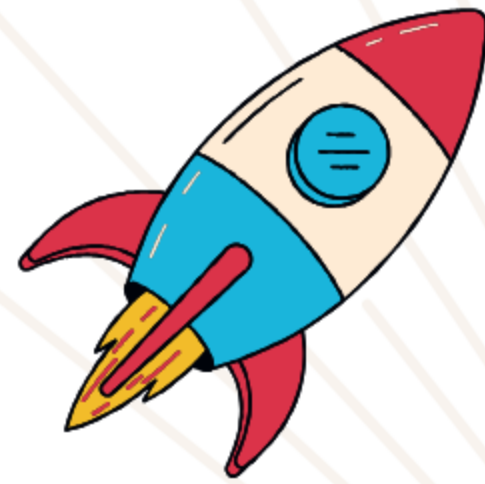




Our Mission



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



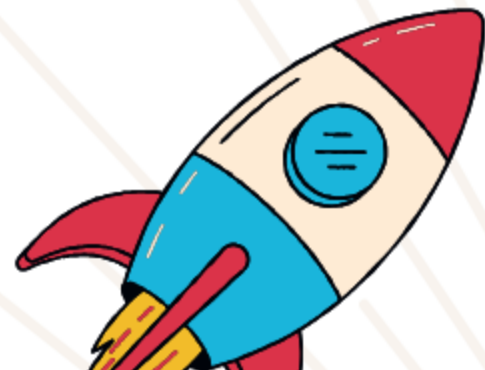
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Your mission this week



*is to spread some joy at school and home
this week.*





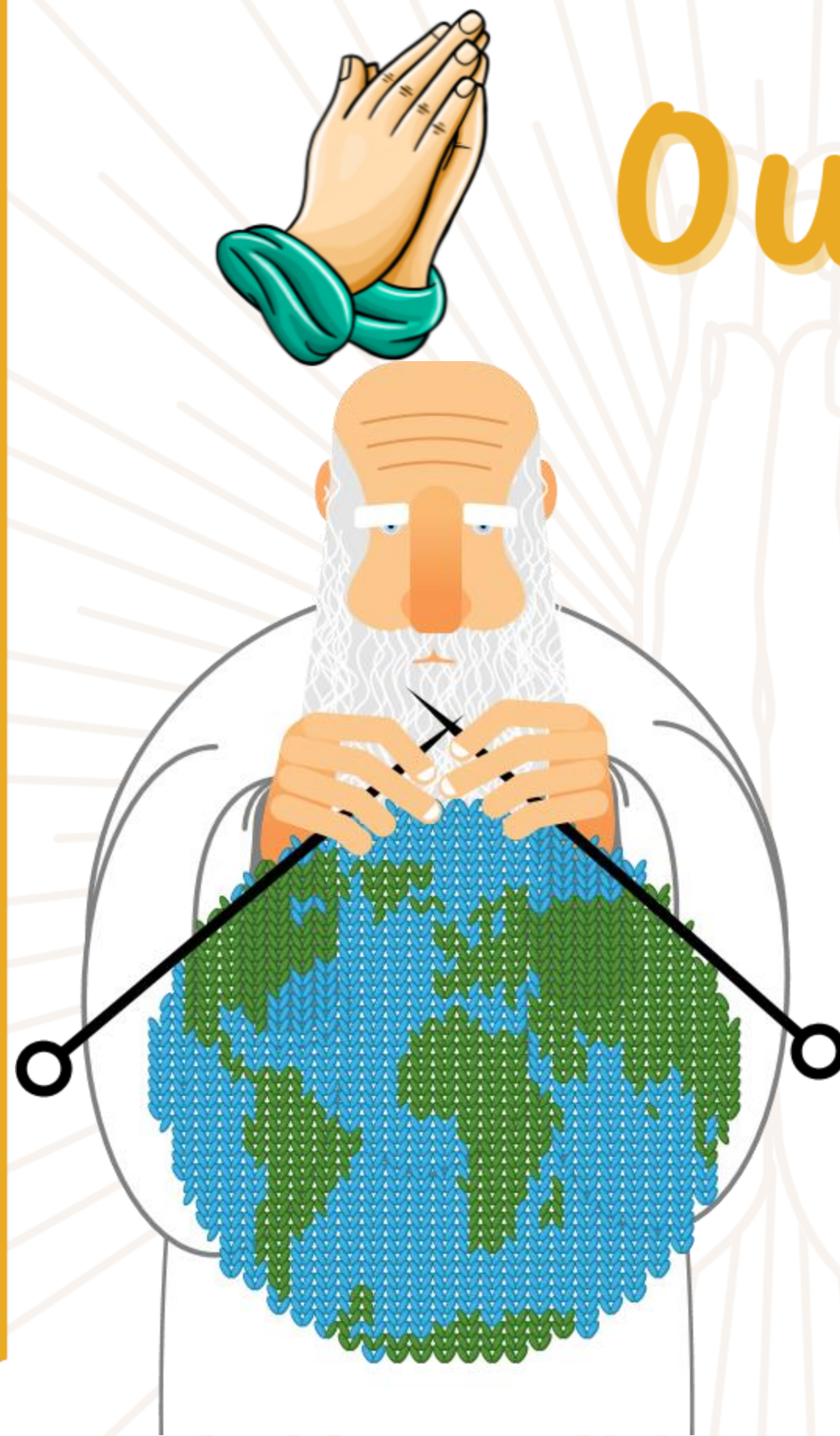
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Our Prayer



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



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