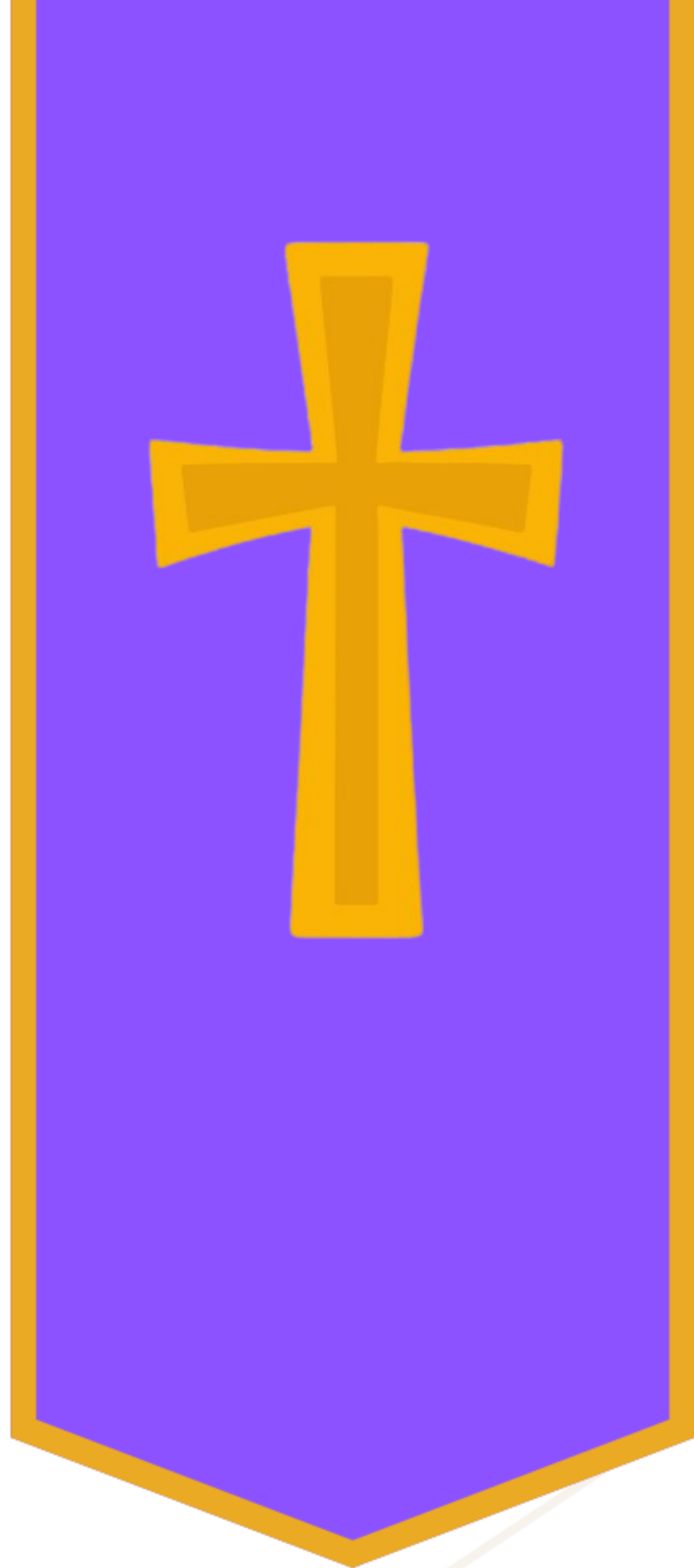


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Celebration of the Word
**Let's Pray
Together**



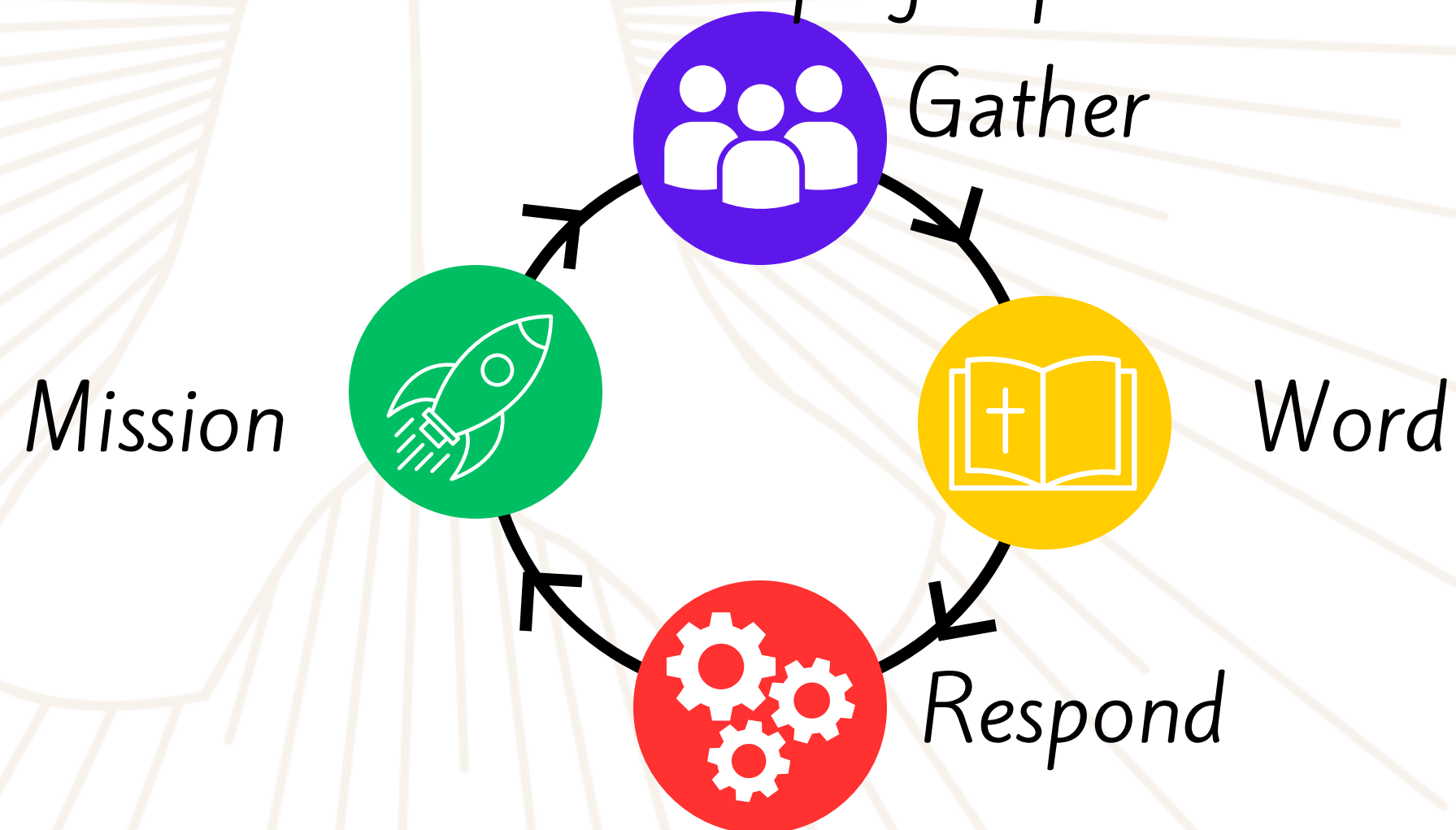


Gather



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

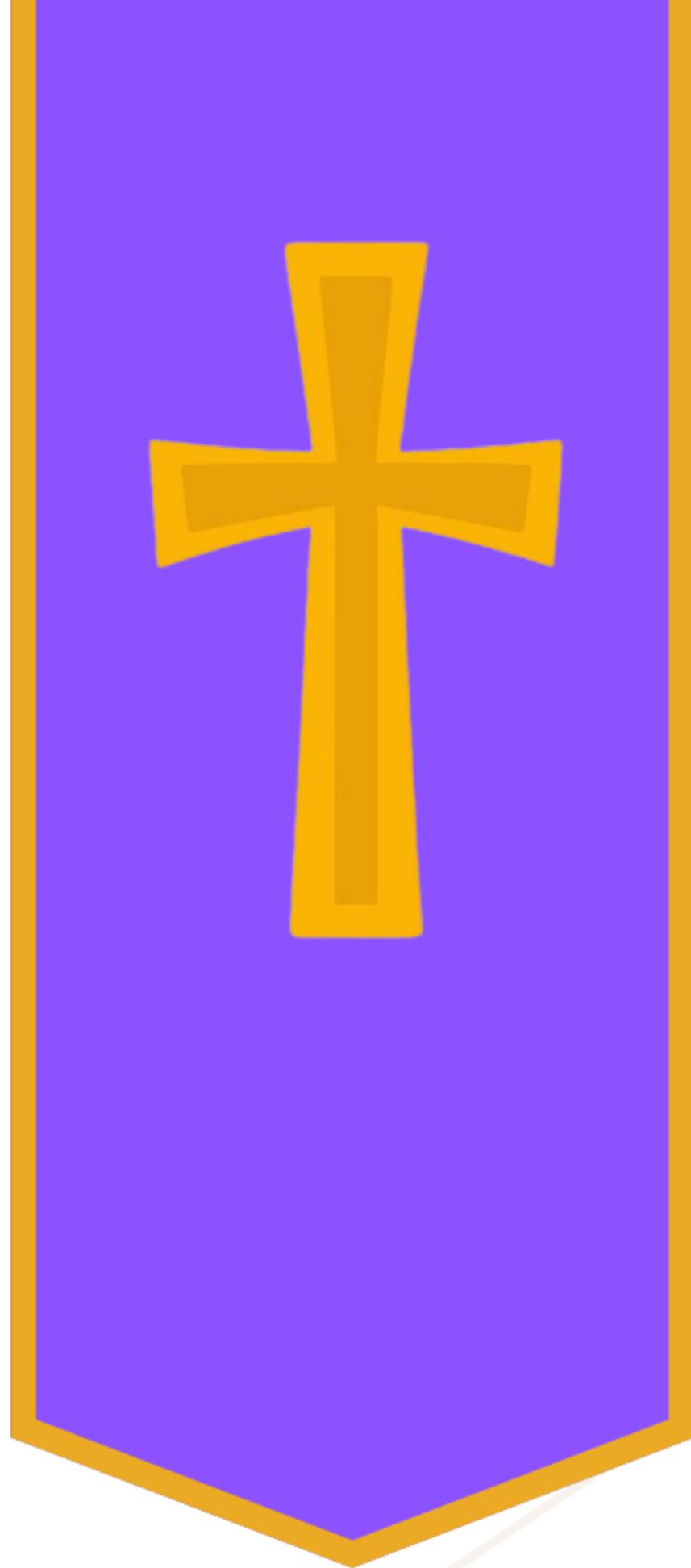


We start every time of Prayer by doing something very special.

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



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:

Sacrifice

Doing something for someone else with no gain for yourself

Our Liturgical Colour is:

Purple

Our Virtue for the week this week is:

Gratitude

Being thankful

What does our Liturgical Colour mean?

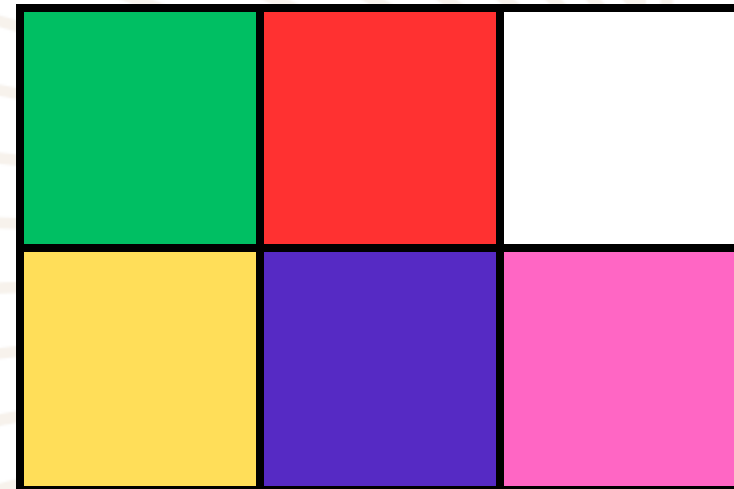
We use *Purple* during Lent. This symbolises Humility, preparation and remorse. We use *purple* during Lent and Advent as a way of showing we are in a time of preparation



Gather



What shall we put on our Prayer display today?



*What colour cloth shall we use?
We Use Purple because we are in
Lent.*

*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.

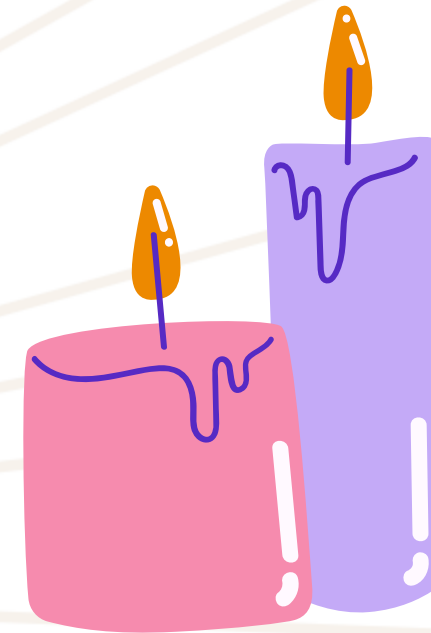


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We are going to light our candle.

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

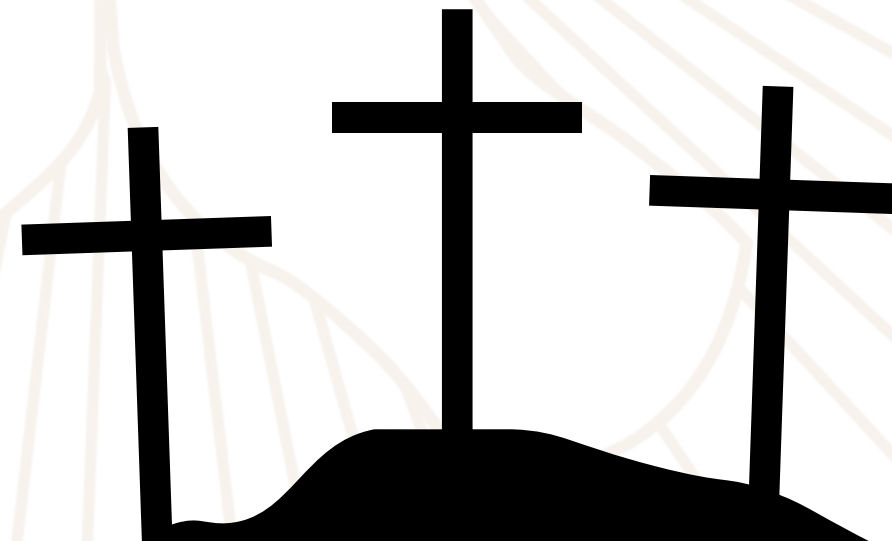




Gather



In our special prayer time today we are going to talk to God and learn about the wonderful theme of sacrifice. Sacrifice means giving something up for the good of others, and today, we'll think about how we can show love to others through sacrifice.



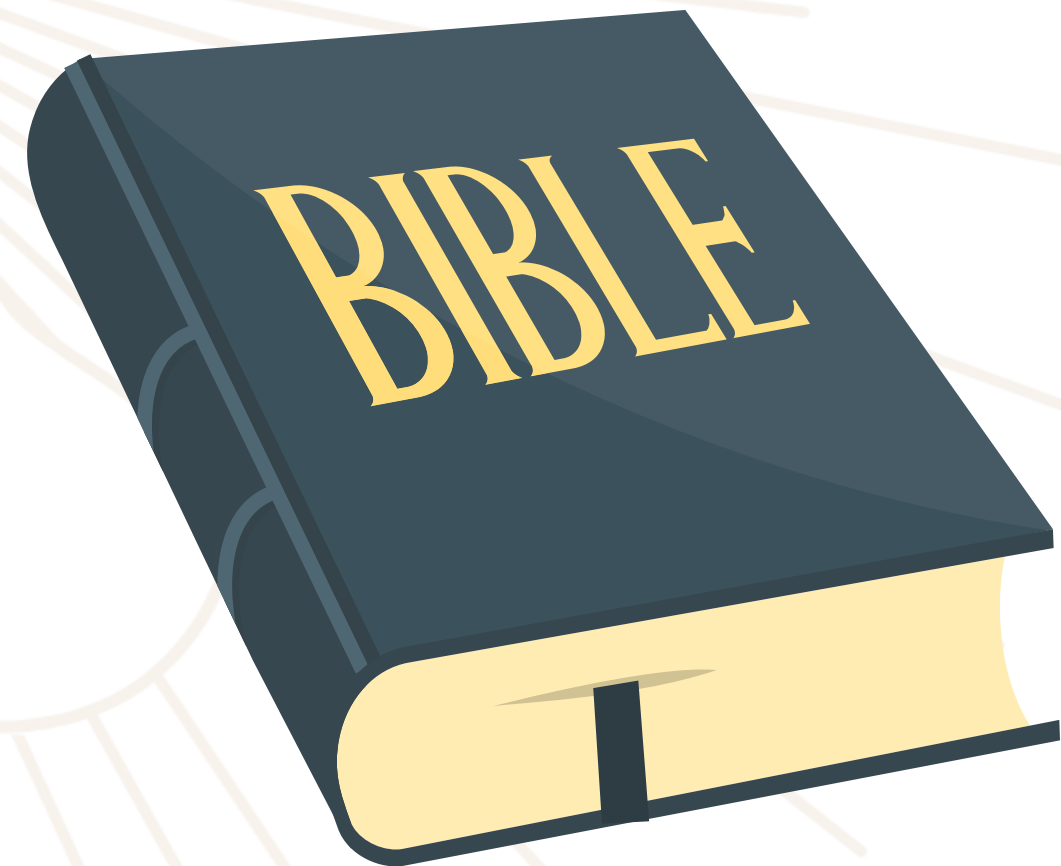


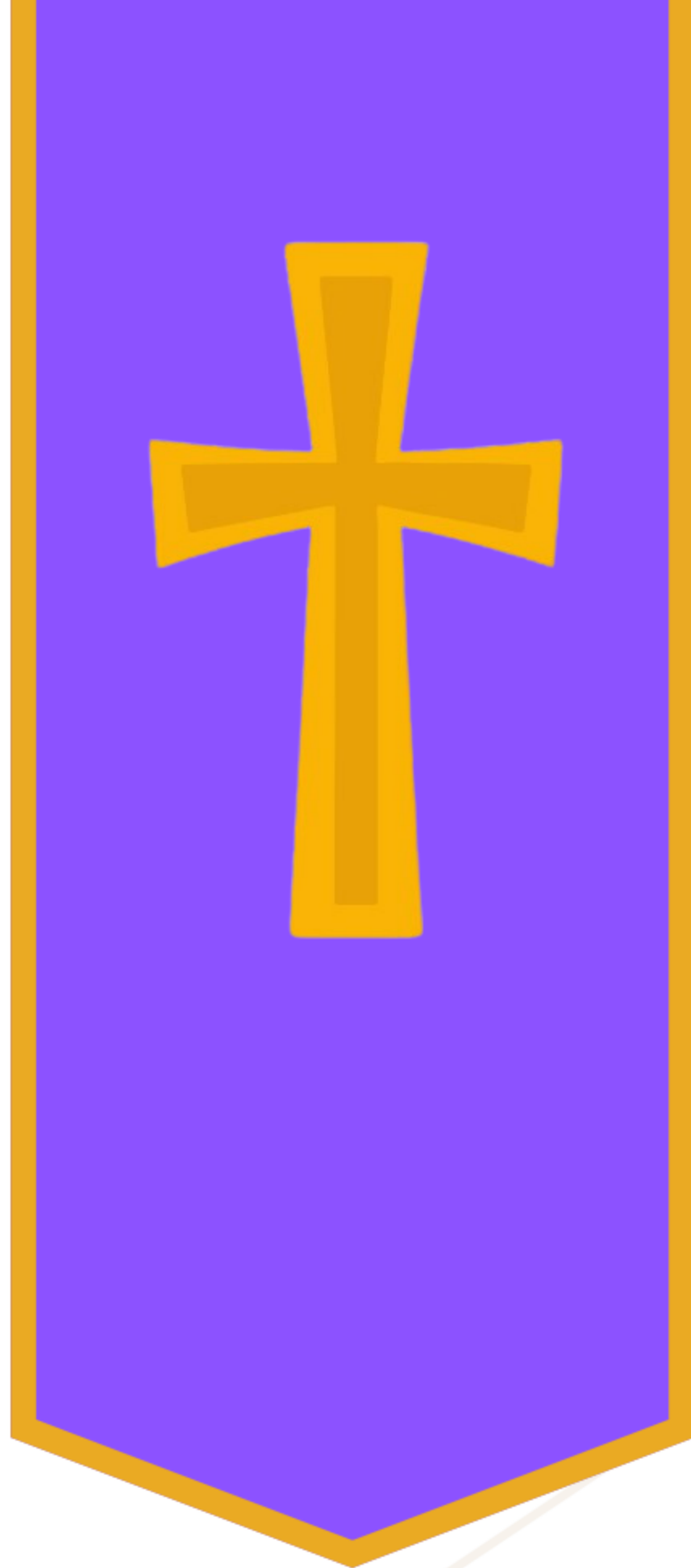
The Word



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



John 15:1-18



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John

Glory to you O' Lord

Jesus the Real Vine

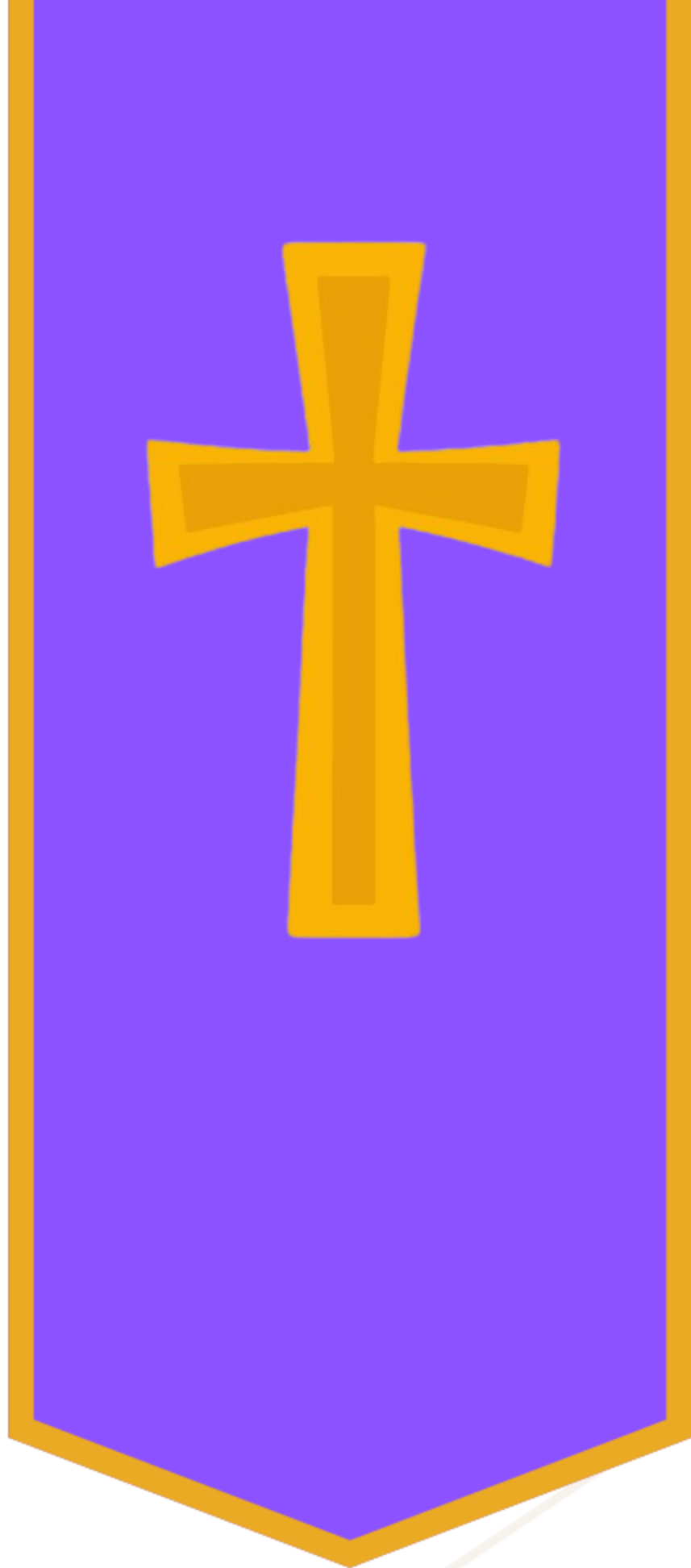
"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples. I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

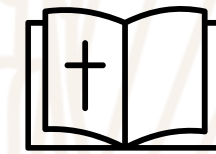
"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

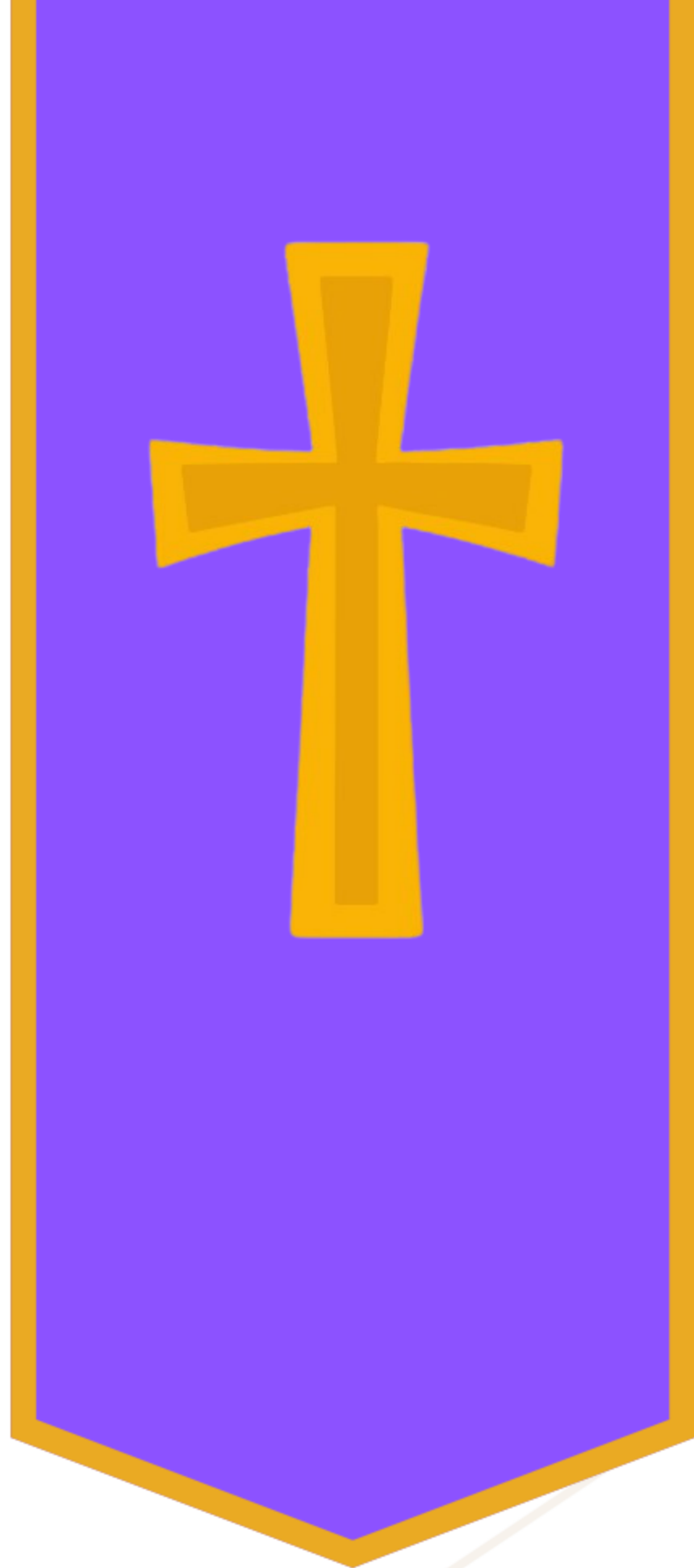


The Word



John 15:1-18





Respond



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



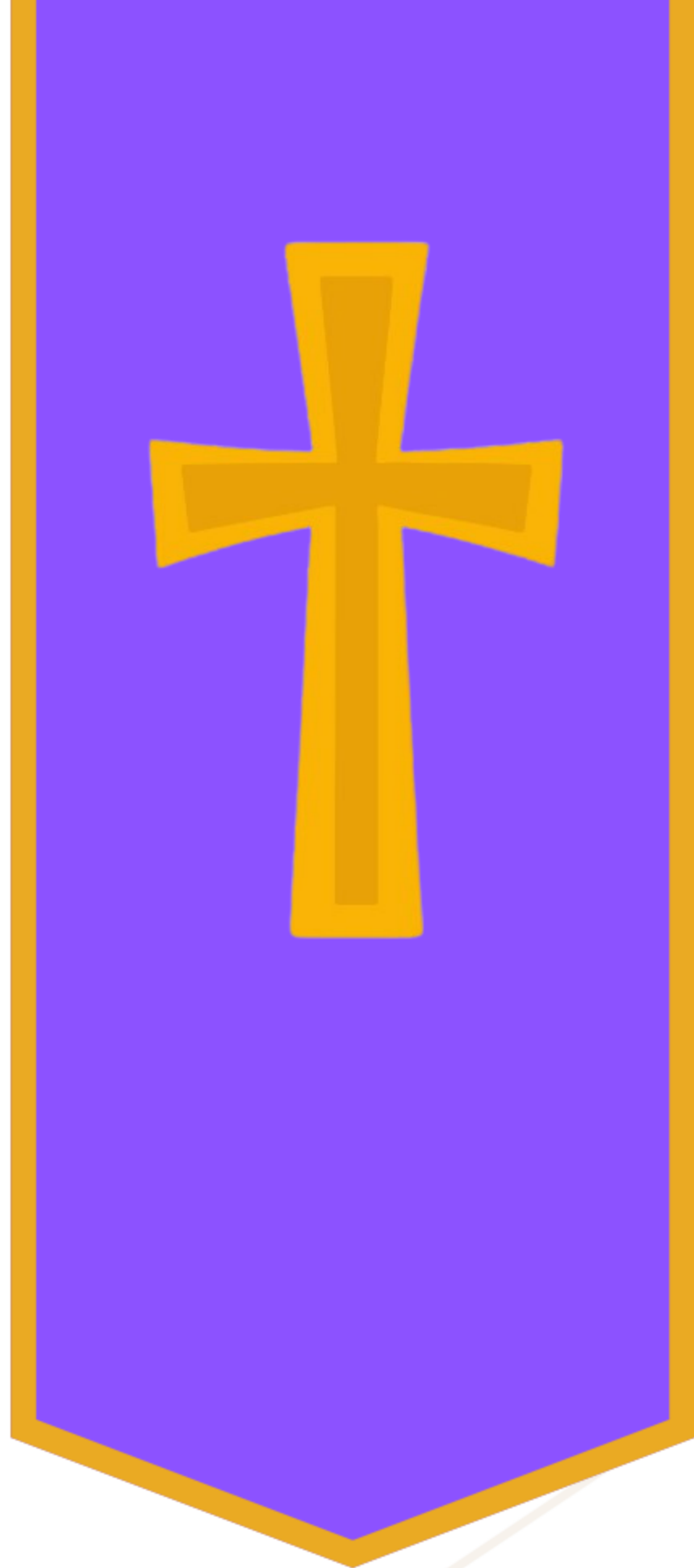


Respond



This verse reminds us that Jesus showed us the greatest love by giving up everything to help others. He made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could all be loved and cared for.



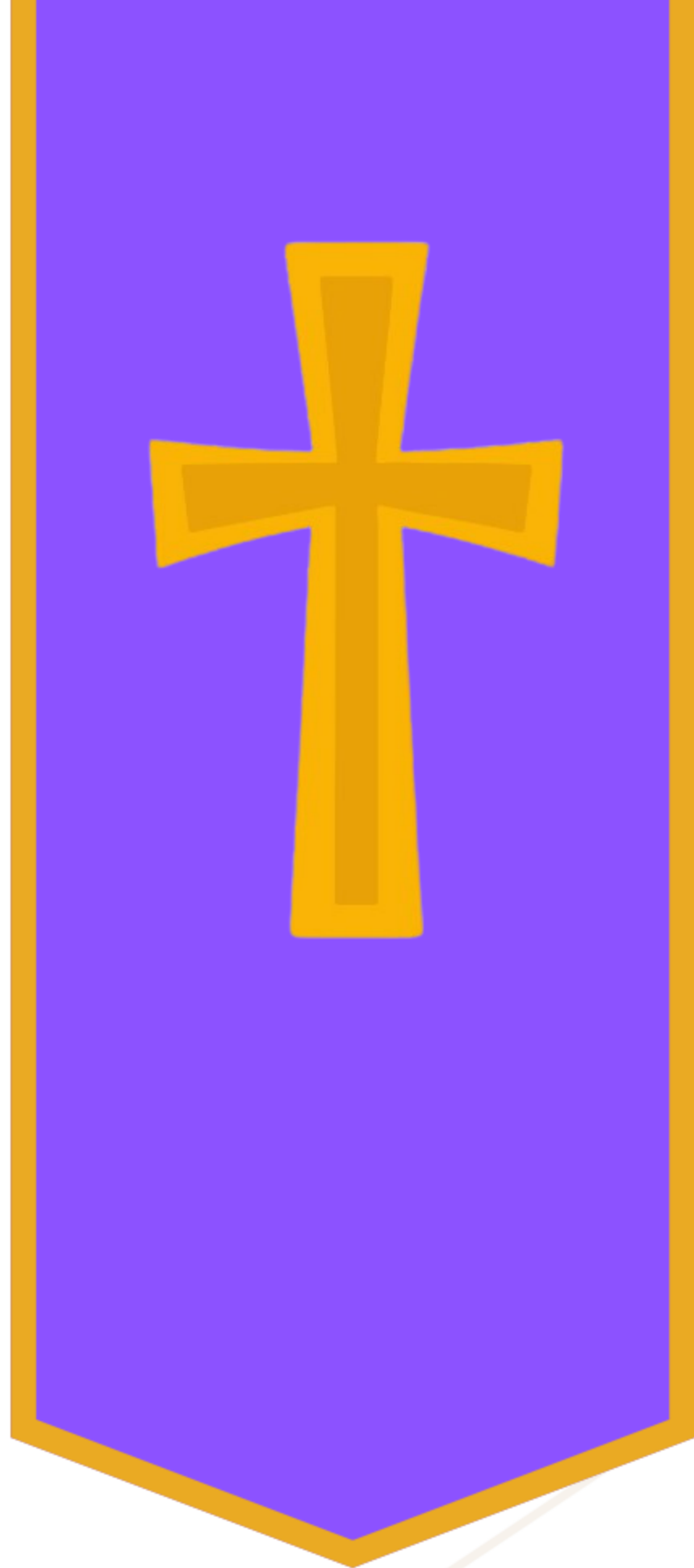


Respond



Now, let's think about what sacrifice means. Can you think of a time when you helped someone, maybe shared a toy, or gave a friend a hug when they were feeling sad? That's a small sacrifice, but it shows love, and God is so pleased when we care for one another.





Respond



Jesus teaches us to love one another, and sometimes that means giving up something we want to help someone else. Maybe it's sharing a favorite toy or taking turns with a friend. When we do that, we are showing love just like Jesus did.





Respond



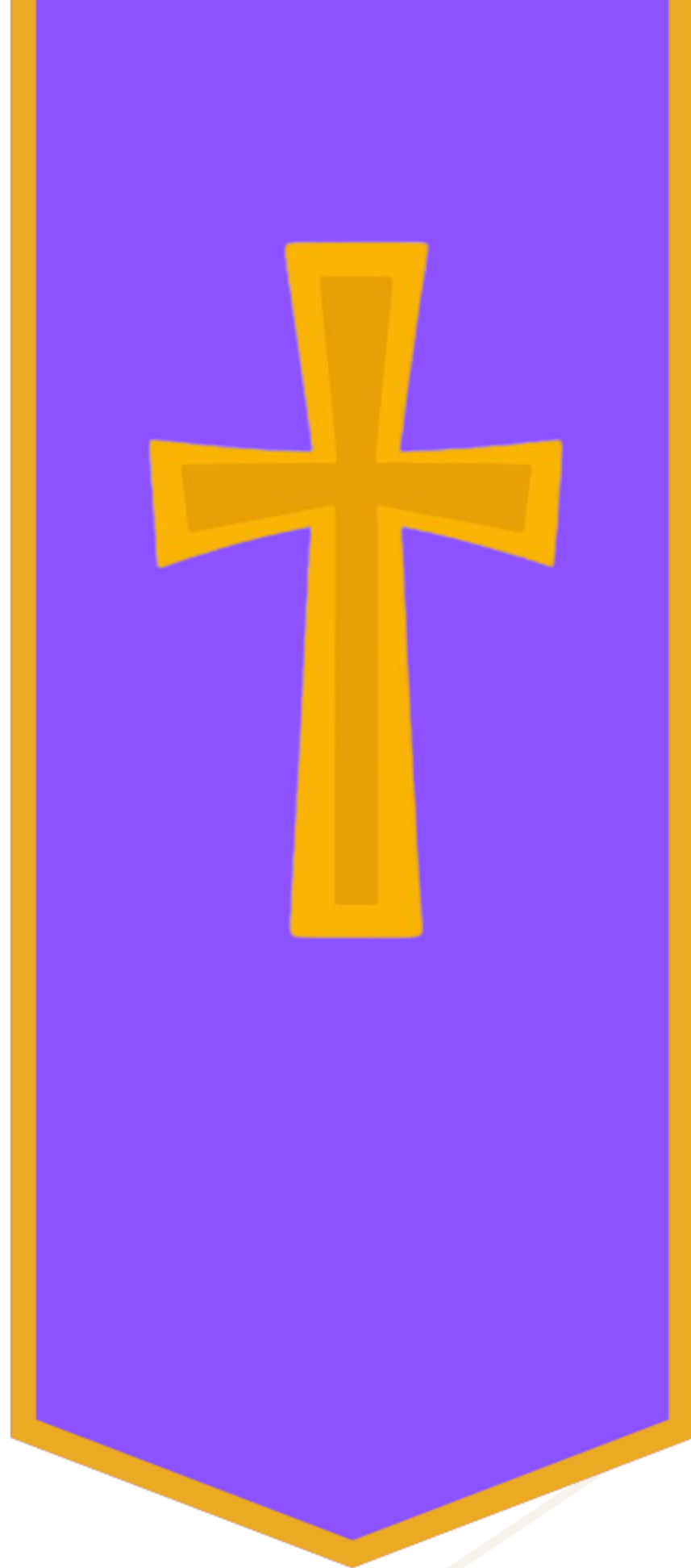
Shristi is one of the biggest animals in her neck of the woods. However, she also has the kindest heart.

A fire destroyed part of her forest and many animals lost their homes and were injured and couldn't live like they used to. Shrisiti was the first to visit them and shared time with them, learning what it was like to lose your home.

After becoming friends, she made sure that they found new homes and were happy with their new lives. Her actions inspired lots of other animals to follow.

We learn from Shristi's story that we must recognise others as our brothers and sisters and actively work for their good.





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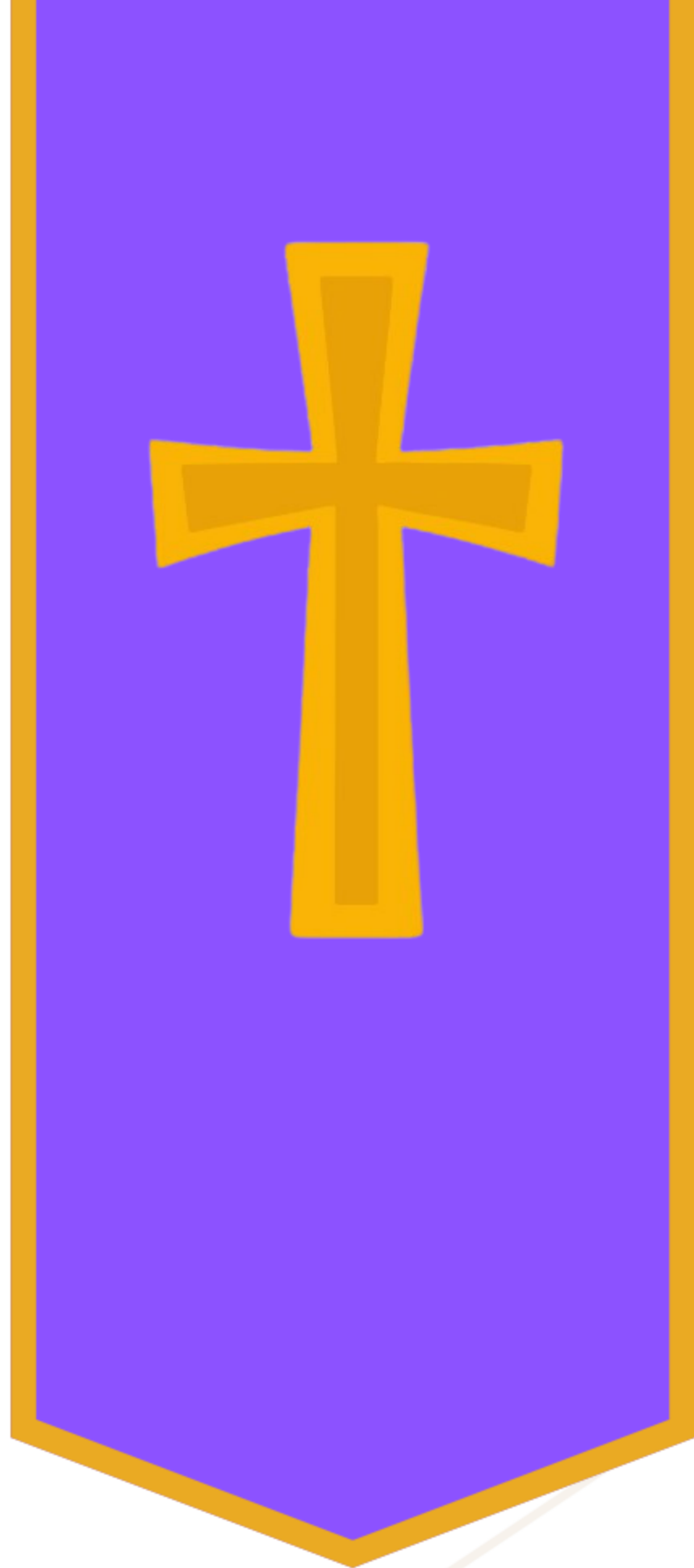


Showing we care

To the tune of Row, Row, Row your Boat

*Use your actions and your words
So everyone can see,
You show you care like Shristi bear,
That's solidarity.*

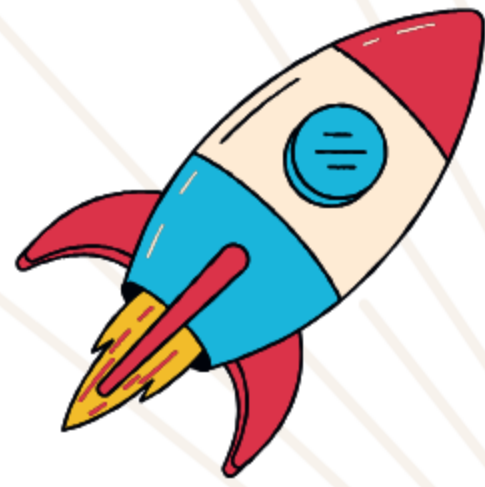




Our Mission



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



Our Mission

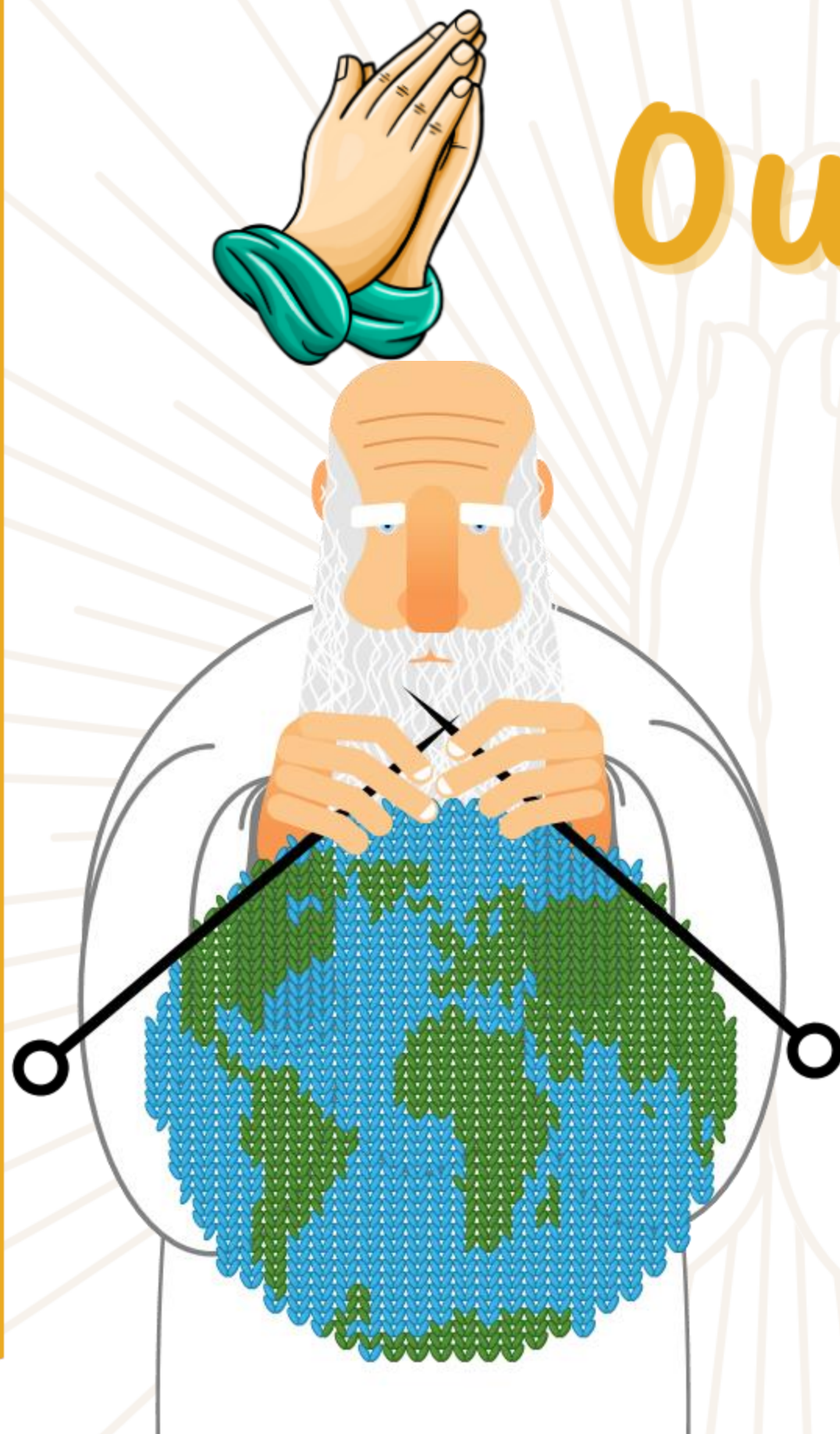
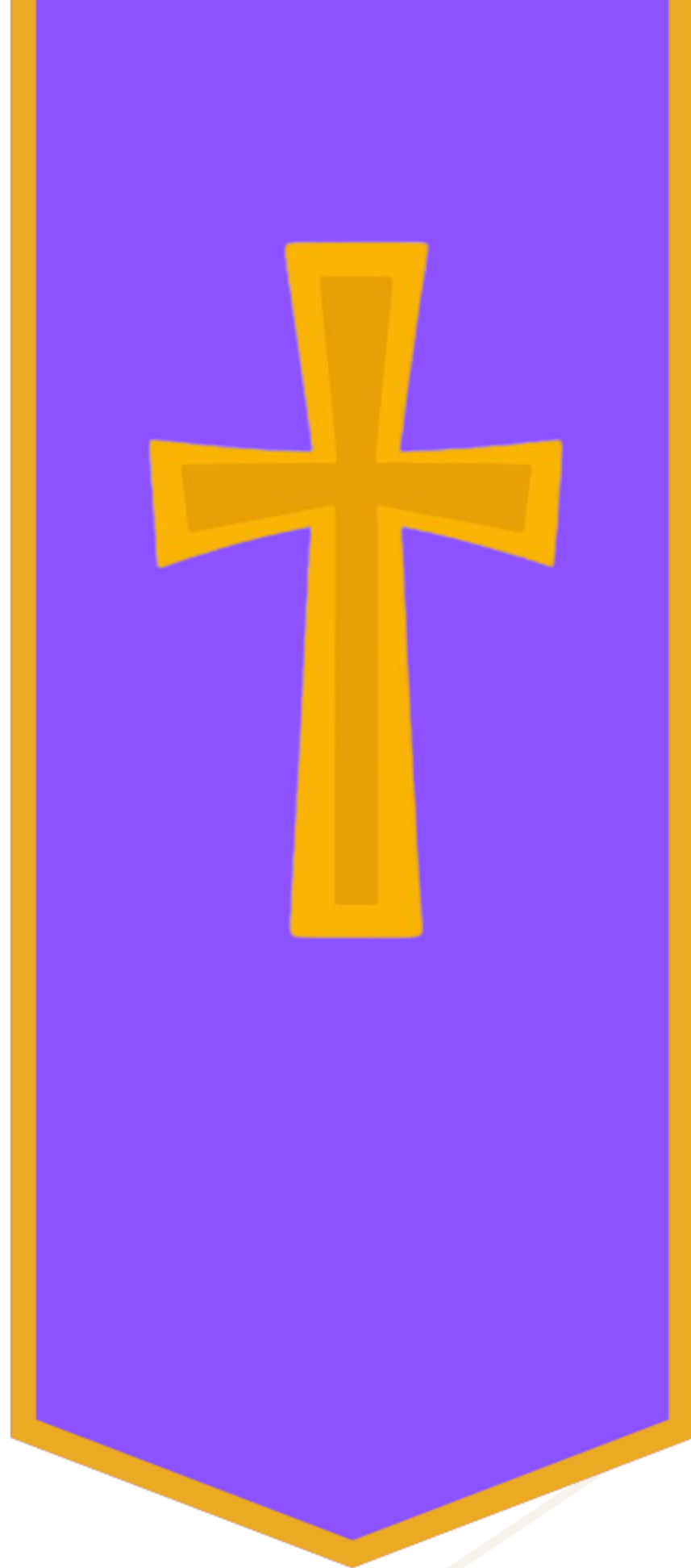
Your mission this week



Make a sacrifice this week to help someone at home.

This could be to help your mommy or daddy with the cleaning, Letting your brother or sister choose what to watch or play.



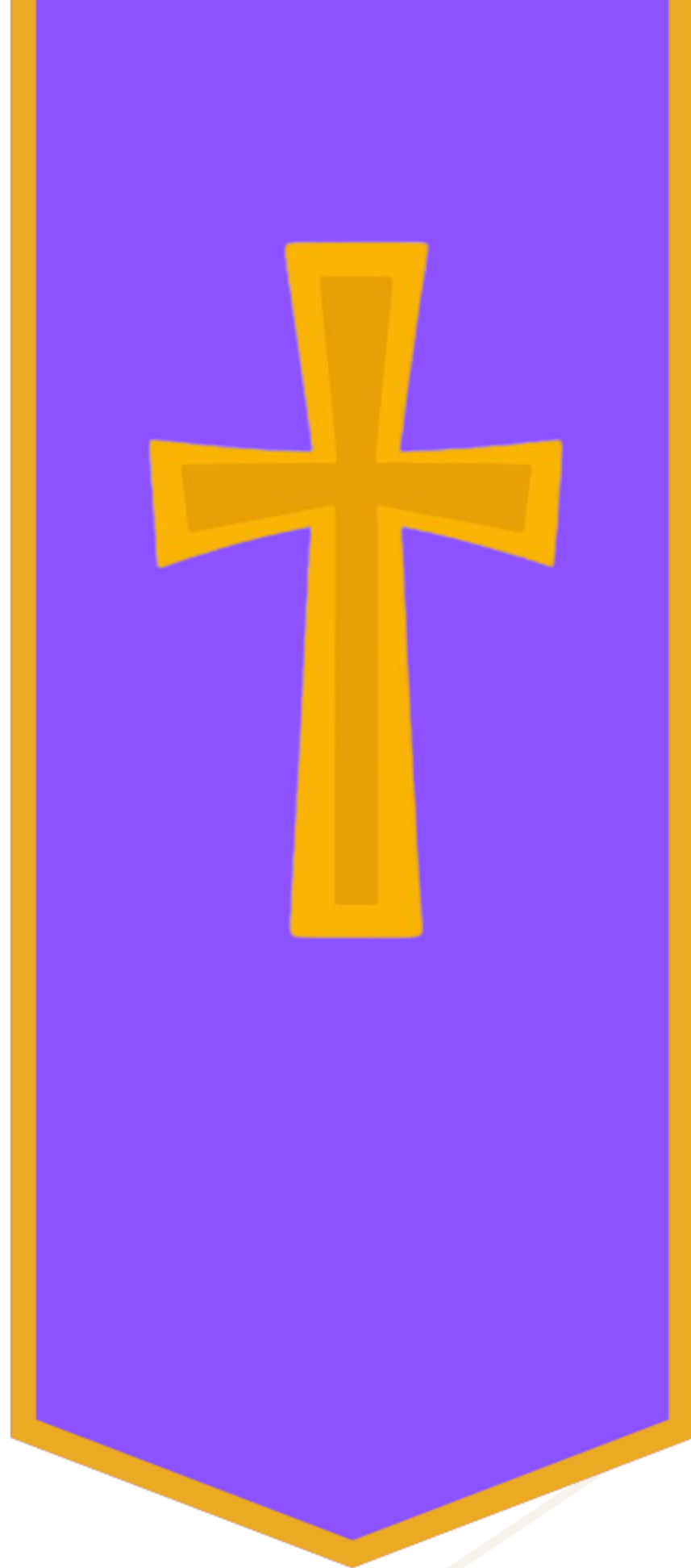


Our Prayer



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



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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

- ☐ Sign of the Cross
- ☐ Scripture
- ☐ Response
- ☐ Silence
- ☐ Seasonal prayers
- ☐ Movements and actions

- ☐ Signs and symbols
- ☐ Liturgical colours
- ☐ Music and songs
- ☐ Links to scripture
- ☐ Everyone included
- ☐ A call to mission

