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

He is Risen!



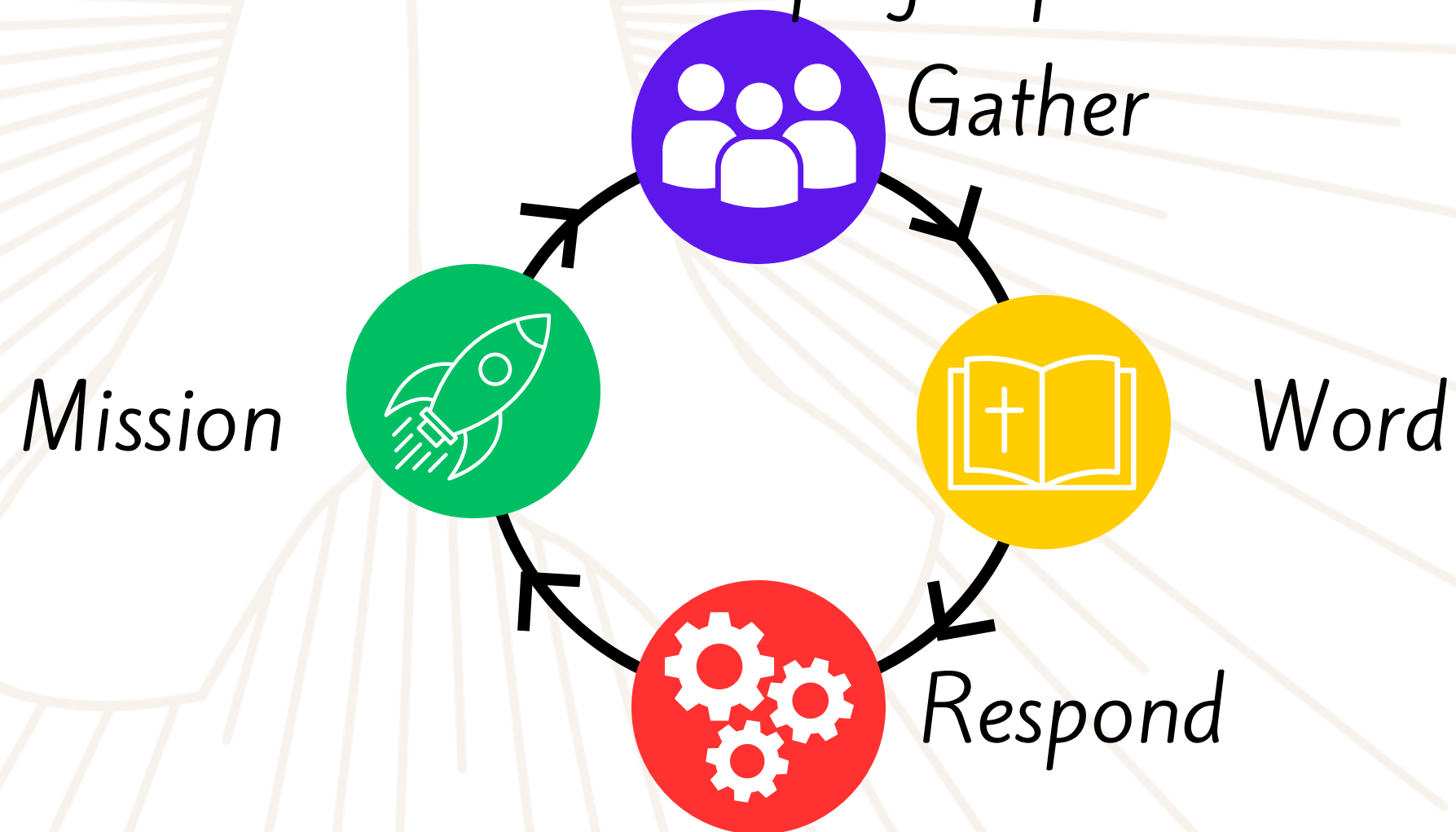


Gather



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



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?

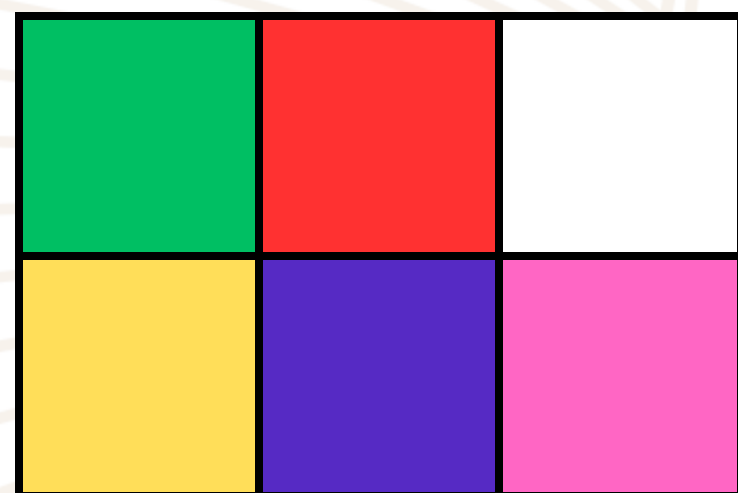
We use *Gold/White* during
Eastertide, Christmastide and Feasts
of Jesus & Mary. This symbolises
Glory and Jesus Kingship



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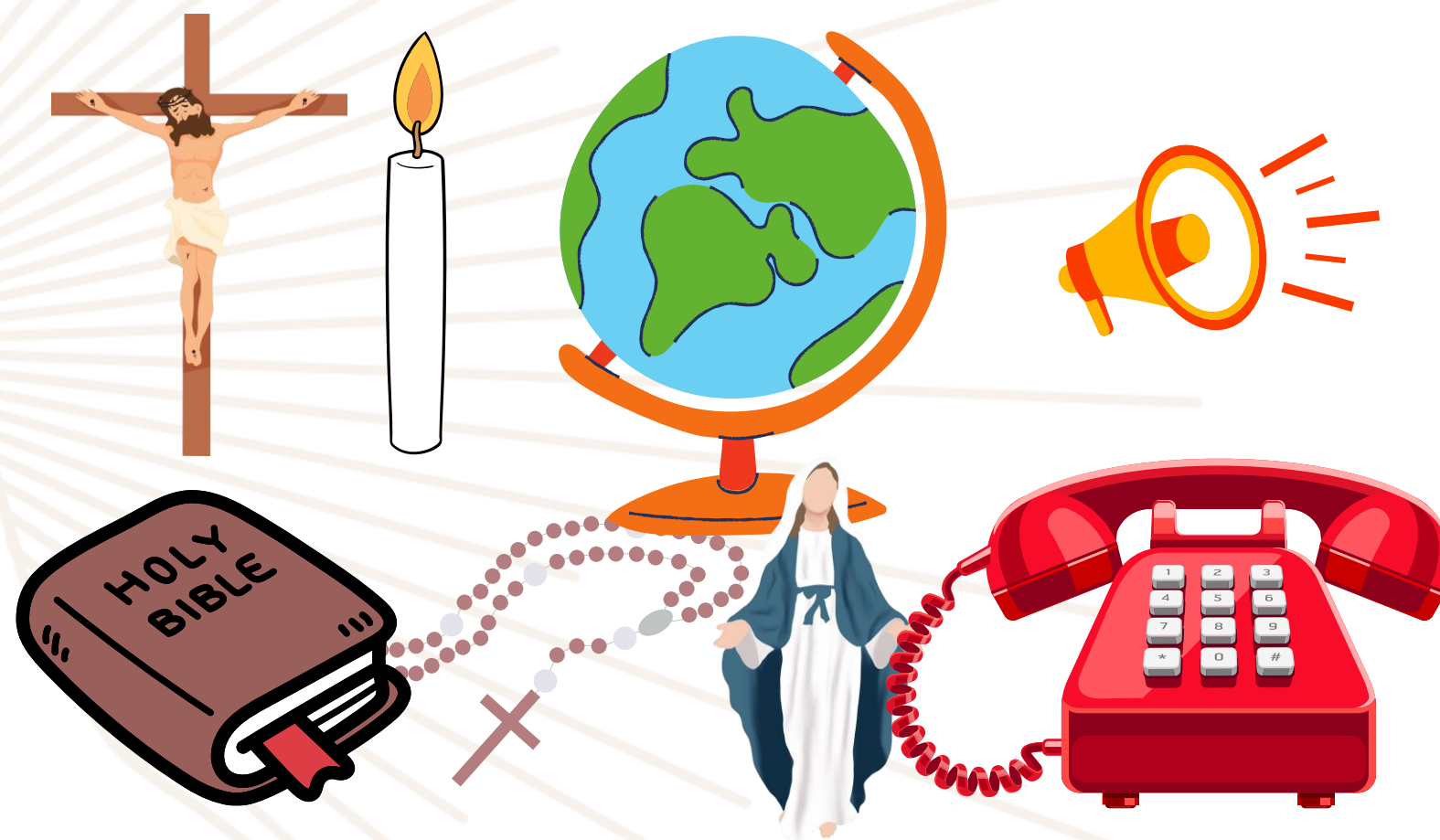


What shall we put on our Prayer display today?



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.

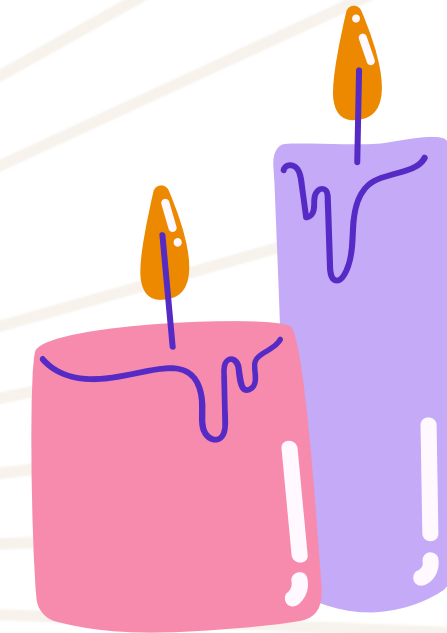


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We are going to light our candle.

Why do we light the candle?

What do candles do other than give light?



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 God,
Thank You for the gift of today,
For our voices that help us speak,
Our ears that help us listen,
And our hearts that help us understand.
Teach us to use our words with love,
To listen carefully,
And to show kindness in all we say and do.
Amen.





The Word



Luke 1:8-26



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke



*Christ be in
my
mind*



*Christ be on
my
lips*



*Christ be in
my
heart*

Glory to you, o Lord



The Word



Luke 1:8-26

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

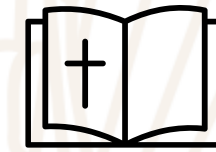


One day Zechariah was doing his work as a priest in the Temple, taking his turn in the daily service. According to the custom followed by the priests, he was chosen by lot to burn incense on the altar. So he went into the Temple of the Lord, while the crowd of people outside prayed during the hour when 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



Have you ever spoken before thinking, and then someone got upset?

That happens to all of us.

But God teaches us to be good communicators. That means:

Listening carefully when someone is speaking.

Taking turns to talk.

Speaking kindly, not shouting or being rude.

Thinking before we speak.

God gave us the amazing gift of words! But words can either build people up — like saying "well done", "please", or "I'm sorry" — or tear them down — like being unkind or bossy.

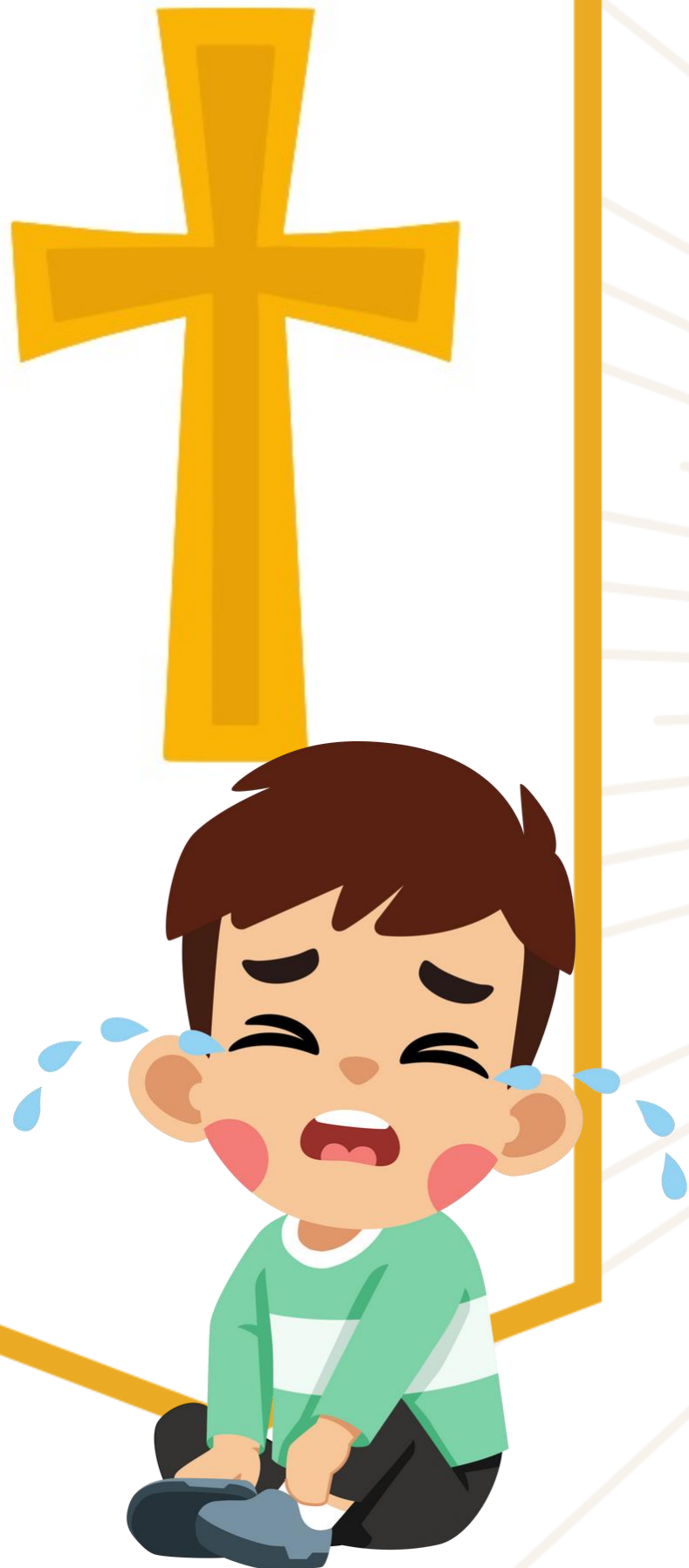




Respond



- Can you think of a time when someone said something kind to you? How did it feel?
- What do you do when someone is talking and you really want to speak?
- What are some kind words we can use every day?





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?



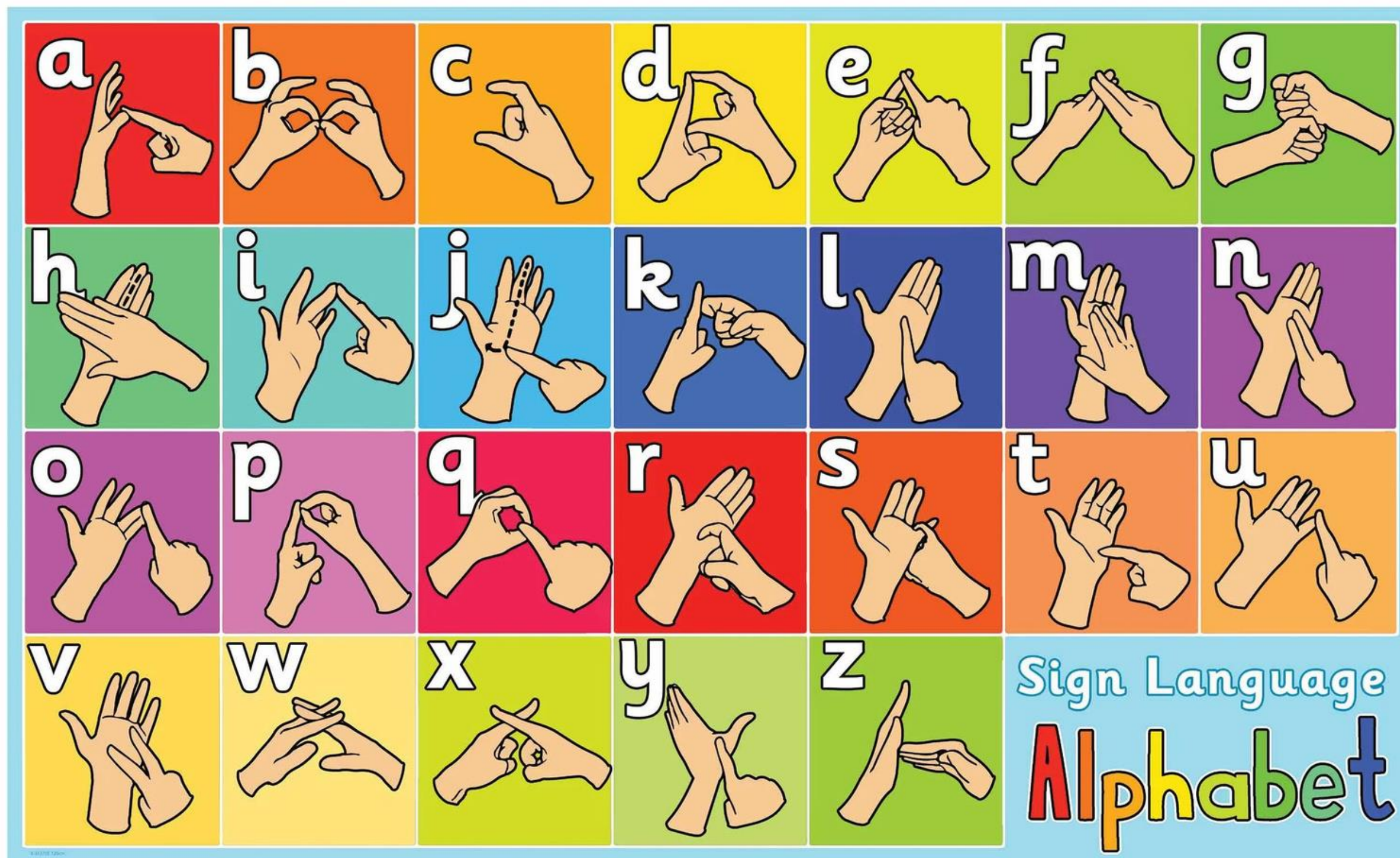


Can you use sign language to spell your name.

This is another way to communicate with others.
Some people rely on non verbal communication



Respond



OPTIONAL



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Part 1 – The Listening Game (Quick activity)

Have the children sit in a circle. Whisper a simple sentence into one child's ear and let them pass it around (like Telephone/Chinese Whispers). At the end, compare the final message.

Point: Communication can get lost if we don't listen carefully!

Part 2 – Kind Word Chain

Sit in a circle. Start with a soft ball or special object. The child holding it says one kind word or compliment to someone else in the circle and passes it on. Keep going to build a "chain of kind words".

Optional extension: Children can draw a speech bubble and write a kind word or phrase inside. These can be displayed on a "Words Build Us Up" wall.





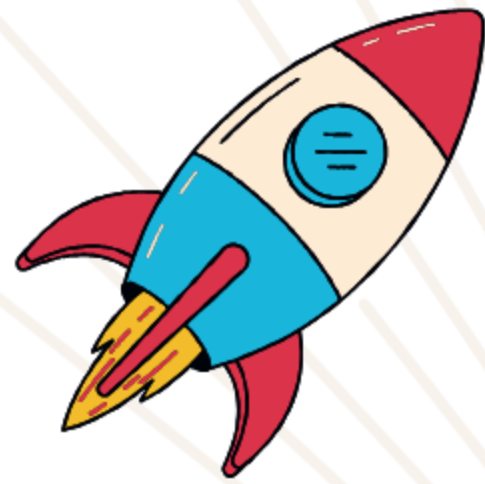
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Loving Jesus,
Thank You for our voices that can
speak,
Our ears that can listen,
And our hearts that can understand.
Help us to think before we speak,
To listen when others talk,
And to use our words to bring love and
peace.
Amen.



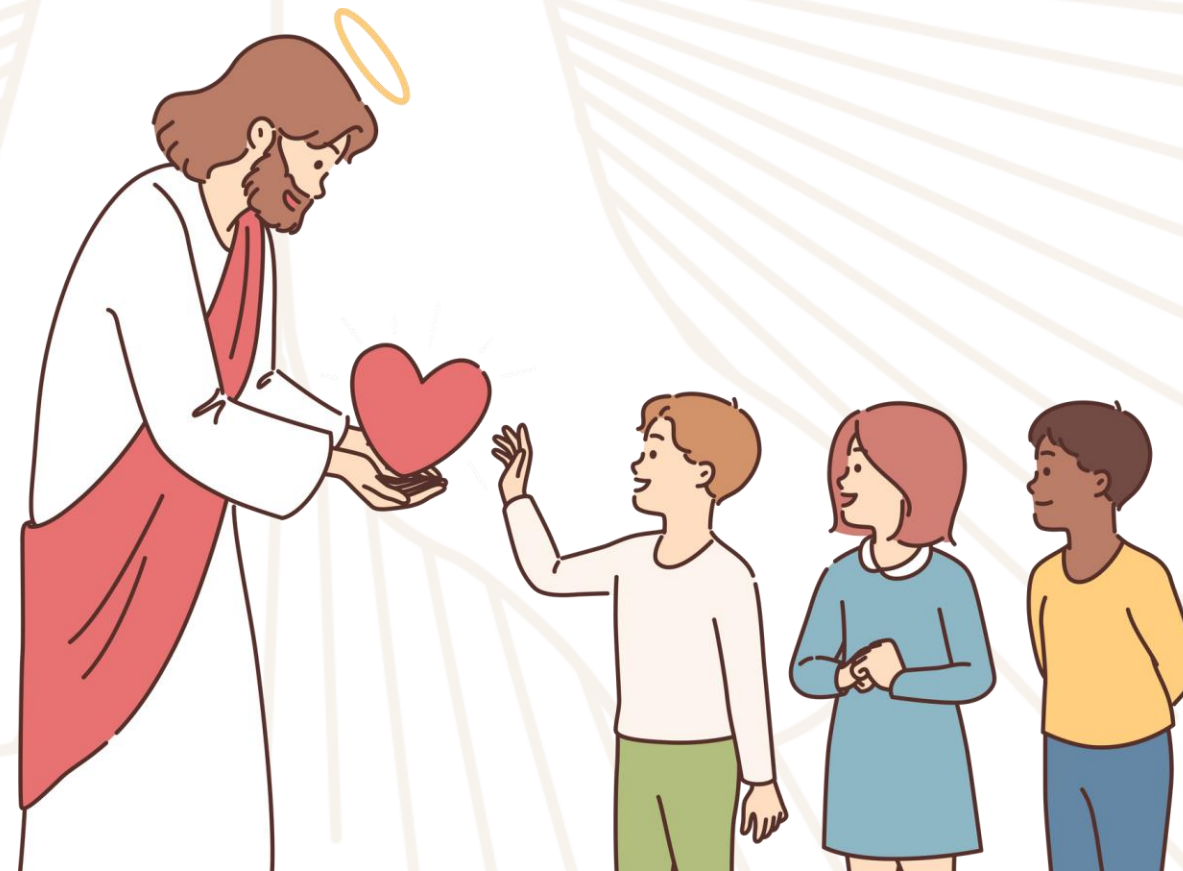




Our Mission



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

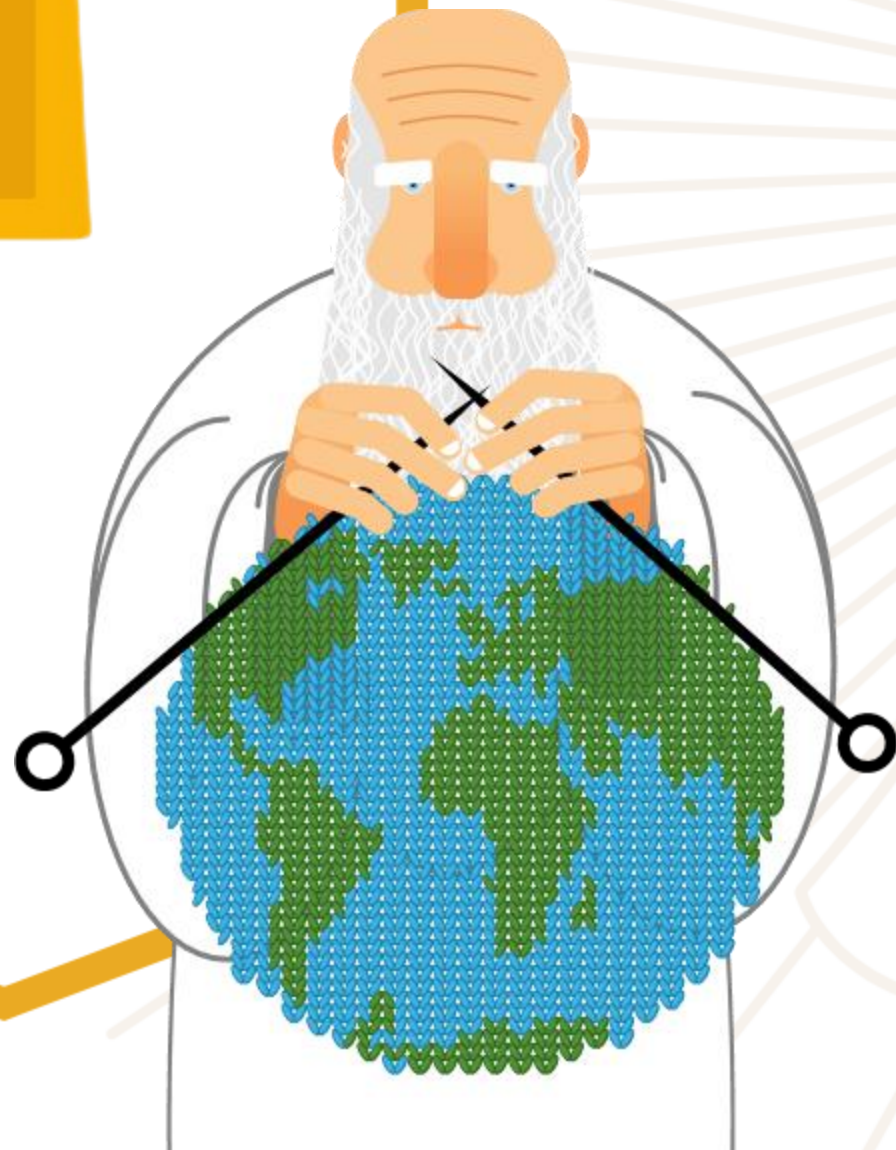




Our Prayer



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.





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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