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

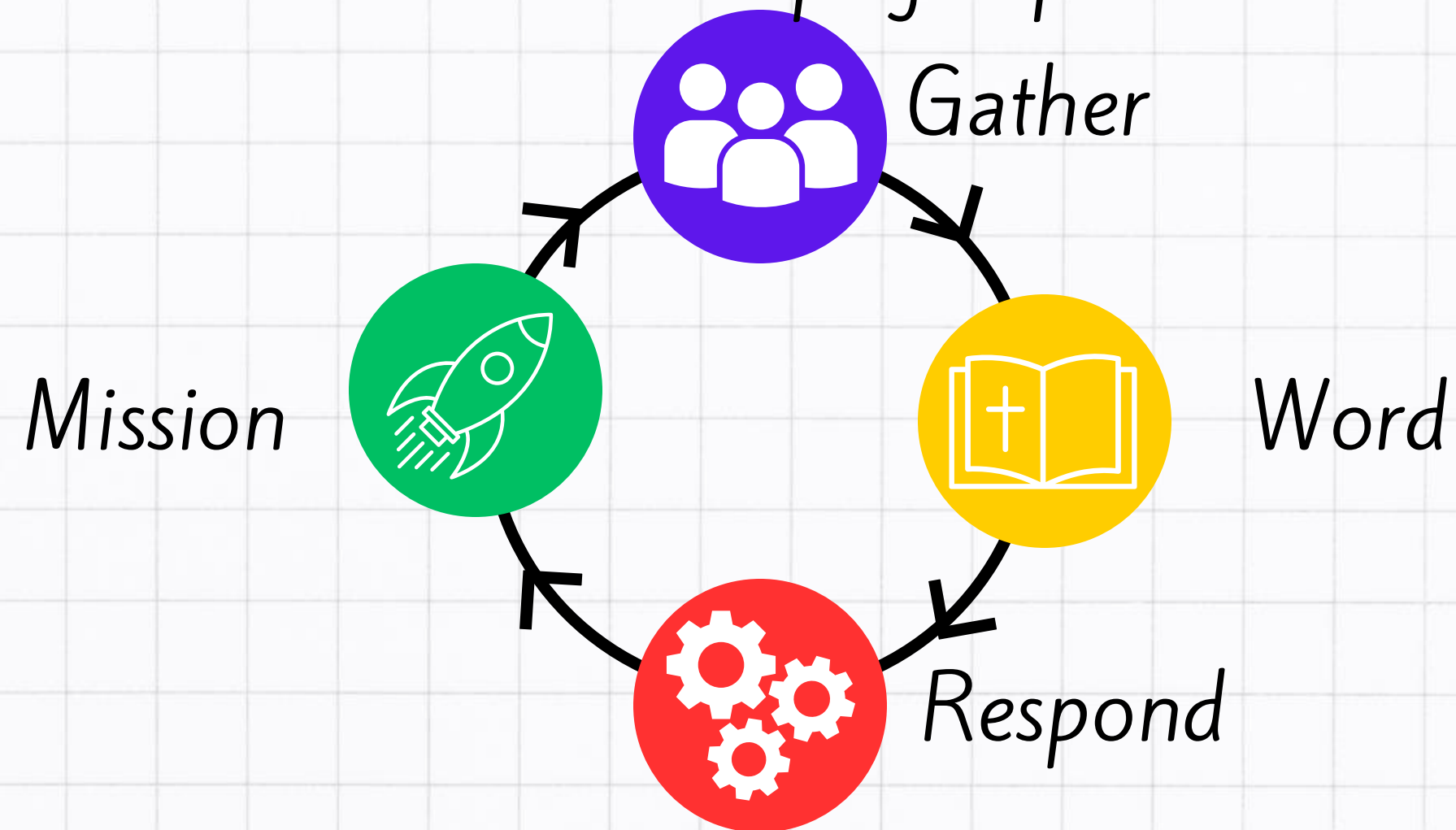


Gather



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

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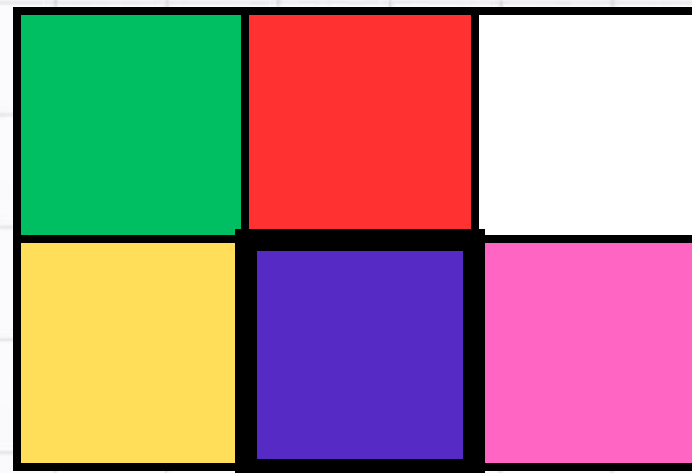
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Which season of the Church are we in?

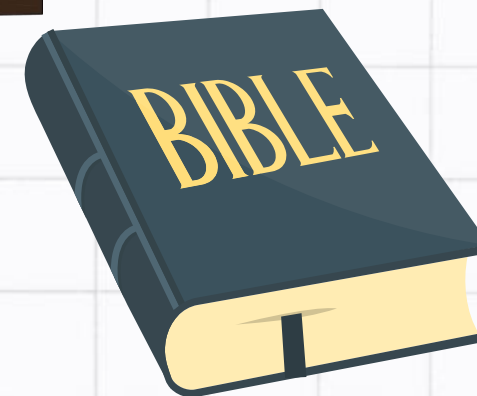
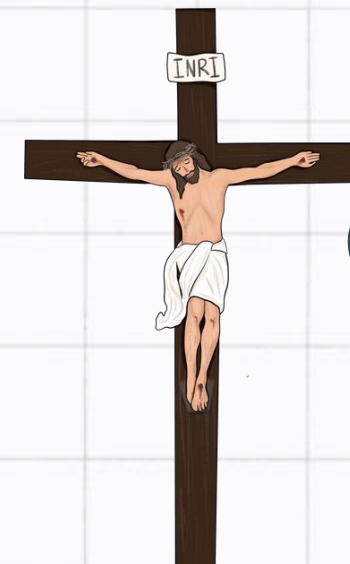
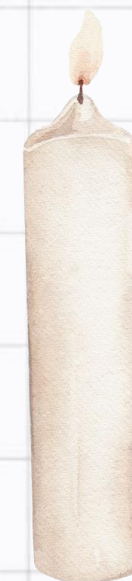


How do we make our environment different depending on the season?



What Liturgical colour should we use today and why?

What shall we have on our prayer display today?
Candle, crucifix and Bible are non negotiable



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?

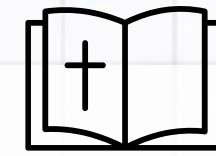
We use **Purple** during Lent . This symbolises Humility, preparation and remorse. We use **purple** during Lent and Advent as a way of showing we are in a time of preparation

Gather



*Heavenly Father,
Thank you for bringing us here today. As we gather to
learn about sacrifice, open our hearts and minds to
understand how we can follow the example of Jesus. Help
us to love others and give of ourselves for their good, just
as Jesus did for us
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen."*

The Word



John 15:1-18



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John



*Christ be in my
mind*



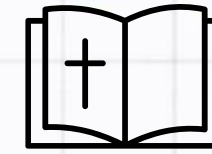
*Christ be on my
lips*



*Christ be in my
heart*

Glory to you, o Lord

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.

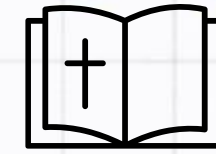
"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. If you remain 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



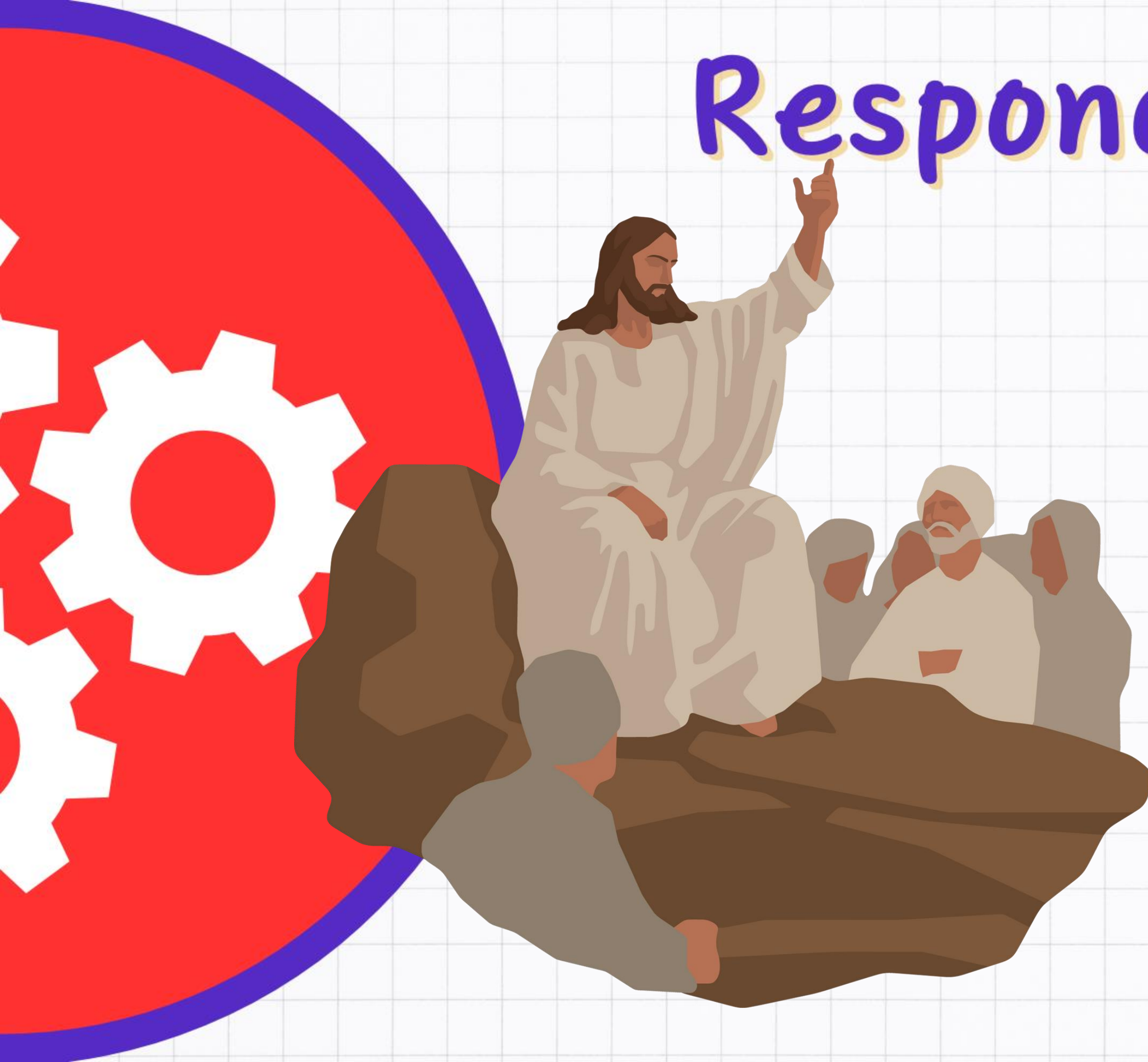
John 15:1-18



Respond



*What is the
teaching in this
week's Scripture?*

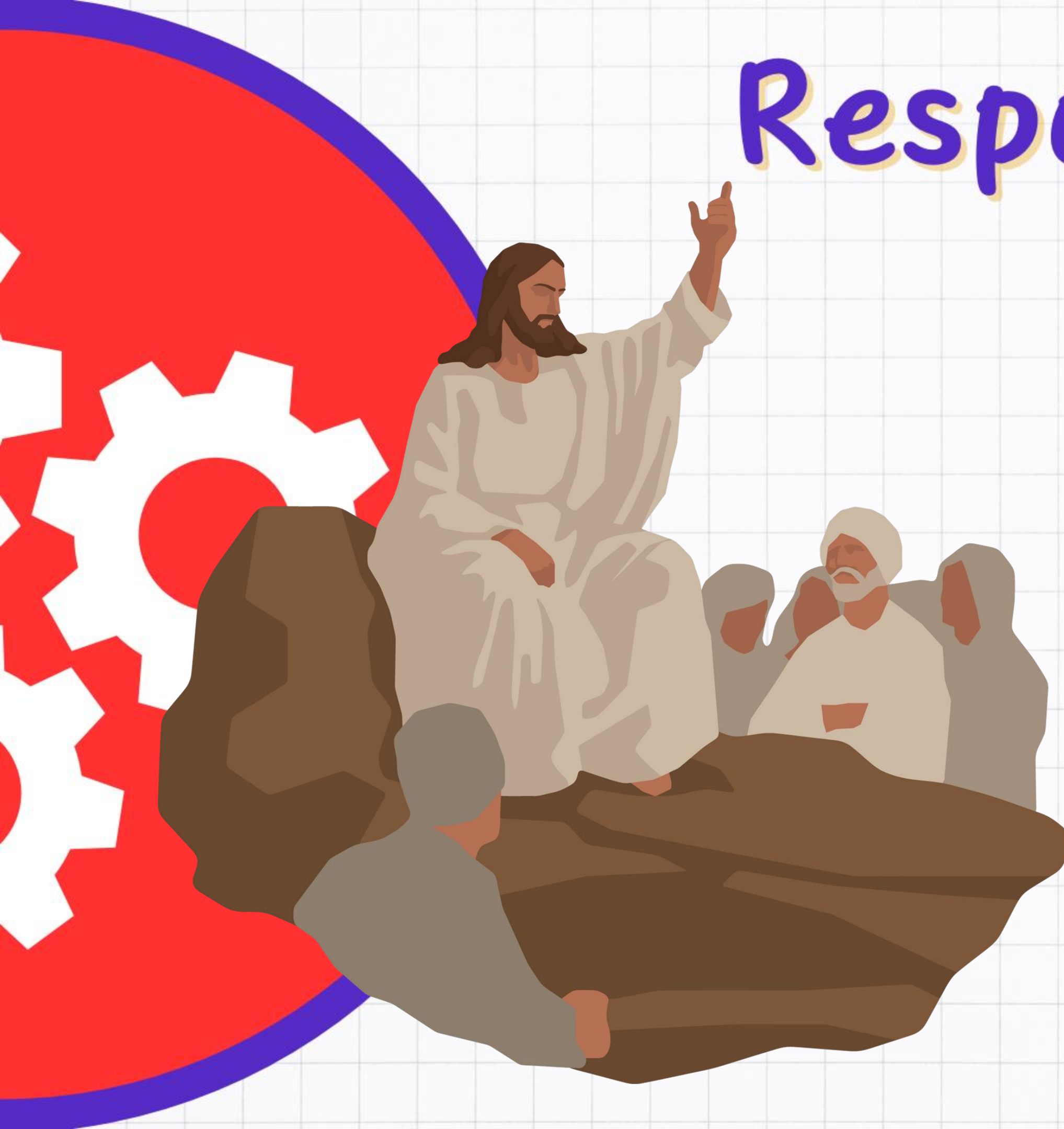


Respond



This verse tells us that the greatest love is shown when someone gives up their life for their friends.

Jesus did this for us, showing us what true sacrifice looks like. He gave up everything so that we could be saved and experience God's love. Think about what Jesus did for us. He didn't just talk about love—He showed it through His actions. He gave up His life on the cross because He loved us so much. Sacrifice is about putting others first, even when it's difficult or when we feel like we might lose something important. It's also about showing love through our actions, not just our words. When we sacrifice something for others, we're reflecting the love that Jesus showed to all of us.



Respond

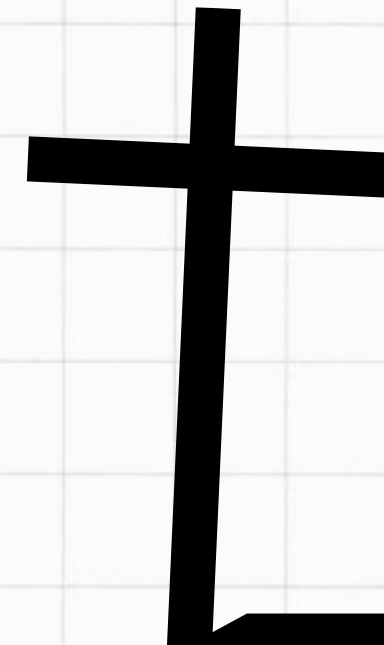


Sacrifice doesn't always mean something as big as giving up your life. It could be as simple as giving your time to help someone, offering encouragement to a friend who is feeling down, or even sharing something that is precious to you. It's about putting the needs of others before your own.

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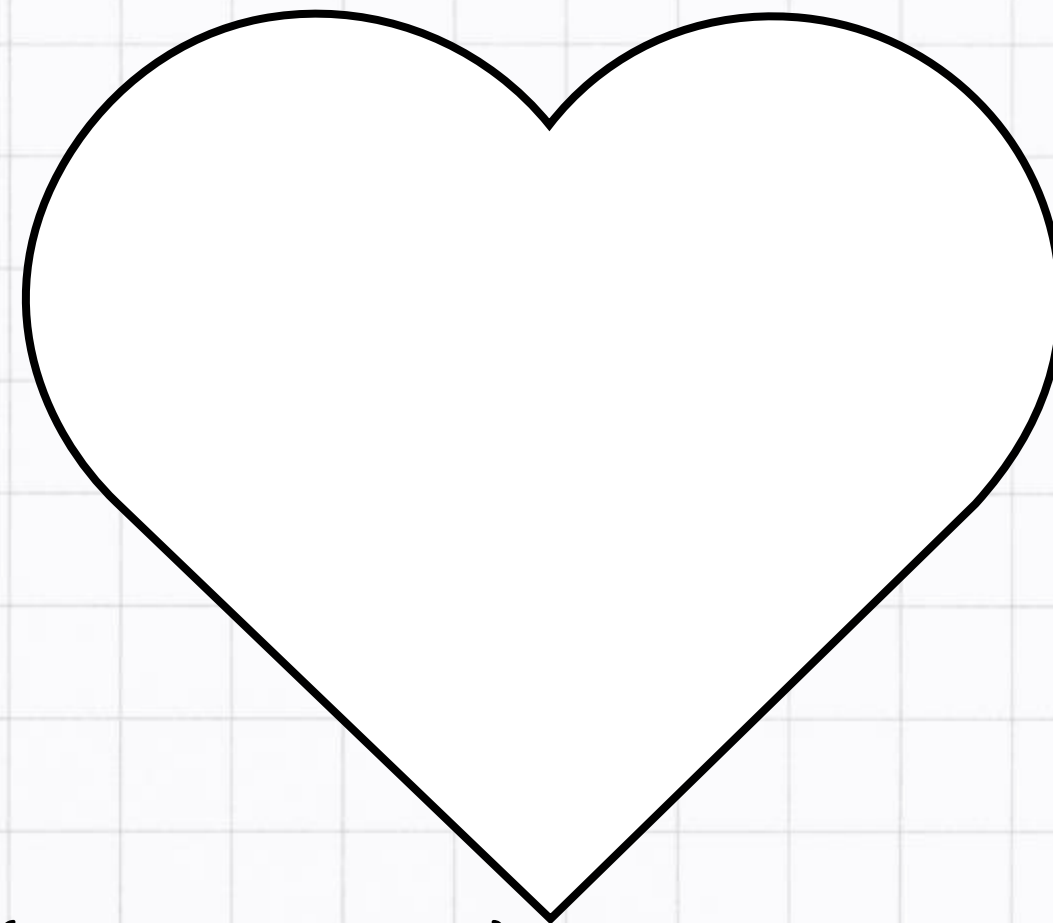
- *What does the scripture make you think about?*
 - *What does Sacrifice mean to you?*
 - *What sacrifices do you or could you make?*



Respond



Now, we're going to do an activity called "Sacrifice Heart." This will help us think about how we can show love and sacrifice in our own lives.



Paper hearts (one for each child)
Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

Scissors (optional)
Glue (optional)

Instructions:

Step 1: Take a paper heart. On it, write or draw a small act of sacrifice you could do to help someone else. This could be something like sharing your toy with a friend, helping someone who is sad, or giving up your seat for someone who needs it.

Step 2: After drawing or writing, decorate your heart with colorful designs.

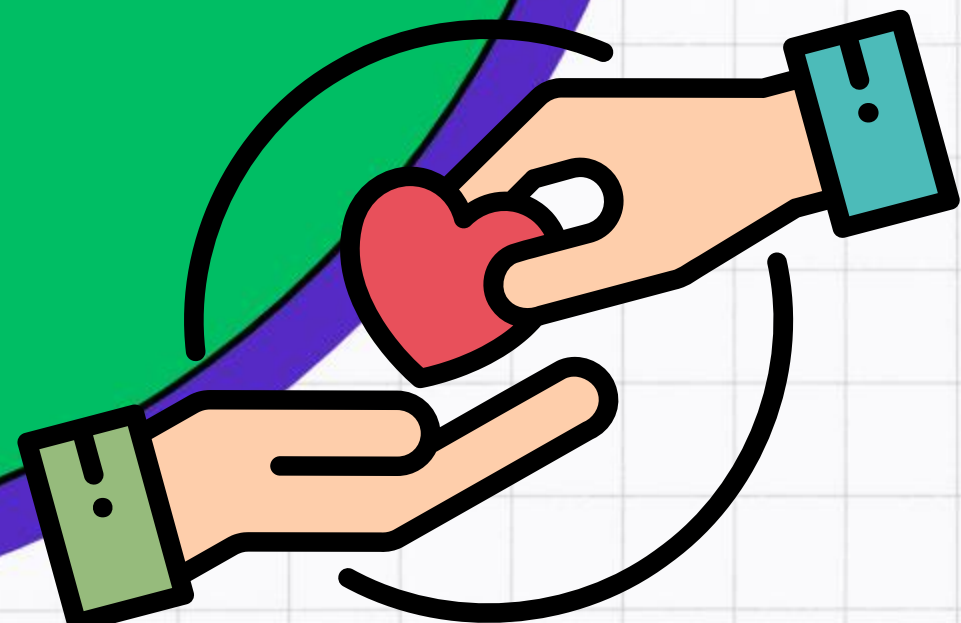
Step 3: When you finish, you can share your ideas with the group, or we can hang the hearts together as a reminder of all the small sacrifices we can make to show love for others.

Our Mission



Your mission this week

- *How can you make small sacrifices today to show love for others?*
- *Is there someone in your life who could use your help or kindness?*



Our Prayer



*Glory Be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. As it was in
the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world
without end.
Amen*



Our Prayer



Heavenly Father,
Thank you for showing us the greatest love through the sacrifice of Jesus. Help us to follow His example in our lives by being kind, generous, and willing to sacrifice for others. Open our eyes to see the many opportunities we have to show love through small sacrifices. May we always act with kindness and care.
In Jesus' name, Amen.