Wednesday 4th November

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The sensible girls took extra oil so they would be able to refill their lamps, but the foolish ones did not. The bridegroom was late, and they all fell asleep. When the bridegroom arrived, they woke up and the wise bridesmaids refilled and lit their lamps and went to the wedding hall with the bridegroom, and the door was closed. But the lamps of the other bridesmaids were almost empty, so they went off to try and get some more oil. They arrived much later but couldn't get in to the wedding because the door was already locked.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 8th November. Matthew 25:1-13 (The 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **WISDOM**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

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2 Wednesday's Word WISDOM

"God alone is infinitely wise. He is wisdom, power and love."
St Maximilian Kolbe

Which bridesmaids joined in the wedding feast? Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life. Ask your child what the word 'wisdom' means to them. Who do they know to be a wise person? What makes a person wise? You may want to remind your child about a time when they made a wise choice – something which pleased you and made you proud of them. Loving our neighbour as ourselves is a powerful way to show that we are growing in wisdom.

"Wisdom is kind and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good." *St James*

God loves us and sent Jesus to help us to grow in wisdom. Each of you choose a way in which you will try to grow in God's wisdom in these coming weeks. Perhaps it is through: not rushing when making decisions; thinking before we speak; being open to correction; trying to consider what effect our words and actions might have on ourselves and others; reading the gospels together; going to church and listening carefully; praying to God for the gift of wisdom; listening to parents, carers, teachers and other truthful or wise people.

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Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to grow in **wisdom**, to be kind and loving, and so one day to share with you in all the joys of heaven. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

BRIDESMAIDS
OIL
FOOLISH
WISE
EMPTY
FULL
KINGDOM
HEAVEN

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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Cross out the letters **o u d** in the jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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The _____ girls took _____ oil so they would be able to _____ their _____.

Wisdom is a real treasure, a virtue for us to nurture. True wisdom is discovering what God wants us to do, then trying our best to do it. It's about using knowledge well – having good judgement.

Write a promise and then **draw** a big smile on Smiley

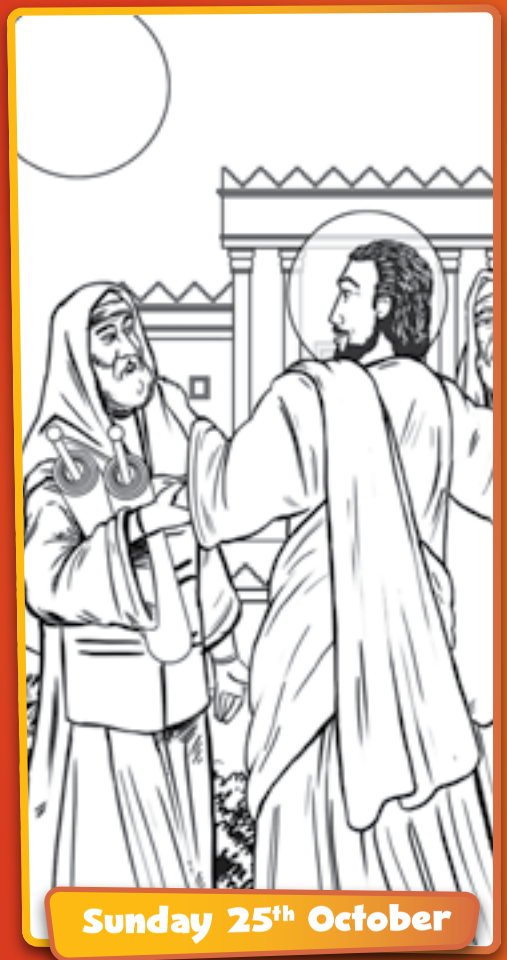
This week I will try my best to...

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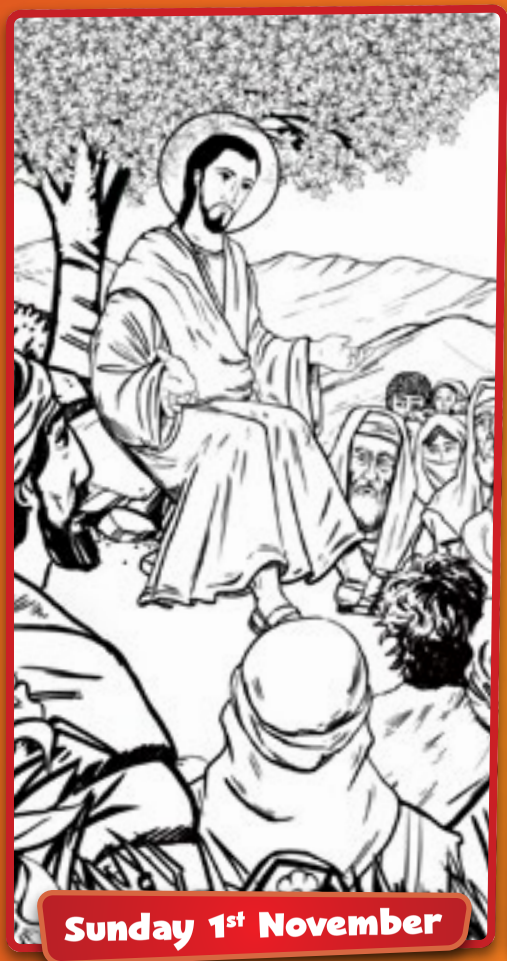
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THE WORD Wednesday SUNDAY GOSPEL GALLERY





Sunday 25th October



Sunday 1st November



Sunday 8th November