



Catholic Schools Week 2020

Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: LIVING IN HARMONY WITH GOD'S CREATION

26 JANUARY – 2 FEBRUARY 2020



From the Curriculum: Level 2

Christian Faith	Word of God
<p>Mystery of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God invites us to respond in love • (Jn 13:34–5; Jn 4:11–12) <p>Mystery of Jesus Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus showed us God's love (1 Jn 4:9) <p>Creation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gift of creation is a sign of God's love for us <p>Mystery of the Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's family includes people of every age, race, culture and ability • St Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and ecology 	<p>God's Loving Plan of Salvation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation Story (Gn 1–2:3) • Thanking God (Ps 9:1) • Hymn of Praise (prayer) (Ps 95:1–7) • Hymn of Praise (prayer) (Ps 100:3–5) <p>Jesus' Public Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lost Sheep (Mt 18:12–14; Lk 15:1–7) • Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1–10) • Healing of Man Born Paralysed (Mt 9:1–8; Mk 2:1–12)
Liturgy and Prayer	Christian Morality
<p>Formal Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glory be to the Father <p>Spontaneous Prayer</p> <p>Additional Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Song of Praise (Ps 95:1–7) • A Hymn of Praise (Ps 100:3–5) 	<p>Human Freedom and Responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can make good and bad choices • Choices affect ourselves and others • We can choose to act like Jesus <p>God's Graceful Presence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Holy Spirit helps us to live like Jesus <p>Social Teaching of the Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus cared for creation • Each person has a responsibility to care for the environment • God gave us the intelligence and skill to care for the earth





Monday: Living in Harmony with God

27 January 2020

God's love is unbounded. It has no limits.

(Pope Francis, Twitter, 26 August 2014)



Consider: Our Catholic School

List all the different people you would find in our school.
How do we treat people in our school?
Why is it important to treat people this way?



Prayer moment

Let us take a moment to remember all the people in our school. (pause)
When we talk to God, we pray.
We begin by blessing ourselves: *In the name of the Father...*
(Repeat after teacher)
*Loving God, hear our prayer;
Help us to love, be kind and care.
Today and always,
Amen.*

Explore: God cares about us and wants us to care for others too.

When we are kind to each other, we make other people happy and ourselves happy.
When we do all these nice things, we make God happy too.
Think of the things we do every day to show we care (e.g. share, include everyone in our games, be nice to each other, etc.)
We talk to God when we pray. God cares about us and will always be there, he never forgets us. When we are scared, or worried or happy or sad, God will always listen.



Reflect

Jesus taught his friends to pray to God our Father.
We can say this prayer together:
Our Father, who art in heaven...





We learn to live like Jesus, caring for each other.

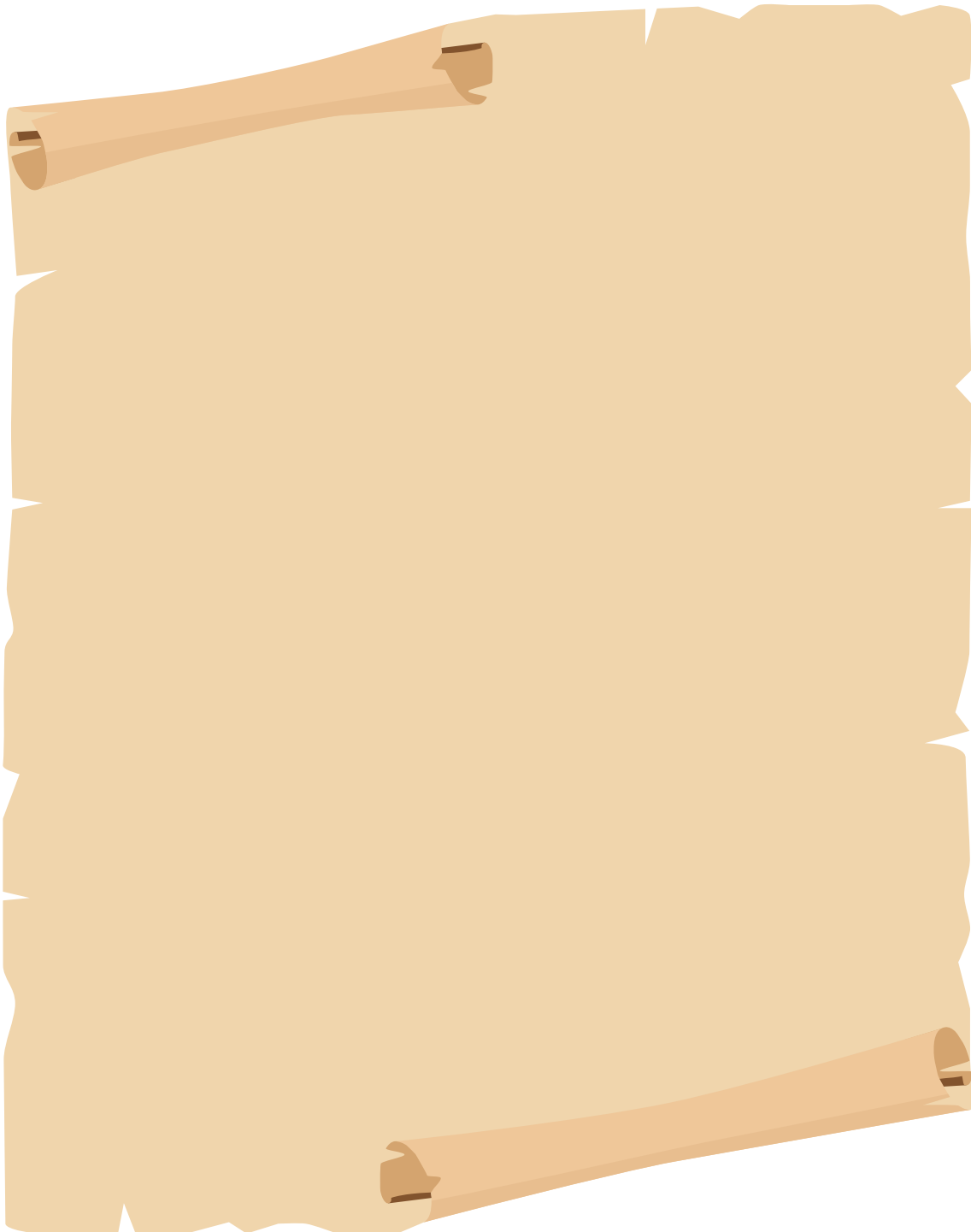
God's love is something we show when we are kind to each other.

When we love each other we are sharing God's love.

When we are kind to each other, we are showing how much we love God.

God teaches us to always show respect to each other and to the world that he has created for us.

We have many people who help us, who care for us and who share their time and talents with us. They help to make Christ's living body active in our school. Draw or write the names of the people who help to do this in your school in the scroll below:





Tuesday: Living in Harmony with our Neighbours

28 January 2020

Consider: What makes a good neighbour?

Are we good neighbours? Jesus teaches us that we are called to share God's love with everyone. Jesus calls us to love one another as Jesus loves us.

Prayer moment

We bless ourselves: *In the name of the Father...*

(Repeat after teacher)

Loving God, hear our prayer;

Help us to always love, be kind and care.

Today and always,

Amen.



Explore

How do you feel when others let you pick first? How do you feel when other people won't share with you? How does God feel when we treat each other nicely?

Reflect

Think about all the times today we can show God's love in how we treat each other. Think about how you like to be treated. Now choose one person you will make an effort to treat like this in the coming week.

Act

1. Act out someone who is not putting others first.
2. Draw a heart with your eyes shut.
3. Name something you will do this week for someone you don't like.





Friday: Living in Harmony in our Catholic Schools

31 January 2020

Consider: Our Catholic School

What do we like about our school? If someone visited our school, how would they be treated? Would they be welcome? Would they be treated kindly? Would we help them if they asked for help?

Prayer moment

In the name of the Father...

(Repeat after teacher)

God our Father,

Thank you for our Catholic school,

Help us to live as Jesus teaches us.

Amen.



Explore

Today we think of the story of Zacchaeus the tax collector. People didn't like Zacchaeus because he was dishonest and unkind. When Jesus came, Zacchaeus climbed a tree to hide from Jesus. But Jesus called Zacchaeus down because he wanted to be his friend. Sometimes we make mistakes and do things we know are wrong. But God never gives up on us. We can be friends with Jesus too, and we can show this by treating everyone with dignity and love. That is what we do in a Catholic school.

Act

Give each child a sheet of paper. They are going to be journalists and write a newspaper piece about Zacchaeus meeting Jesus. The children must summarise the important information from the story and draw a picture to show the meeting.



A large orange rectangular area with a torn-paper edge effect, containing ten horizontal lines for writing.

