



Catholic Schools Week 2022

Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full

MONDAY

Living Life to the Full with God

23 JANUARY – 30 JANUARY 2022





I am come
that they might have



and that they might have it



Life

More Abundantly (Jn 10:10)



Learning Intention:

Students will explore images of God and evaluate how much time they spend dedicated to spiritual matters.

Success Criteria:

Students will be able to identify different examples of images of God from popular culture and biblical sources.

Students will be able to analyse different images of God.

Students will be able to evaluate how much time they each spend taking care of their mind, body and spirit.



Keywords:

Images of God, Faith, Relationship, Trust, Trinity, Old Testament, New Testament, Fortress, God, Love, Prayer, Good Shepherd, Father, Mother, Hope, Learning.



Image from *The Simpsons*,
'Thank God, It's Doomsday'.

Who does this image depict?

Do you know where the image comes from?

Why does the image not have a face?

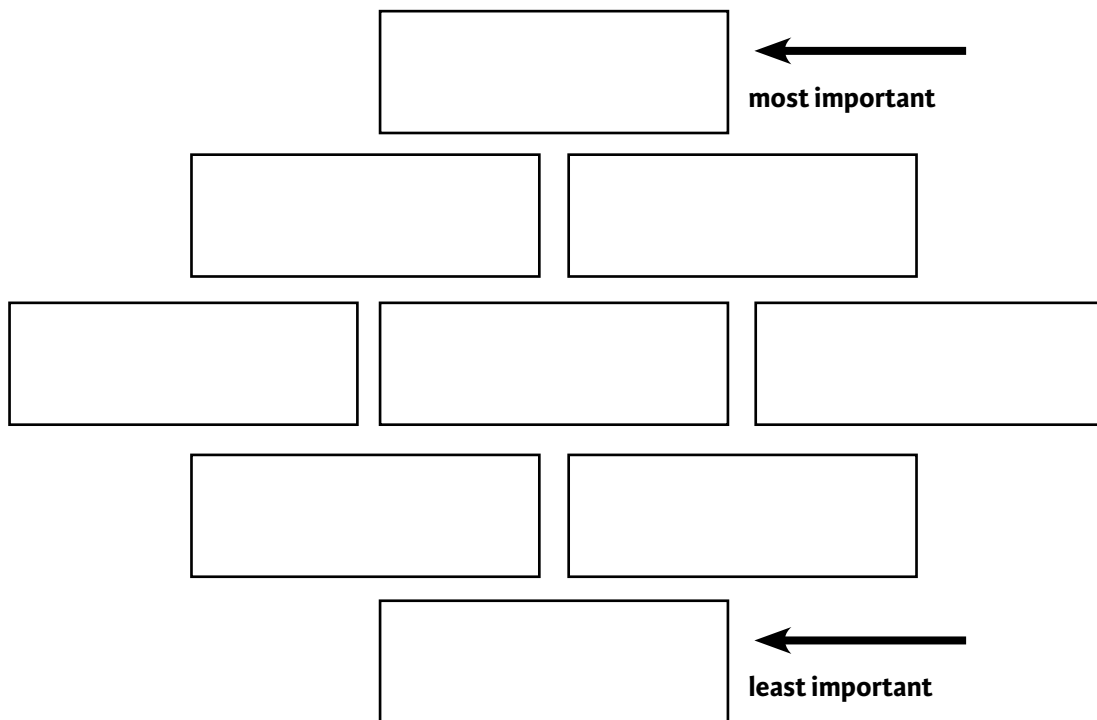




Diamond Nine:

Where do people get their images of God and religious beliefs from? In pairs or small groups, try to order the following influences in a 'diamond nine', placing the most important at the top and ordering the rest all the way down to lowest.

- Community
- Church
- Extended family (e.g. grandparents)
- Films and other traditional media
- Friends
- Immediate family
- Self
- School
- Social media





Questionnaire/Walking Debate:

Please fill in the questionnaire below on personal images of God.



If space and health regulations permit, do a 'walking debate', where one end of the classroom represents complete agreement, the middle is neutral or 'don't know' territory and the other end is complete disagreement. Students should take up a position along the line that corresponds with what they believe about each statement.

Students could volunteer other images of God and others could take up positions along the line in agreement or disagreement.

	Agree completely	Agree somewhat	Don't know/ Neutral	Disagree somewhat	Disagree completely
God is perfect love.					
God is an idea once used to explain the world but that is now no longer needed due to science.					
God is a creator but not involved personally with human beings.					
God is a Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.					
God is our mother.					
God loves us enough to die for us.					
God is whatever you picture God to be.					
God is a spiritual force or energy.					





Discussion:

Do any of the definitions of God on the worksheet contradict each other? For example, is it possible for God to be both a father and a mother figure?

Can God be anything you picture him to be and also be a Trinity?

Extension:

Draw, doodle, or describe in words your personal image of God or spiritual being.





Numeracy Moment:

The Bible has many different and sometimes surprising images of God. Find the following passages in the Bible and then write two or three sentences about what kind of image of God is represented in them.



Isaiah 49:14–15



2 Samuel 22 – David's Song of Praise



John 10:11–15





If we are beings composed of mind, body and spirit (or soul), what percentage of your time do you think you contribute to taking care of each aspect?

- Are there any areas that need more time and attention?
- List three practical steps you could take to improve your spiritual health (E.g. pray more).

Activities that nurture my...	Activities which nurture this aspect (give examples for yourself)	Activities which nurture this aspect (give examples for others)	Percentage of time you devote to each	Percentage of time you would like to devote to each
Mind	Reading			
Body	P.E.			
Spirit	Prayer			

