

Celebrating the Word in School

The Wednesday Word Leaflet Mission is rooted in evangelisation, aiming for schools to simply share Sunday's Gospel with parents and children each week. Each family can then use the leaflet as they see fit. Grounded in God's Word, *The Wednesday Word* can also be easily introduced in the classroom, in assemblies or as a catalyst for other prayerful opportunities. A couple of simple ideas - as starting points - for teacher or pupil led prayer are suggested for you here.

THE *Wednesday*
WORD



CELEBRATING & SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



Praying with the Word - A Simple 5 Minute Idea

For schools that distribute *The Wednesday Word* to parents each week, either digitally or in hardcopy, introducing a weekly *Wednesday Word* prayer can further inspire and support pupils to go, share and reflect on the Gospel with their families.

1. Opening prayer - All say:

God our Father, we come together to listen to the Gospel of Jesus, your Son. Help us to listen carefully to what the Gospel is telling us. Amen.



2. Leader:

The Wednesday Word today is... [announce this week's word].

Let's listen to a Gospel story that can remind us of... [this week's word].

3. Leader or child to read aloud the Children's version of the Gospel.



4. Leader:

Let's think about the Gospel quietly for a moment.

How does it show... [this week's word]?

5. A moment's quiet reflection.

6. Leader:

Let us start to close this special time by saying our *Wednesday Word* prayer together.

7. Closing prayer - All say:

Lord Jesus, we have listened carefully to your words. Please help us to share the good news of this week's Gospel with our families, through our actions and our words.

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families, pray for us
(you may also want to mention your school's patron saint).





Praying with the Word – A Simple 10 Minute Idea

For schools that distribute *The Wednesday Word* to parents each week, either digitally or in hardcopy, introducing a weekly *Wednesday Word* prayer can further inspire and support pupils to go, share and reflect on the Gospel with their families.

1. Hymn – the chorus of 'Oh the Word of my Lord.'

2. Opening prayer – All say:

God our Father, we come together to listen to the Gospel of Jesus, your Son. Help us to listen carefully to what the Gospel is telling us. Amen.



3. Leader:

Before we listen to the Word of God, let us first of all think about something we can thank God for about this day – *pause*. Let's also think about any mistakes we might have made today, and say sorry to God – *pause*. Now let's think about some of the good things we have done today and share those with God – *pause*.

4. Leader:

The Wednesday Word today is... [announce this week's word].
Let's listen to a Gospel story that can remind us of... [this week's word].



5. Leader or child to read aloud the Children's version of the Gospel.

6. Either the leader says a few words about the Gospel, possibly drawn from Fr. Henry's letter to parents on the front page of the leaflet, and its connection to *Wednesday's Word*; or a child reads aloud the feature at the bottom of the front page or the small feature in the 'Children's Section' on the back page.

7. A moment's quiet reflection.

8. Leader:

Let us start to close this special time by saying our *Wednesday Word* prayer together.

9. Closing prayer – All say:

Lord Jesus, we have listened carefully to your words. Please help us to share the good news of this week's Gospel with our families, through our actions and our words.



St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families, pray for us.
(You may also want to mention your school's patron saint)

10. Hymn – the chorus of 'Oh the Word of my Lord'.