

Wednesday
2nd September

**Good News
for Families**

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "If your brother does something against you, point out his fault to him when the two of you are alone together. If he listens to you, then you have won your brother back. But if he does not listen to you, then you should take one or two others along with you, so that every word you say may be confirmed by them. If he still refuses to listen, tell the whole church community; and if he even refuses to listen to the Church, treat him as an outcast. I tell you truly, if two of you on earth agree what to ask for, then my Father in heaven will grant it. If two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 6th September. Matt. 18:15-20 (the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)

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 **RECONCILIATION**



2 Wednesday's Word **RECONCILIATION**

"The Church has the mission to proclaim reconciliation."

St John Paul II

What does Jesus say is the first thing that we should do if someone upsets us? Sometimes we make mistakes and occasionally upset one another. The important thing is to overcome such upsets in a loving way and become friends again. This is also known as reconciliation. This Sunday's Gospel suggests ways of doing this peacefully and calmly. Ask your child who have been their special friends over the years, even if they have had misunderstandings. Tell your children about the special friendships you have had over the years. Each say what you think makes a lasting friendship?

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we should always try hard to be reconciled – to heal relationships and to try to make friends again. Prayer is an important part of reconciliation. We can ask Jesus, anytime, to bring peace to a situation, and to guide us back to friendship. We can't always undo mistakes if we have done something wrong and upset someone, but we can always learn from our mistakes and try to make amends. As a family, share ideas about how to be reconciled with someone if things go wrong. Perhaps we can; say sorry if we have done wrong; ask an adult to help us make friends again. Can you think of other ways?

3 Dear Lord Jesus, help us always to be ready to make peace and to be **reconciled** with our friends, neighbours and with you – to live together in harmony and happiness. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

☒ JESUS

☐ DISCIPLES

☐ BROTHER

☐ FAULT

☐ ALONE

☐ TOGETHER

☐ WIN

☐ BACK

☒

☐

☐

☐

☐

☐

☐

☐

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Q	T	L	U	A	F	D	K	E	R	W	A
F	A	U	L	T	B	I	T	N	I	L	D
B	A	C	K	X	R	S	O	N	O	J	C
D	K	N	D	N	O	C	G	N	L	R	V
B	I	C	W	I	T	I	E	N	S	E	G
M	R	S	A	N	H	P	T	J	U	H	V
Q	T	O	C	B	E	L	H	E	S	T	C
Y	A	N	T	I	R	E	E	S	E	E	E
E	L	W	Y	H	P	S	R	U	J	G	C
X	O	R	H	W	E	L	T	S	W	O	X
P	N	B	G	A	K	R	E	F	E	T	F
F	E	W	I	N	R	M	B	S	S	G	N

Cross out the letters **c d m** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

brocthedrm mycourd thcemnd cwodnm
If _____ brother listens to you, _____
you have _____ your _____ back.

DID YOU KNOW? The Church provides a wonderful way to be reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Find out more from your local parish church.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to ...

