



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is said that faith can 'move mountains'. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the power and the responsibility that comes with having faith in God.

Faith and love go hand in hand. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father, and this changes how

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we see the world – it can free us from anxiety, give us confidence and inner strength, and help us keep growing in our love for one another.

A family full of faith is a family full of joy. Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITH**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from the Saints

*"Faith is the union of God with the soul."* St John of the Cross

**"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'"**

Luke 17:5

**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH**  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025



The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, 'Come and have your meal immediately'? Would he not be more likely to say, 'Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards'? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants; we have done no more than our duty.'"

Adapted from Luke 17: 5-10  
The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.  
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

**Having Hope**  
in our **Families**

Having faith is to believe and trust in God's love for us. Faith is one of life's greatest blessings – it is a gift to be shared. The Church exists to help people to grow in their faith. You can find out more at: [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)





# Good News for Families

## 10 MINUTES TOGETHER TIME



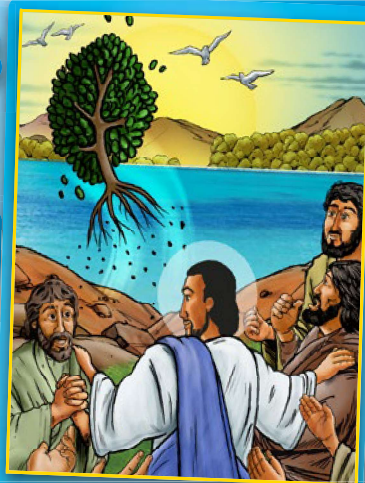
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### READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

One day Jesus' friends, the apostles, said to him, "Please increase our faith. Make our faith grow stronger." So to help them understand how small their faith really was, and how real faith helps us to do amazing things, Jesus said to them, "If your faith was the size of a tiny mustard seed, you could do astonishing things. You could even tell this mulberry tree to pull itself out of the ground, roots and all, and to plant itself in the sea, and the tree would obey you!"

#### What did the apostles ask Jesus to do for them?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.



#### Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

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### SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these." *St Ignatius of Antioch*

Faith greatly enriches our lives and helps happiness and love to grow in our families. Ask your child what the word 'faith' means to them. Ask your child who they turn to in times of trouble. Who do they have faith in to be there for them always (e.g. parents, carers, relatives, friends, Jesus)? You may want to tell your child about someone in the family, at school or in the parish who helped you grow in faith when you were young.

As a family, talk about the faith you have in God. What can we do, in these coming weeks, to help our family's faith to grow? Perhaps we can: regularly talk about God together; worship God together; pray together; read the Bible. Why not agree to pray for each other throughout this coming week, asking God to increase your family's faith? Decide which family member you will pray for. Can you think of any other ways to help your family's faith to grow?

## FAITH



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Dear Lord Jesus, please increase our faith and move us to action – sharing God's love with everyone we meet. Amen.

## FINDING THREE

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### WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN



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INCREASE FAITH



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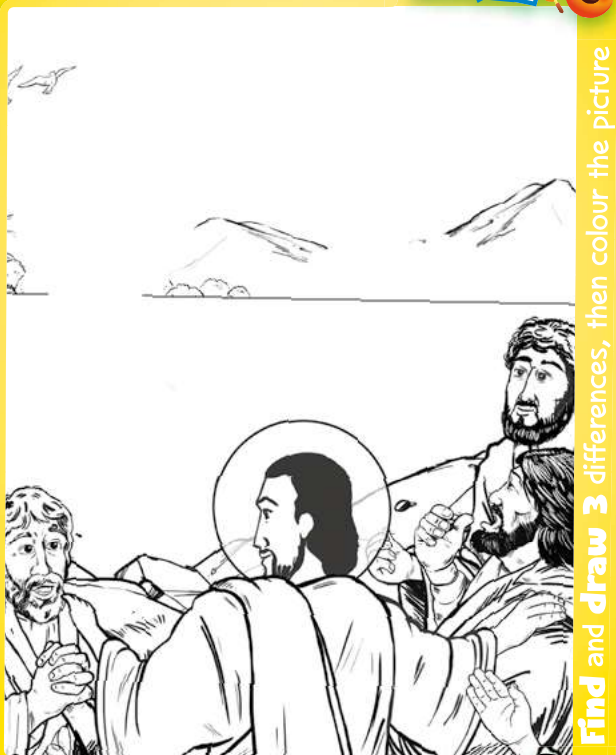
SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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

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The apostles said to Jesus, "Please \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_. Make \_\_\_\_\_ faith \_\_\_\_\_ stronger."

Jesus tells us that faith is a powerful thing and it can help us to do great things. Jesus wants us to have faith in God's help and faith in ourselves. Let's be thankful to God for the great gift of faith.



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley