

**Wednesday**  
3<sup>rd</sup> September



**Good News  
for Families**

# 1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Great crowds followed Jesus on his way and he said to them, "If you want to be my disciple, you must love God more than anything else, even more than your family and even more than you love yourself. If you really want to be my disciple, you must be willing to carry your cross and follow me." Then Jesus gave them this example: "Suppose a builder wanted to build something. Would he not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish what he started.' So, you must be willing to give up everything you have if you want to be my disciple."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September, Luke 14:25-33 (the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

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 **LOYALTY**.



**2**

**Wednesday's Word**

**LOYALTY**



**"We understand that loyalty to God is a matter of loyalty to a person to whom we are bound to walk together on the same road. And this person is Jesus."** Pope Francis

What are some of the things that Jesus said his disciples must do? This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that, to be Jesus' friends, we must put our loyalty to him before anything else in our life. Ask your child what the word 'loyalty' means to them. Who stands out to them as being a loyal friend - someone who stays with them in both good and difficult times? What other qualities make a loyal friend? We can all ask God to help us to grow in loyalty - it's a gift worth asking for.

**"Jesus is the loyal friend who never abandons us."** Pope Francis

To be loyal is to be faithful, reliable, supportive and trustworthy - to keep promises and stand up for the truth. Being loyal to Jesus is not always easy. He asks us to take up our cross. This means that we must sometimes do difficult things like saying sorry or helping when we don't want to. In what other ways can we show our loyalty to Jesus in the new school year? Perhaps we can: always try to love our neighbour as ourselves; spend time with Jesus and listen to him through daily prayer; be self-giving - always trying to put others' needs before our own; try to forgive others in the same way that Jesus forgives us.

**3**

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to grow in our **loyalty** to you: to be trustworthy and reliable people who always stand up for the truth, even when it's hard. Amen.

**WEDNESDAY  
WORDSEARCH**

**SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT  
WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN**

**GREAT  
CROWDS**

**LOVE  
GOD**

**GIVE  
EVERYTHING**

**FOLLOW  
JESUS**

**SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS  
BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY**

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

Cross out  
the letters  
**b k s**  
in the 4 jumbled  
words to find  
4 real words.

**banysthikng Yobkus blosvek smokreb**

Jesus said, " \_\_\_\_\_ must \_\_\_\_\_ God  
\_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ else."

**Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley**

**As I start a new school year, I will try my best to ...**

