

DISCIPLESHIP



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth, upon receiving the Holy Spirit.

May I be inspired to spread your Gospel message through my words and actions.

May I do so joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace!

And, in remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!

Amen.



"Dear young people... Jesus invites us to build together the civilisation of love, as His disciples and missionaries, here and now."



WORD OF THE WEEK

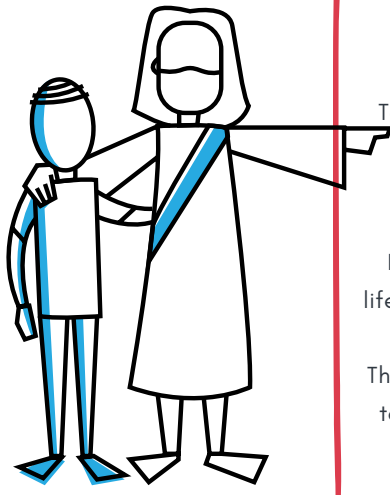
MATTHEW 28: 16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When

they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday (18th May) we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This is when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after His resurrection. Just before His Ascension into heaven Jesus spoke the words of our Word of the Week to his disciples. These words were not just meant for the first disciples but for us too! How can you live out, put into action, this week's Word of the Week?



DISCIPLE AND FRIEND

The word 'disciple' comes from a Latin word, **'discere'**, which means 'to learn'.

To follow Jesus is to learn from Him and make our lives look like His. As disciples Jesus is our role model. You may also have other people you consider role models.

Do you think Jesus is a good role model for your life? Why? Who are the role models in our lives? And why are they good role models for you?

The disciples were Jesus' friends. We too are called to be disciples of Jesus and therefore his friends.

What do friends do for each other?

How can we be friends of Jesus?

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in the city square, during work, on a journey."
Pope Francis



DISCIPLE AND WITNESS

There are many ways people can witness to their faith and inspire others to get to know Jesus better. Everyone who helps us to understand what it means to be a Christian is doing what Jesus told his first disciples to do:

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES.

Who, in your life, inspires you to explore your faith?

What do you think is the best way to share God's message with young people your age? (As a class make a list of these answers and email them to Kate!)



MATTHEW 28: JESUS' GREAT COMMISSION ([CLICK HERE](#)).

DISCIPLESHIP (WATCH UP TO 1:59) ([CLICK HERE](#)).

ONE & ALL - ONE HOPE PROJECT (SONG) ([CLICK HERE](#)).



A MODERN DISCIPLE

Being a disciple doesn't mean you change who you are. We are all called to be disciples using the amazing and wonderful gifts and talents that we were created with.

So what are your gifts and talents?

How could you use them to be a disciple of Jesus and bring God's love to others?

How can you use your gifts and talents to make the world the best place it can be for everyone?



FAITH IN ACTION

Disciples are those that put their faith into action.

Our actions allow others to "see" Jesus in us, and therefore showing them the Gospel.

What could you do today to put your faith into action and be a disciple of Jesus in your actions, allowing others to see Jesus in you?



Check out Blessed Carlo Acutis' story and see how he used his talents and things he enjoyed and was good at to be a disciple of Jesus.

([CLICK HERE](#)).