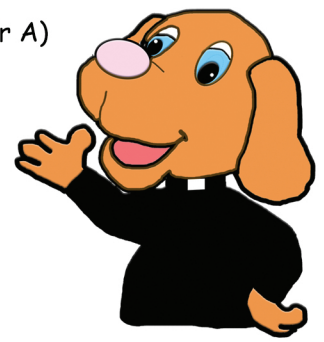


EXPLORE

WEEKLY



A PERSON SINS AGAINST YOU

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him what he did wrong. Do this in private. If he listens to you, then you have helped him to be your brother again. But if he refuses to listen, then go to him again and take one or two other people with you. 'Every case may be proved by two or three witnesses.'

If he refuses to listen to them, then tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen to the church, then treat him as you would one who does not believe in God. Treat him as if he were a tax collector.

"I tell you the truth. The things you don't allow on earth will be the things God does not allow. The things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows.

"Also, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about something, then you can pray for it. And the thing you ask for will be done for you by my Father in heaven. This is true because if two or three people come together in my name, I am there with them."

based on Matthew 18:15-20

Come together in
my name, I am
there!

LET US PRAY

Loving Father, help me to
listen to other people so
I can truly hear what they
are saying and get to know
them better.

Amen

PONDER...

How can you help someone
do the right thing?



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REFLECTION

The way of 'sorting things out' presented by Jesus in today's gospel has proved that it does work and it's still a good way of dealing with other people. Talking to someone face to face about his or her wrong-doings seems to require a lot of courage; that might be true, but it's not the case. What is really important is that you have well-thought-through explanation of why you feel like you do. This works so much better than pure emotion. Turning your feelings into explanations is the most challenging part of any successful conversation.

Another important aspect is knowing whether the problem is real or imagined; whether the problem lies with the other person - or myself. Sometimes we want others to change to match our own habits and ways of doing things, even if they aren't the best choices. When we are talking to someone about them we should be ready to listen to the good and bad points, and be willing to accept this as a way of bettering ourselves so we can together become better and loveable people.

Jesus knows that not everybody is willing to correct their wrong ways, and he admits that sometimes the only way to move forward is to give up and part company with these people. Giving up is sometimes the only way forward, because each one of us has only one life with its limited timespan. Even when there's no hope for them and for us: God never gives up, because at He's got all the time in the world and He is waiting.

PRAYER HAND

You can use your hand to help you when you pray. Each finger is for a different cause. Use the prayer hand to write your own prayer for the people in your life:



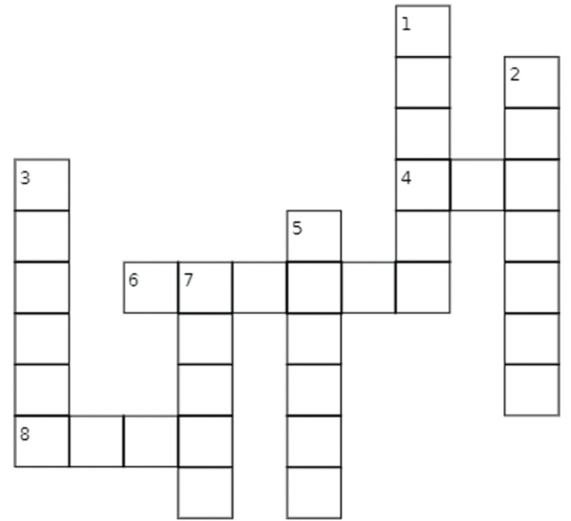
Loving Father, _____

Amen

COLOUR ME!

Jesus Is
With Me
Always

WORD SEARCH



Down:

1. a female who has the same parents
2. a male who has the same parents
3. you use your ears to...
5. the building where you go to Mass
7. to have the same opinion is to...

Across:

4. The number after one
6. sometimes we use this word to address God
8. what a person is called

FAMILY TIME - HELPING OTHERS

St. Teresa of Calcutta or Mother Teresa is a Catholic Nun who devoted her life to helping the poor, the sick, the needy and the helpless. She had very little support from others so she often went hungry so to feed someone else.

In honour of St. Teresa of Calcutta and to celebrate her feast day on 5th September, show your care for the poor and get in touch with your local food bank to find out what they need, usually they have a list of things they need. If not make sure you donate items which are long-life such as cans, pasta, jars, longlife milk, cereal, shampoo, shower gel, soap etc

Then as a family, friends or school organise a collection for the food bank. You could ask people to look into their cupboards and donate things they aren't going to use or ask people to purchase one item each. You could even try to raise some money so you can purchase the much needed items.



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FUN FACT

Mother Teresa was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize** in 1979.

Afterwards, instead of having a party, she asked that the money be donated to the poor.