

Collective Worship - Optional Extension Resource for school use only

The primary aim of *The Wednesday Word* leaflet is for schools to simply share the Gospel each week with parents (and children), so that families can use as they see fit. However, *The Wednesday Word* can also be easily introduced to the children in the classroom, or be a catalyst for other prayerful opportunities within school. A couple of examples for teacher or pupil led prayer are suggested in this leaflet, which we hope you find helpful.

THE *Wednesday*
WORD



**PRAYERFULLY
GIFTING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL**



5 Minute Idea

For prayerfully handing out *The Wednesday Word* in the classroom (or can be adapted for use as a school assembly)

1. Opening prayer - All say:

God our Father, we come together to listen to the Gospel of Jesus, your Son. Help us to listen carefully to what the Gospel is telling us. Amen.



2. Leader:

The Wednesday Word today is... [announce this week's word].

Let's listen to a Gospel story that can remind us of... [this week's word].

3. Leader or child to read aloud the Children's version of the Gospel.



4. Leader:

Let's think about the Gospel quietly for a moment.

How does it show... [this week's word]?

5. A moment's quiet reflection.

6. Leader:

Let us start to close this special time by saying our *Wednesday Word* prayer together.

7. Closing prayer - All say:

Lord Jesus, we have listened carefully to your words. Please help us to share the good news of this week's Gospel with our families, through our actions and our words.

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families, pray for us
(you may also want to mention your school's patron saint).



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10 Minute Idea

For prayerfully handing out *The Wednesday Word* in the classroom (or can be adapted for use as a school assembly)

1. Hymn - the chorus of *Oh the Word of my Lord*.

2. Opening prayer - All say:

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3. Leader:

Before we listen to the Word of God, let us first of all think about something we can thank God for about this day - *pause*. Let's also think about any mistakes we might have made today, and say sorry to God - *pause*. Now let's think about some of the good things we have done today and share those with God - *pause*.

4. Leader:

The Wednesday Word today is... [announce this week's word].
Let's listen to a Gospel story that can remind us of... [this week's word].



5. Leader or child to read aloud the Children's version of the Gospel.

6. Either the leader says a few words about the Gospel (possibly taken from Fr Henry's letter to parents on the front page of leaflet) and its link to *Wednesday's Word* or have one child read aloud the 'Good News for Families Section' or the small feature in the 'Children's Section' (when appropriate).

7. A moment's quiet reflection.

8. Leader:

Let us start to close this special time by saying our *Wednesday Word* prayer together.

9. Closing prayer - All say:

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10. Hymn - the chorus of *Oh the Word of my Lord*.

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