Our mission today:

to find out why we pray more during Lent.

Use the words on the right to fill in the blank spaces below.

Lent lasts 40 days. The final day of Lent is _____ _____ .

This is the day on which Jesus shared the _____ _____

with his good friends, the _____ .

During Lent we are invited to become friends with Jesus too, by spending more time

with him in _____ .

Prayer enables us to share our thoughts and _____ with Jesus.

Prayer enables us to sit quietly and rest _____ with Jesus.

Prayer enables us to ask Jesus to _____ those people we are concerned about.

prayer

Disciples

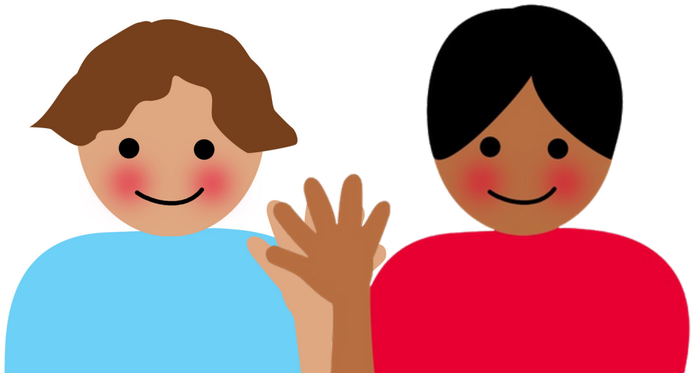
worries

Holy Thursday

help

safely

Last Supper



As a boy, Jesus understood that prayer **united** him with God, his Father.

Jesus also understood that prayer **united** him with other people too.

And it did not matter where the other people were.

They could be **praying together** with Jesus in the same place,

or **praying together** but in different towns,

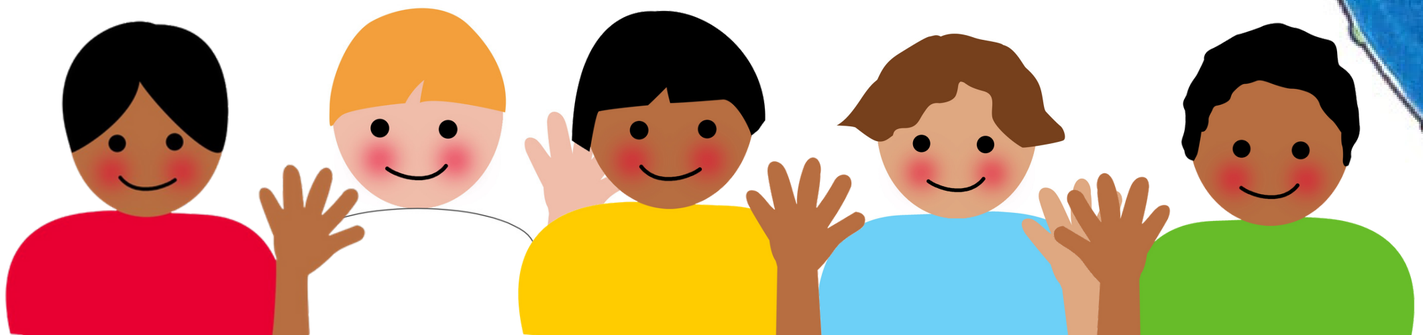
or **praying together** but in different parts of the world!

When we all pray to God the Father, we are all **united.**

Like one huge family, **praying together** as God's children.

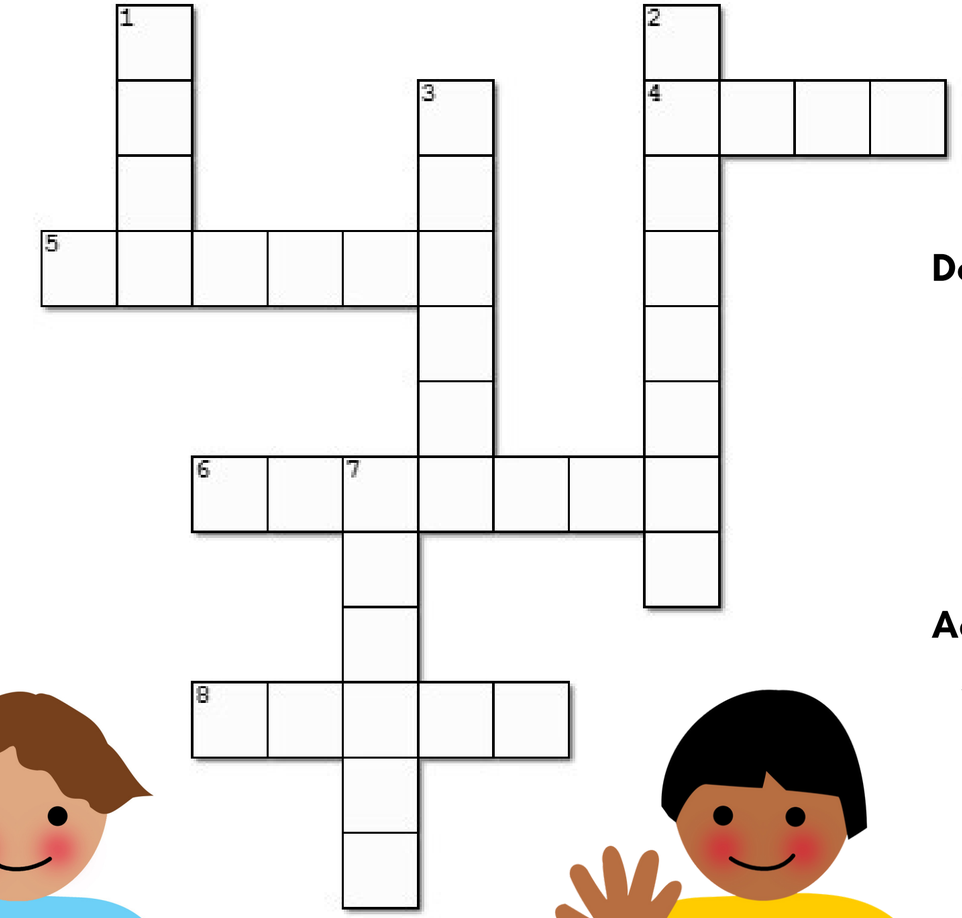
Explain what the word UNITED means...

Draw a line linking each child below with their home continent. Blue = Oceania, Green = Africa, White = Europe, Yellow = Asia, Red = Americas



Continent Crossword

This is a Mission Rosary. The different coloured beads represent the different continents. Complete the crossword puzzle by answering the questions.

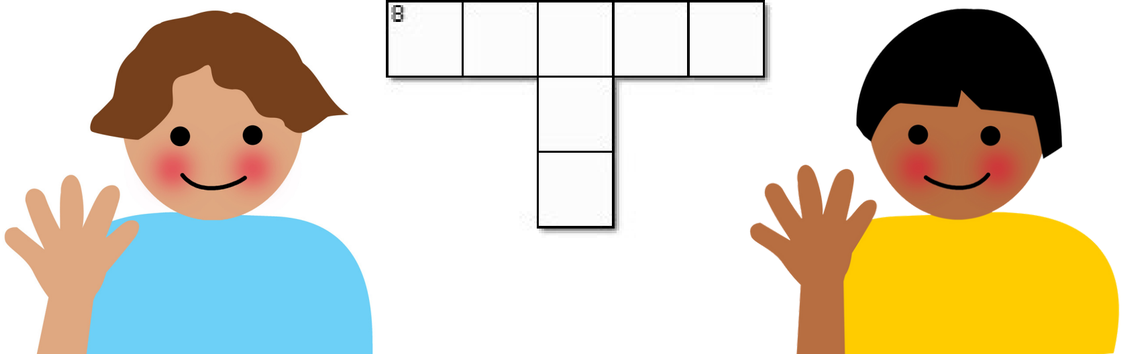


Down

1. We use the **yellow** beads to pray for children on this continent.
2. We use the **red** beads to pray for children on this continent.
3. We use the **green** beads to pray for children on this continent.
7. We use **white** beads to pray for children on this continent.

Across

4. One of the prayers we use to say the Mission Rosary is the ***'Hail'*** what?
5. Another prayer we use to say the Mission Rosary is the ***'Our'*** what?
6. We use **blue** beads to pray for children on this continent.
8. One of the prayers we use to say the Mission Rosary is ***'The _____ Be'***



During Lent we are invited to become **friends with Jesus**, by spending time with Him in prayer.

We do this because we know that the best way to build **friendships** with others is by **spending time** with them. There are other good ways to build and strengthen friendships too. Three ways are listed below. Write any other ways you can think of underneath.

1. Listening to each other.
2. Including people.
3. Saying sorry and forgiving.

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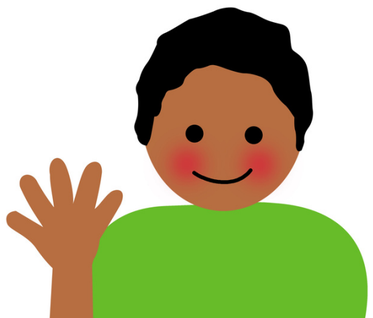
_____

There are lots of different ways we spend time with Jesus in prayer. We can:

- Sit quietly and share any worries we have with him.
- Go to Mass and be very close to Jesus at communion.
- Write a prayer for people we care about.
- Pray the Mission Rosary with our class.
- Sing or play a hymn or worship song for Jesus – even write your own!
- Paint a prayer pebble and leave it for others to find.



Painted Prayer Pebbles

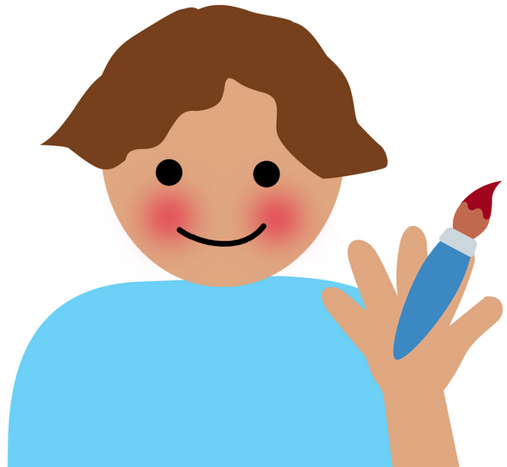
We don't always have to use words to pray. Painting and drawing can be ways to share with Jesus how we are feeling or what we are thinking.

Painting and drawing are also ways to express God's love for the world. Prayer Pebbles are a good example of how we can do this during Lent, Holy Week, or Easter.

Prayer Pebbles display pictures or messages of faith and hope, like:

> ***'Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed,***
> ***for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'***
>
> *Joshua 1:9 (adapted)*

Prayer Pebbles are left in places where others can see them. Anyone can paint one, you just need a large, clean pebble or stone, and some paint. Why not create your own!



Prayer Pebble Challenge

Your challenge is to create **two** prayer pebbles, one for a **child in school** and one for a Mission Together **child overseas**, like Malaya or Tala

- Before you start painting, think of pictures that represent hope.
- You might add hopeful words, or a line from a Bible reading.
- For your overseas pebble, include the Mission Rosary colour for that continent. E.g. If your prayer pebble is for a child in the Philippines, remember to add the colour yellow for Asia.
- Once finished, leave your prayer pebbles in your school prayer garden, or prayer corner; to remind you to pray for the children.
- Don't worry about painting a perfect pebble, what matters is that you made the time to pray and to share God's love with others.

Malaya and Tala live in the Philippines. They belong to a community – called the Badjao people – who are often bullied and treated unfairly because the way they live is different from most people.

Thankfully, the Badjao are being helped by a group of Religious Sisters. With help from Mission Together, the Sisters are making sure the children receive health care and a good education.

The Sisters are helping the Badjao know that God the Father loves all his children equally, and wants us all to care for each other as brothers and sisters.

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