

November

Our Month to Remember



Name of pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Jesus, the Way to the Father (Jn 14:1-3)

'Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am'.

### Reflection

1. I wonder what Jesus means when he talks about many rooms in his Father's house?
2. I wonder what Jesus means when by his Father's house?
3. How, in this passage, does Jesus show that he and God care for us?

Write or draw anything you would like to say to Jesus on reading this scripture passage.

Reflection

November is a month when we remember. It is a time when we think of people we loved or someone that other people talk a lot about because they loved them. We remember the good and the love they showed when they were alive. When we remember them in love we believe that they are now with God. We believe they are in heaven.

In our tradition we say a prayer remembering those who had died, those we loved, those we hear others talk about, those who are saints and did kind acts while they lived.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen”

Write or draw what your prayers are for those who have died.

During November we remember Saints. These are people who prayed to God and who did acts of kindness during their life time that other people remember. November 1st is when we remember all Saints. Can you think of any customs or traditions you know about or practice for remembering those who have died. For example some visit the grave of their loved ones, some have what we call memorial cards, some light a candle.

Draw a picture or write about a Saint you pray to or have learnt about

Listen to the following parable. A parable is a story Jesus told to those who were listening in order to teach a truth or a lesson about God.

### **Parable of the the Ten Young Women (Mt 25:1-13)**

Jesus said: 'At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there were ten young women who took their oil lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and the other five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any extra with them, while the wise ones took containers full of oil for their lamps. The bridegroom was late in coming, so the women began to nod and fall asleep. It was already midnight when the cry rang out, "Here is the bridegroom! Come and meet him!" The ten young women woke up and trimmed their lamps. Then the foolish ones said to the wise ones, "Let us have some of your oil, because our lamps are going out." "No, indeed," the wise ones answered, "there is not enough for you and for us. Go to the store and buy some for yourselves." So the foolish ones went off to buy some oil; and while they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. The five who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was closed. Later the other women arrived. "Sir, sir! Let us in!" they cried out. "Certainly not! I don't know you," the bridegroom answered. And Jesus concluded, 'Be on your guard, then because you do not know the day or the hour.'

### **Reflection**

1. How does Jesus describe the ten young women in this story?
2. What does Jesus mean by being foolish and wise in this story?
3. Do we have a choice to be wise or foolish in life?
4. What did Jesus mean when he said, 'Be on your guard, then because you do not know the day or the hour.'
5. If you had to tell someone what this parable was teaching what would say it is teaching you?

Draw an image, a symbol, a picture that you see as you think what heaven is as you think of those who have died and maybe those you may have known or heard others talk about.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen"

