

*We are learning to reflect upon what KNOWLEDGE means.*

*"Knowledge is the gift that helps us to know ourselves, God and the world around us."*

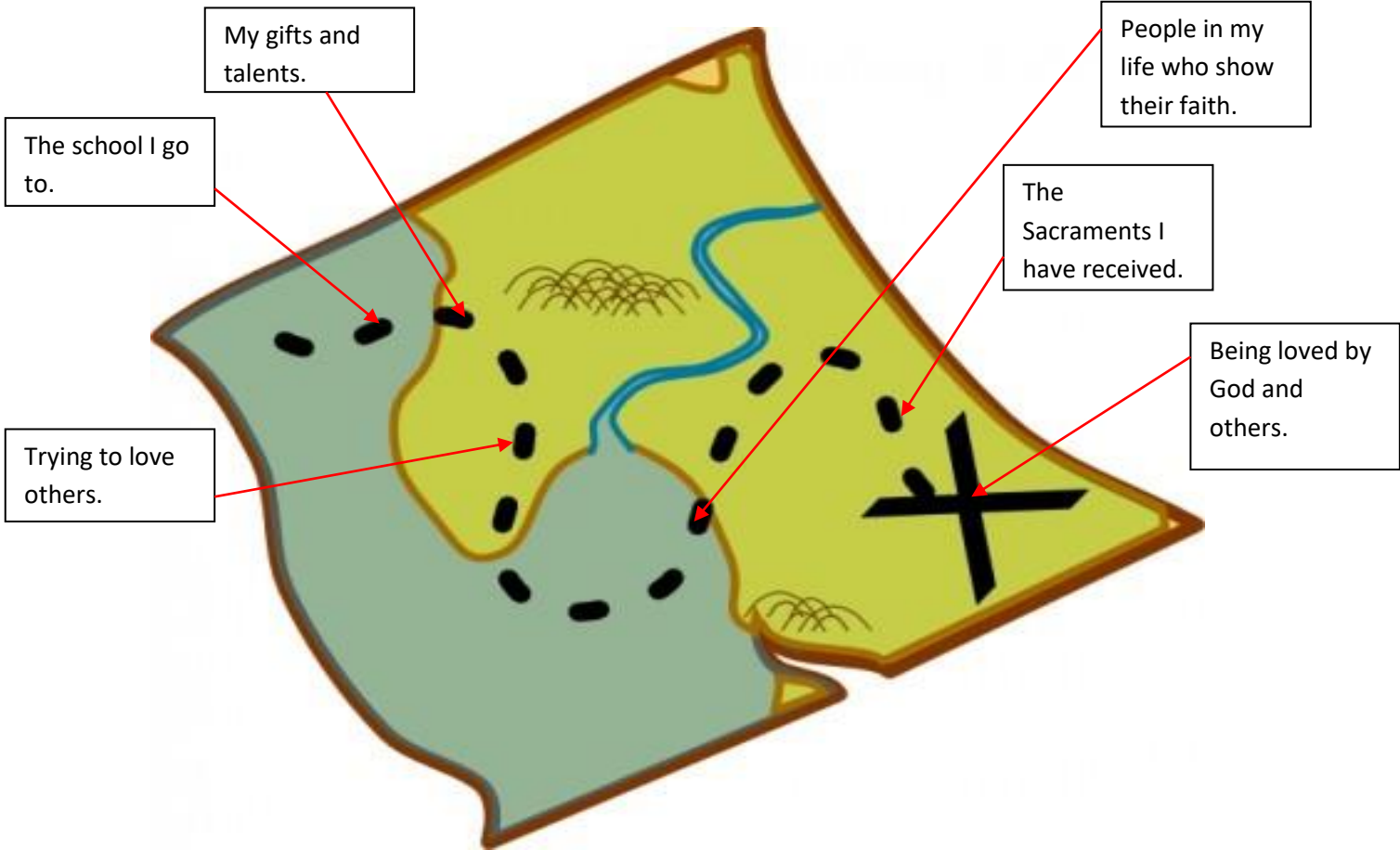
We learned that the gift of KNOWLEDGE is a map for our life, helping us to know where our journey of faith is leading us.

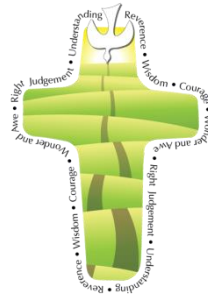
We also heard in the scripture passage that KNOWLEDGE is like a hidden treasure that we should try to find.

Take time to think carefully about where you find the treasure of faith in your life.

Imagine that you have to help someone find the hidden treasure of faith.

Draw a map or write clues that would help someone find this treasure in their life. There is an example below.





*We are learning to reflect upon what PIETY means*

“Piety helps us to pray with trust and respect and to see God in everything around us.”

You can do the following with your family or on your own.

Make some time to pray at home.

Ask your family if they would like to pray with you.

Start by saying the faith award prayer together.

Then spend some time talking to God about what you have learned about Reverence.

Tell him about all of the places, people and things where you see him.

With trust, ask God to help you to love him and those around you, even when it is difficult.

Take some time to listen and to hear God speaking to you while you pray.

We learned that Piety teaches us to treat our fragile world gently, including our friends & family. St. Francis was a witness to this reverence throughout his life.

St. Francis's life witnessed piety and respect for the world. One story recalls Francis washing his hands in a secluded area so that no one would trample the water as it returned to the earth.

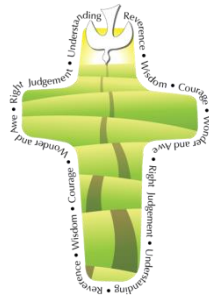
Francis described water as “useful, humble, precious, and pure.”



This image symbolises St. Francis love of God and love of nature.

It illustrates how St. Francis used the gift Piety every day and night, in the land and on sea and how his love of God was at the centre of this Piety.

Draw your own symbol to illustrate your learning about Piety.

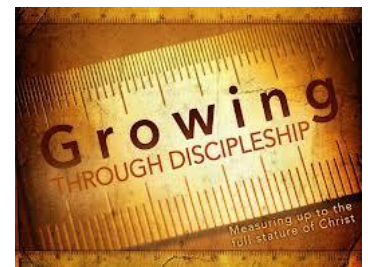


*We are learning to reflect upon what UNDERSTANDING means.*

“Understanding helps us to have an insight into what God is asking us to do and how we should live our lives.”

We have reflected upon how the gift of Knowledge helps us to see where the journey of faith is leading us and how the gift of reverence teaches us to treat everyone and everything we meet along the way with kindness and respect.

Understanding is the gift that helps us to make sense of all the other gifts. It gives our faith life and teaches us to see the practical ways that we can be disciples of Jesus.



Make a list of all the things that God might ask you to do in your life. (Remember...think about your life now; in the past AND the future. It doesn't always have to be BIG things God asks, think of the **small** things too.)

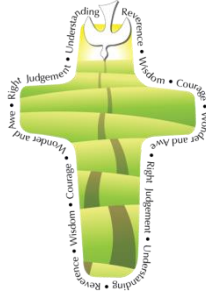
Take time to think back over the last week.

Can you think of any moments where you knew for sure what God was asking you to do?

Spend a few minutes reflecting on:

How you knew what God was asking of you; how did you feel?; what did you do?; how this was you using the gift of Understanding.





*We are learning to reflect upon what FORTITUDE means.*

“A person with fortitude has the strength to stand up for what is right, even it means being unpopular.”

Think about all that you have learned about the gift of *FORTITUDE*.

We know that Jesus often had to stand up for what was right and was sometimes unpopular.

Choose a passage from the Gospel which tells of one of these occasions.

Write a short play, putting the story into your own words.

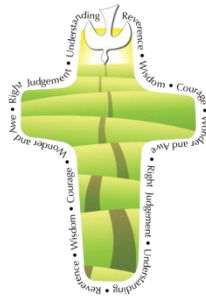


Often, when people are finding it difficult to stand up for what they believe in, they pray.

In many Churches there artefacts such statues, paintings and candles that help people to reflect on their difficulty and to find the courage for what they have to do. The statues are often of Saints and we remember their life and get inspiration from it, or we ask them to take our prayers directly to God. The paintings often show illustrations from the Bible or the lives of the Saints. By looking at these we can learn more about the history of our faith. When we look at them while praying we can gain strength from knowing that Jesus and the Holy men and women who lived before us sometimes struggled too. Candles symbolise that Jesus is the light of the world and that even though we may feel like we are in a dark lonely place, he can help guide us by shining his light for us. The candle also stays lit long after our prayers have been said, symbolising that even though we have left the Church our prayers remain. We know that God will listen to them.



- Visit your local parish and look at all of the artefacts within the Church.
- Make a list of these within your journal.
- Try to find out what the artefact is used for.
- If you have candles within your Church, light one and say a prayer.



*We are learning to reflect upon what FEAR OF THE LORD means.*

“Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom because it helps us see that God is the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.”



In your journal write the words “God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth”

Make a collage of pictures which show all the things that God has created.

Take your collage home and show it to your family.

Explain to them what you have learned about *FEAR OF THE LORD* and how you can all use this gift in your lives.



*We are learning to reflect upon what WISDOM means.*

Wisdom helps us to say, "I understand how to love".

Loving others comes in many different shapes and sizes.

From a very early age we learn how to give and receive love.

In our local parish community there are many people who, by using the gift of Wisdom, have understood that they have a special role to play.

Meet with some people who are active within your parish and interview them.

Tell them what you have learned about Wisdom.

Ask them to share the ways they use the gift of Wisdom in their parish, work and family lives.

Find out if Wisdom has ever helped to 'shine a light' on how they should love in a difficult situation.

Say the 'Faith Award Prayer' together with your new parish friends.



Write a few words in your journal about who you met and what you chatted about.

