

God's work is done by all sorts of people

26th Sunday

Year B



Prayer

Sign of the Cross. Let's praise. Let's sing. (See p. 133)

quietly by yourselves



Do you know anyone who doesn't go to Church?
Are they good people?
Do they do good things?

Tell everyone...

when each child has had time to think

Encourage the children to name all the goodness in their non-Catholic friends and family.
Encourage the children to see and name the goodness in their Catholic friends and family who might not go to Mass.
Help them to see that in many ways they know and love Jesus too.



One day John (Jesus' friend) came to Jesus in a worried state. A man who was not a follower of Jesus had been copying him, doing what Jesus and his friends did. This man told people that Jesus said he could do these things for him. John had tried to stop him.

welcome the Gospel. Sing Alleluia. (See p. 220)

all stand (adapted from Mark 9:45)

Jesus said, "You must not stop him if he is doing good."



This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's chat

all sit (some suggestions)

Did you think the man was doing good?

Draw a picture of all the good people you know doing good things because they love Jesus too.

Thank you Jesus for all these good people.



ARE YOU FOR ME, OR AGAINST ME?

VISUAL AIDS

- > Picture of windmills, yachts, kites.
- > Kite shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is true, Lord.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the Good News given to us by Mark:
Glorify to you, Lord.

One day John said to Jesus, 'Master, we have seen a man we don't know casting out devils in your name. But he does not follow you like we do.'
Jesus replied, 'You must not stop him. If he is doing good in my name he will not

SHARING

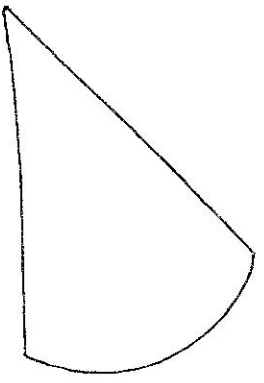
What do kites, windmills and yachts all have in common?
- they depend on the wind to make them move
- they show us the power of wind.
Encourage the children to share their experiences of kite flying, yacht sailing, etc.
We cannot see the wind, but we can see what it does.
God's spirit is like the wind. We cannot see the spirit, but we can see what the spirit does.
How? Where?
God's spirit is the spirit of love; the spirit shows in the lives of people who live with love.
In today's Gospel Jesus tells us about God's spirit of love.

harm me. Anyone who is not against us, is for us. Anyone who gives as little as a cup of cold water in my name will be rewarded. But pity help anyone or anything that does get in the way of those who are for me!

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DISCUSSION

What did John say to Jesus?
And what did Jesus reply?
Just as you cannot stop the wind from blowing you cannot stop good from being done.



ACTIVITIES

- Give out the kite cut-outs.
- Have the children write or draw what it is they would like the spirit to blow them to do in the week ahead.
- I have the children make up a Litany, ending with 'Love is being like Jesus, who gave everything for us, even his life.'