

MONDAY MISSION

Monday
7th September

THIS WEEK'S WORD

Matthew 18:15-20
Reconciliation

Learning to love, forgive and make peace

THE GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile or a tax collector.

I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. I tell you solemnly again, if two of you on earth agree to ask for anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven.

For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."



THE KEY MESSAGE



Jesus teaches us how to repair relationships and build peace. He calls us to be peacemakers, not walk away or hold grudges. He is with us when we try to make things right.

REFLECTION – THINK, PRAY, DISCUSS

We all have times when we fall out with someone. It might be a friend at school, a brother or sister, or someone we care about. Jesus shows us a kind and fair way to sort things out. First, he says to speak to the person gently and in private. Most of the time, this helps and friendship is restored. If not, he tells us to ask for help from others and, if needed, from the wider community. Jesus wants us to care about one another and never give up on love.

When we forgive and say sorry, we show that we have a big heart—just like Jesus. He promises to be with us whenever we come together in his name to love, forgive and support each other.

THE PATH TO PEACE

Jesus' way to mend a broken friendship

- 1 **SPEAK KINDLY IN PRIVATE**
Go to the person and calmly tell them how you feel. Listen to their side too.
- 2 **TAKE SOMEONE WITH YOU**
If it still isn't sorted, ask one or two trusted people to help.
- 3 **BRING OTHERS IN**
If it's still not resolved, ask for help from someone who can guide and support you.
- 4 **KEEP LOVING**
Forgive, let go and choose peace. Never give up on treating others with kindness.

"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God."
Matthew 5:9

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for showing us how to love one another. Help us to be brave enough to say sorry, kind enough to forgive and patient enough to listen. Fill our hearts with peace so we can build strong friendships and be peacemakers in our world. You are with us always. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MISSION

★ Be a peacemaker!

This week, I will do one thing to repair a friendship or bring peace where there is hurt or tension.

I can:

- ☐ Say sorry to someone.
- ☐ Forgive someone who hurt me.
- ☐ Include someone who feels left out.
- ☐ Encourage a friend who is upset.
- ☐ Pray for someone I find difficult.

When we choose peace, Jesus is with us!

