

## Learned and Wise

Learning objectives:

- Describe what is meant by the Catholic virtues **learned** and **wise**
- Explain how we might practise these virtues
- Identify how others in our Archdiocese are being learned and wise

**Learned:** learning how God wants us to live our lives

Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants.

**Wise:** knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice.

God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus.

### **What qualities does God want us to show in our everyday lives?**

He wants us to be kind, loving, respectful and trustworthy. He wants us to do as Jesus did.

#### **Key stage 1: circle time**

Ruby is setting up a game in the playground. She has invited everybody in her class to join in, except Sophie.

**How do you think Sophie feels about this? (Discuss.)**

**What wiser choices could Ruby have made to stop Sophie feeling like this? (Discuss.)**

God calls on us to be kind to everybody, even people who we don't like.

Ruby knew that the kind thing to do would have been to invite Sophie to play. But she didn't make a **wise** choice. She did not put her knowledge into practice like God wants her to.

**Activity:** draw a picture of everyone in your class playing a game together. Leave nobody out.

Help me love, help me care, help me smile, help me share.

Help me give, help me grow, help me laugh, help me know.

Amen.

*Prayer: © L Cain, July 2006*

When we learn something in RE, do we actually practise it? We should use the knowledge that we have learned in RE just like we use maths when we go shopping. It should be part of our daily lives. Examples of how we practise learning from our RE lessons:

- Jesus commands us to, “Love one another, as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)
- “The people asked John, ‘then what shall we do?’ He answered, if you have two shirts, share with the person who does not have one. If you have food, share that also.” (Luke 3:10-11)
- We thank God – we pray daily in class.
- “Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help.” (Proverbs 3:27)
- “Generous people will be blessed because they share their food with the poor.” (Proverbs 22:9)

### **Key stage 2: activity 1**

*Father Hudson's Care is your local Catholic charity, reaching out to those most in need in our community. They have learned how God has called us to live our lives and how he wants us to look after those most in need.*

**Using some or all of the examples below, in groups discuss and write down how these teachings can be applied in everyday life.**

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### **Key stage 2: activity 2**

**Using your knowledge of Father Hudson's Care and its website, list the groups of people served by the charity.**

[www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk) – show this to class on the whiteboard if necessary.

*Example answer: older people, people with a disability, refugees, homeless people and families in the Archdiocese of Birmingham.*

## Key stage 2: activity 3

### Read Matthew, 25:35-40

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?”

The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

### Which of Father Hudson’s projects or services put into practice the message of this teaching?

*Example answers:*

*“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Brushstrokes reaches out to refugees.*

*“I was sick and you visited me.” Volunteers befriend older people who cannot leave their homes.*

Father Hudson’s Care is your local Catholic charity, reaching out to those most in need in our community. They have learned how God has called us to live our lives and how he wants us to look after those most in need. They are wise because they are putting it into practice by helping:

- Lonely, older people
- The homeless
- Refugees
- People with disabilities
- And families who struggle and need extra help

You have the opportunity to help Father Hudson’s Care by raising money for them through their Good Shepherd Appeal, which happens each year during Lent.

*If your School and Parish Engagement Officer is coming to the school to give an assembly in Lent, this can be mentioned here.*

Jesus said...

John 13:13 "You call me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am."

John 13:15 "I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you."

John 13:34 "And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."



*Jesus speaks to his disciples, from the Maestà altarpiece by Duccio.*

**Prayer:** Grant, gentle Father,  
that your Spirit may give us the will and the courage  
to act to make a difference,  
in order to make real your kingdom among us,  
so that we may we all live together  
in peace, truth, justice and love,  
sharing the resources of the earth.  
Amen

Prayer: [www.jesuitinstitute.org](http://www.jesuitinstitute.org)

Brushstrokes Community Project  
Smethwick

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