



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Find this story in your Bible in John 14. 15 - 21

Sunday 17th May

Start with a discussion:

- Can you name some of the Ten Commandments?
- Why do you think God gave us these Commandments?

The story

This week we are being told that Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to look after us and in return we are asked to follow the Commandments set out in the Bible.

The Ten Commandments tell us how we are to treat God and other people. They tell us about being a good Christian and looking after others. They also tell us to think about our actions and make sure they are the correct thing to do. We have to think about how our actions can impact on other people's lives and feelings and that we should treat others like we would want to be treated ourselves. We should care for other people who are in less fortunate positions than us and in return Jesus will make sure the Holy Spirit looks after us.

This week like the Holy Spirit cares for us, we are going to care for a plant and pass it on to someone who we have missed while we have all been staying separated in our household groups. All the love and care you put into this plant will then be passed on to this special person.

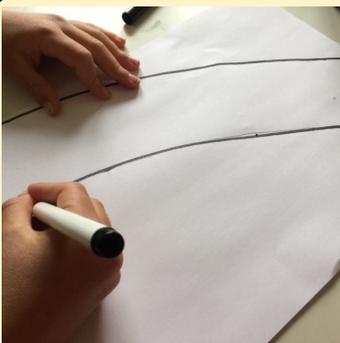


Activity: Care Planter

You will need:

- Plant pot/ Bottom of a drinks bottle/yoghurt pot/toilet roll tube...anything that will contain the soil and a seed or plant.
- White paper.
- Scissors
- Drawing materials (pencils/pens)
- Sticky back plastic or cellotape
- Compost/soil from your garden
- Seed, apple/orange pip, or a cutting.

This activity has been designed to adapt to what materials you have available at home in the current circumstances. If there is something you don't have don't worry just swap it out. The theme is about caring about the seed/plant once it is planted and taking your time and effort to love and care for something in order to gift it on to a loved one when you are able to see them again.



Create a template that will fit around your plant pot. Draw your design onto the template and colour in. If you are using a container that does not have

holes in the base, ask an adult to help you add these.



Cut out your design.
Cover it with either sticky back plastic or cellotape.
This will protect it from getting damaged when you water your plant.



Fill your plant pot with compost or soil from your garden. If you are adding a seed, plant this approx. 2cm below the top of the soil or if using packet seeds, follow the instructions. We are repotting a cutting of a Betony plant and are making sure all the roots are buried deep in the soil to protect them

Finally give your seed or plant a good water. Be sure to check on it everyday and make sure it has the best conditions to grow.



The things a plant needs to grow strong are:

- Light
- Air
- Water
- A nice temperature, not too hot and not too cold
- And importantly it needs you to look after it and make sure it has all these things.



Care for it until you can give it as a gift to someone you can't see at the moment.