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The Sower - (Matthew 13:4-9, 18-23)



I have deepened my understanding of the Kingdom of God by studying three or more of the Kingdom parables in Chapter 13 of the Gospel of Matthew

The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.

Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil,

and they sprang up quickly,

1 of 4 since they had no depth of soil.



Can you see the different seeds, scattered and sown?
Learn the hymn "Seed scattered and sown"

The Parable of the Sower

But when the sun rose, they were scorched;
and since they had no root, they withered away.

Other seeds fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Let anyone with ears listen!



List the different sorts of ground that the seed fell on.

Discuss in pairs and share your thoughts with the class.

The Parable of the Sower

'Hear then the parable of the sower.
When anyone hears the word of the kingdom
and does not understand it,
the evil one comes and snatches away
what is sown in the heart;
this is what was sown on the path.
As for what was sown on rocky ground,
this is the one who hears the word
and immediately receives it with joy;

yet such a person has no root,
but endures only for a while,
and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word,
that person immediately falls away.

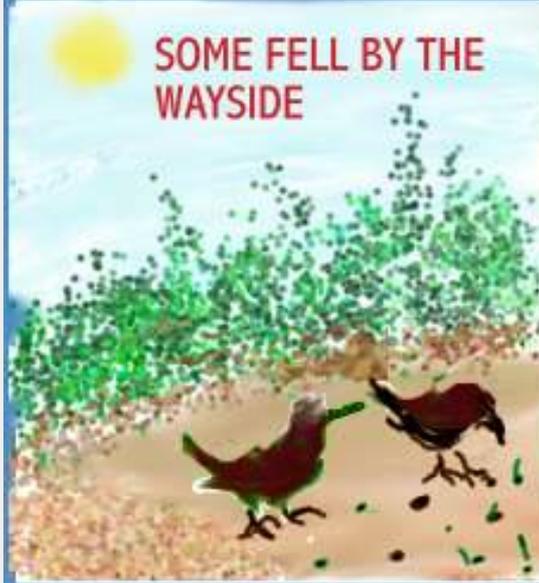
SOME FELL UPON A ROCK



SOME FELL AMONG THORNS



SOME FELL BY THE
WAYSIDE



SOME FELL ON GOOD GROUND



Make a class illustration of the Parable of the Sower.

The Parable of the Sower

As for what was sown among thorns,
this is the one who hears the word,
but the cares of the world
and the lure of wealth choke the word,
and it yields nothing.

But as for what was sown on good soil,
this is the one who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields,
in one case a hundredfold,
in another sixty, and in another thirty.'



Does this image help you to understand the Parable of the Sower?
Discuss with your classmates and teacher.

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The Darnel - (Matthew 24:3a, 36-43)



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The Parable of the Darnel (weeds amongst wheat)

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives,
the disciples came to him privately,
saying,
'Tell us, when will this be,
and what will be the sign of your coming
and of the end of the age?'

The Parable of the Darnel (weeds amongst wheat)

He put before them another parable:
"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone
who sowed good seed in his field;
but while everybody was asleep,
an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat,
and then went away.

So when the plants came up and bore grain,
then the weeds appeared as well.
And the slaves of the householder
came and said to him,
'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?
Where, then, did these weeds come from?'

The Parable of the Darnel (weeds amongst wheat)

He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Note: This parable is often seen as explaining the presence of evil in the world.

Discuss in pairs

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The Mustard Seed- (Matthew 13: 31-42)



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The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He put before them another parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,

so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

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The Yeast - (Matthew 13: 33)



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The Parable of the Yeast

He told them another parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Note: This parable is often used to teach about the presence of Christians in the world, making a difference to the lives of all.

Discuss how you can be leaven in your school, family and parish.

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The Treasure in the Field, The Pearl of Great Price - (Matthew 13: 44 -46)



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The Parable of Treasure in the Field.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid;

then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."





QUEST:

*Mysteries
of the Kingdom*



The Parable of Pearl of Great Price

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.



The Parable of The Dragnet

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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The Dragnet - (Matthew 13: 47 - 50)



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Fish caught in a dragnet.

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I can recognise that the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love lie at the heart of the reign of God and I have deepened my understanding of this through a prayerful study of Paul's Hymn to Love (1 Corinthians 13:4-13)

Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud.
It does not dishonor others,
it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.

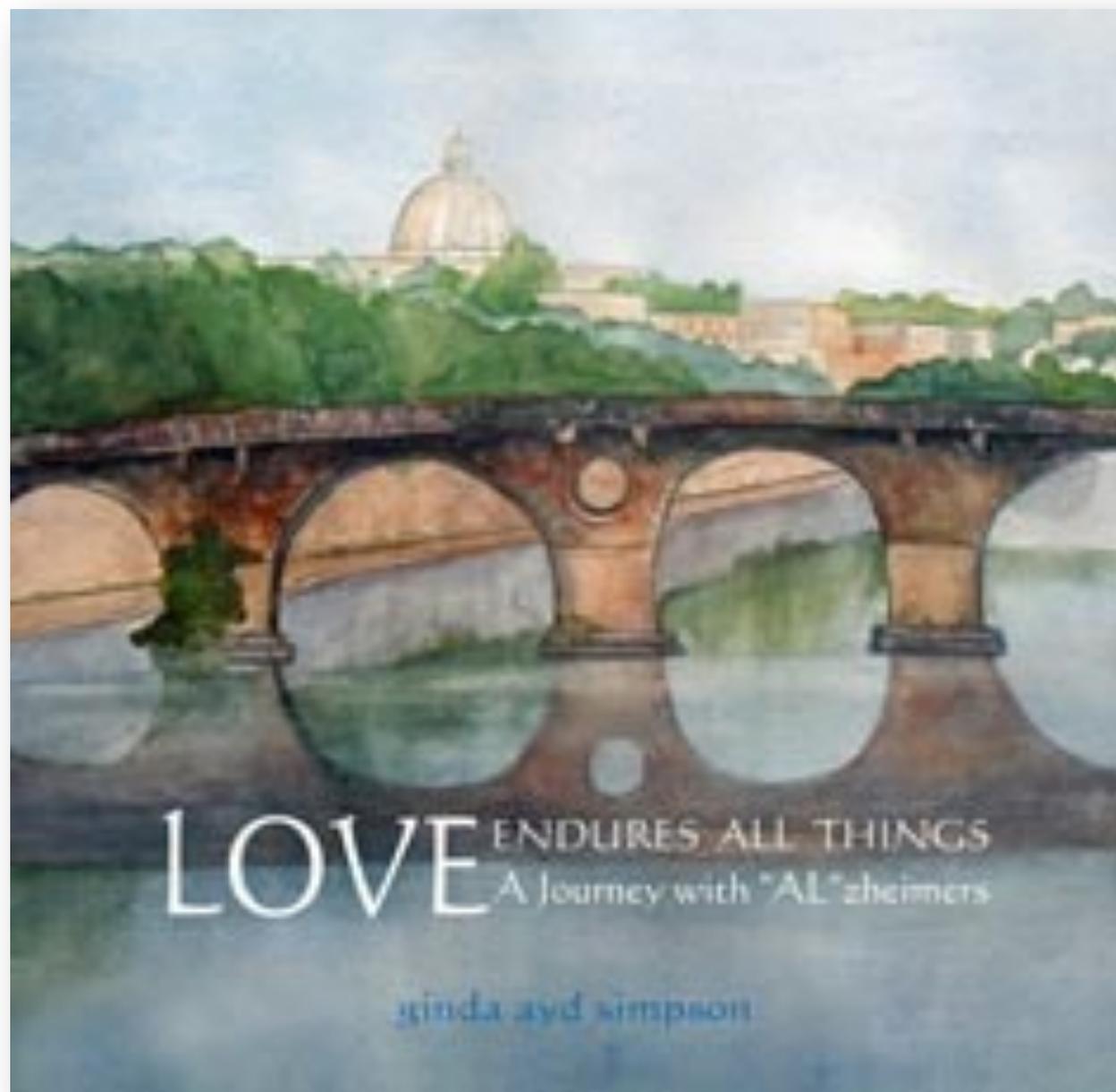
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.
Love never fails.

TEN WAYS TO LOVE

1. **LISTEN** without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. **SPEAK** without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. **GIVE** without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. **PRAY** without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. **ANSWER** without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. **SHARE** without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. **ENJOY** without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. **TRUST** without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
9. **FORGIVE** without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. **PROMISE** without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)



But where there are prophecies, they will cease;
where there are tongues, they will be stilled;
where there is knowledge, it will pass away.
For we know in part and we prophesy in part,
but when completeness comes,
what is in part disappears.



LOVE ENDURES ALL THINGS
A Journey with "AL"zheimers

ginda syd simpson

When I was a child,
I talked like a child,
I thought like a child,
I reasoned like a child.
When I became a man,
I put the ways of childhood behind me.
For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror;
then we shall see face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully,
even as I am fully known.
And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.

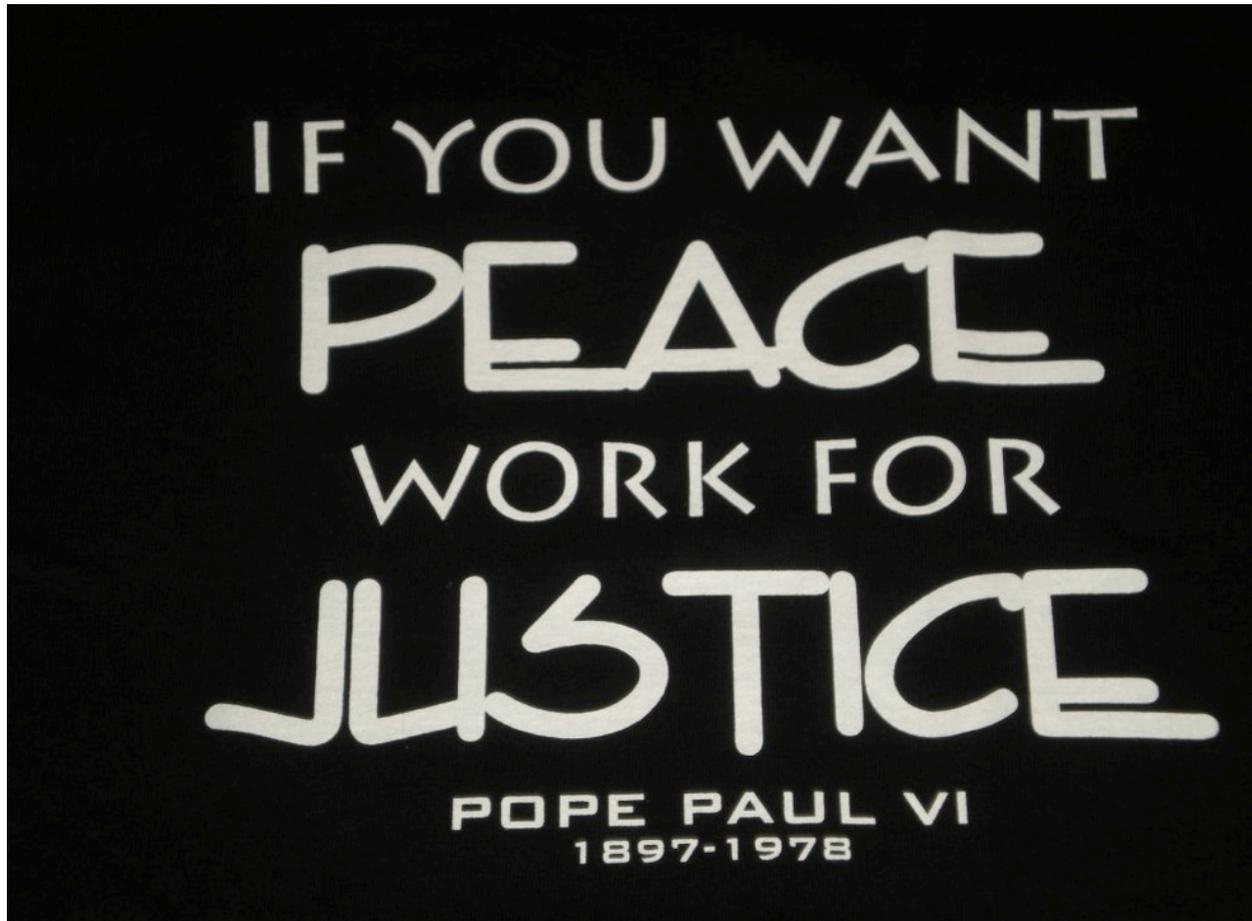
But the greatest of these is love.

And now these
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and love.
But the greatest of
these is love.



1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

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In recalling my learning about the Reign of God in P5 (RERC2-20a) I understand that justice is closely linked to peace.

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I can identify the practical implications of God's call to live a life of justice and peace, having studied this scripture passage:
First letter of John 3:17-18

How does God's love abide in anyone
who has the world's goods
and sees a brother or sister
in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love,
not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.

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The advertisement features the SciAF logo on the left, which includes the text "SciAF" with a small Scottish flag above the 'i' and "Scotland's aid agency" below it. In the center, a circular photograph shows a young boy smiling while sitting on the ground with a hen and her chicks. The photo is framed by a vibrant rainbow. To the right of the photo is a white cloud graphic. Below the photo is a blue speech bubble with a yellow string tied around it, containing the text "our biggest ever range of life-changing gifts". On the far left, there are two small, stylized yellow chick icons.

I can identify factors which cause economic poverty and have focussed specifically on unjust trading.

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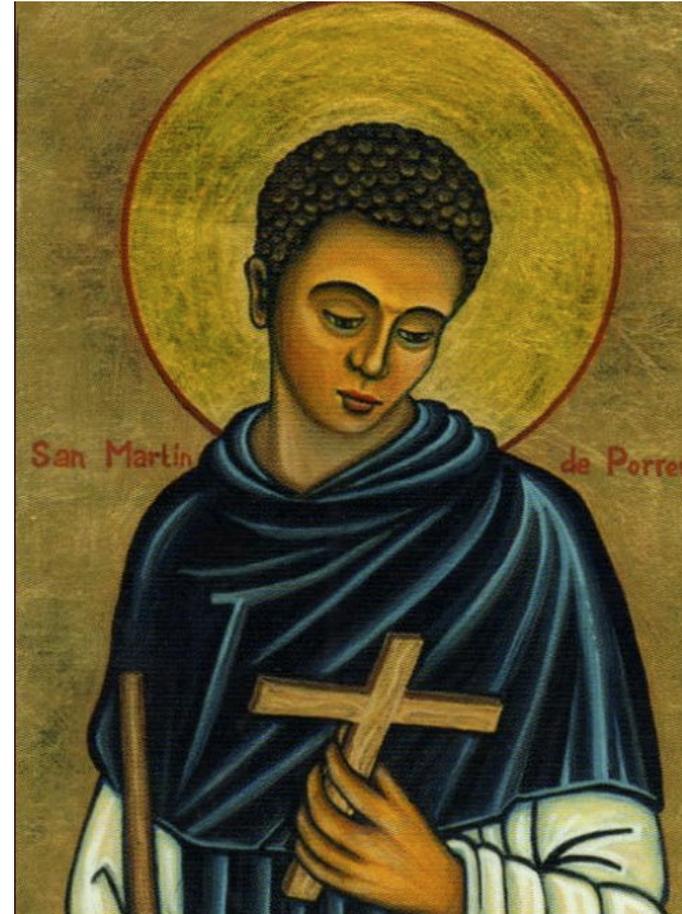
Challenge:

How does your school Eco-Committee care for the earth?

Which charities help To share the earth's resources more fairly?

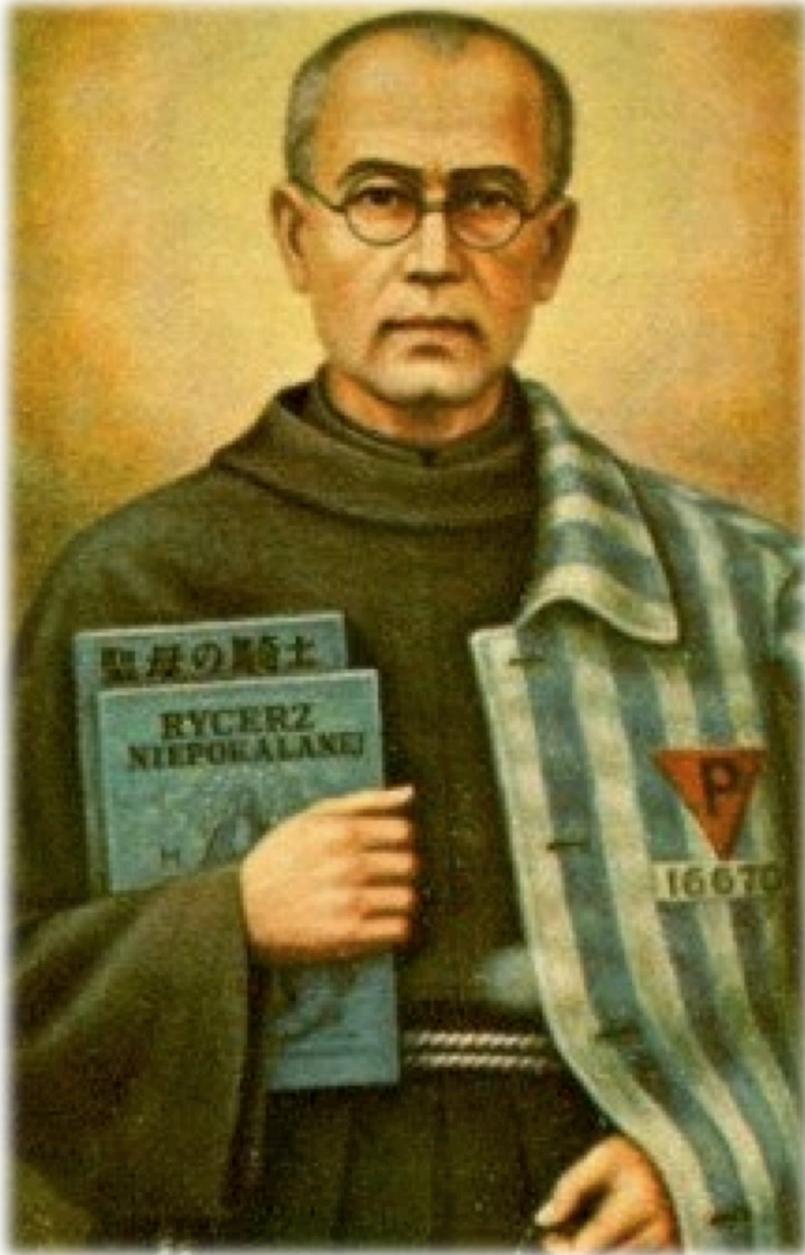
I know that God's call to grow in justice and peace challenges me to use the resources of the earth fairly.

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Having researched the life of St Maximilian Kolbe and St Martin de Porres, I can identify the practical ways in which they responded to God's call to grow in love, justice, and peace and I am challenged to follow their example.

Find out 10 facts about these saints. Discuss in pairs and class.



St Maximilian Kolbe

Make a poster of identifying key facts about this saint who lived and died in WWII.

Feast Day: August 14
Born: 1894, Died: 1941

Below is a fact sheet and some images to help and inspire you.

St Maximilian Kolbe ; factsheet

Raymond Kolbe was born in Poland. When he was just a teenager, he joined the Franciscan order and took the name Maximilian. Maximilian loved his work and enjoyed studying to become a priest, and he especially loved the Blessed Mother.

The Mother of God blessed Father Maximilian's work.

Maximilian founded houses of Franciscans in Poland, Nagasaki, Japan and yet another one in India.

In 1938, the Nazis invaded the Polish "City of the Immaculate" the name of the community founded by Maximilian. They stopped the wonderful work going on there.

In 1941, the Nazis arrested Father Kolbe.

They sentenced him to hard manual labor at Auschwitz.

Three months after he arrived at Auschwitz a prisoner managed to escape. The Nazis became very angry and decided to punish the rest of the prisoners.

One prisoner they chose was a married man with a family.

He begged and pleaded to be spared for the sake of his children.

Father Kolbe, who was listening, felt deeply moved and decided to help that suffering prisoner.

He stepped forward and asked the commander if he could take the man's place.

The commander agreed.

Father Kolbe and the other prisoners were sent into the bunker and they remained alive without food or water for many days. One by one, as they died,

Father Kolbe helped and comforted them.

He was the last to die on August 14, 1941.



St Martin de Porres

Make a poster of
identifying key
facts about this saint
whose feast day
is the 3rd of November.

St Martin de Porres; factsheet

Martin was born at Lima in Peru. His father was a Spanish knight and his mother was earlier an Indian slave from Panama who had been set free.

Because of his dark complexion, his father soon became ashamed of Martin and his mother. When Martin was very young, his father went away, leaving the family to look out for themselves. As they were very poor, his mother could not support Martin or his sister and they were sent to live at a primary school for two years.

When he was just ten years old, Martin was placed with a surgeon to learn about the medical field and earn his living.

He felt great joy while helping the sick.

He also learned how to cure many diseases according to the practices of those days.

Even as a young boy, he spent some time every night in prayer.

Martin grew up good and holy. Martin's father finally decided to take care of his son's education.

But Martin wanted to give himself to God and asked for admission to a Dominican Convent.

Brother Martin soon proved to be a wonderful religious.

No one was kinder or more obedient or holy.

Before long, he began to work miracles, too.

He was known to go through locked doors to help the sick.

He was even seen in other countries helping the sick although he never left Lima all his life.

People knew how well he could organize works of charity.

His sister offered her house as a hospital for the sick when there was a plague in Lima.

This kind-hearted saint was also very good to animals.

He excused the comings and goings of rats and mice by saying,

"The poor little things don't have enough to eat."

In his sister's house, he kept a home for stray cats and dogs too.

Although he was so famous in Lima, St. Martin always had a very humble opinion of himself.

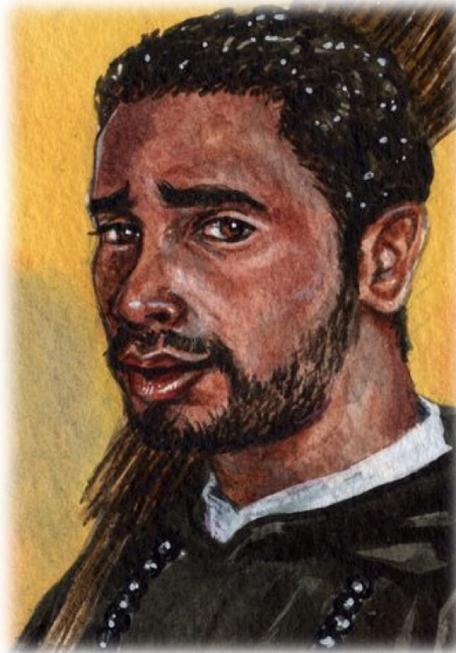
His name for himself was, in fact, "Brother Broom."

St Martin de Porres



St Martin's feast day
is 3rd of November

He is patron saint of
the poor, the rejected,
and those who experience
deep suffering.



*Martin also established
an open garden
with fig trees in it that
was accessible to all the needy.*

*His charity was both
imaginative and boundless.*



GROW LOVE

The best seeds on earth are the seeds of love.

grow in love: how can you plant love in your life?

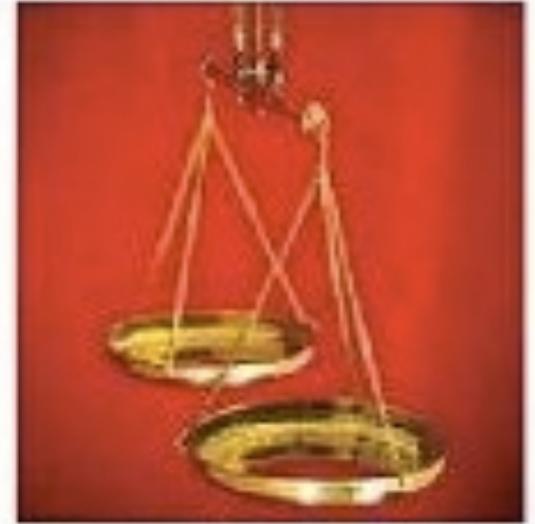




LOVE



MERCY



JUSTICE

*Grow in justice:
how can you be more just in your life?*



grow in peace

*Craft idea:
Make a mixed media
collage of this
image: torn glossy
magazines are very
effective.*

This Is Our Faith : Primary 6

Key Vocabulary:



Reign of God



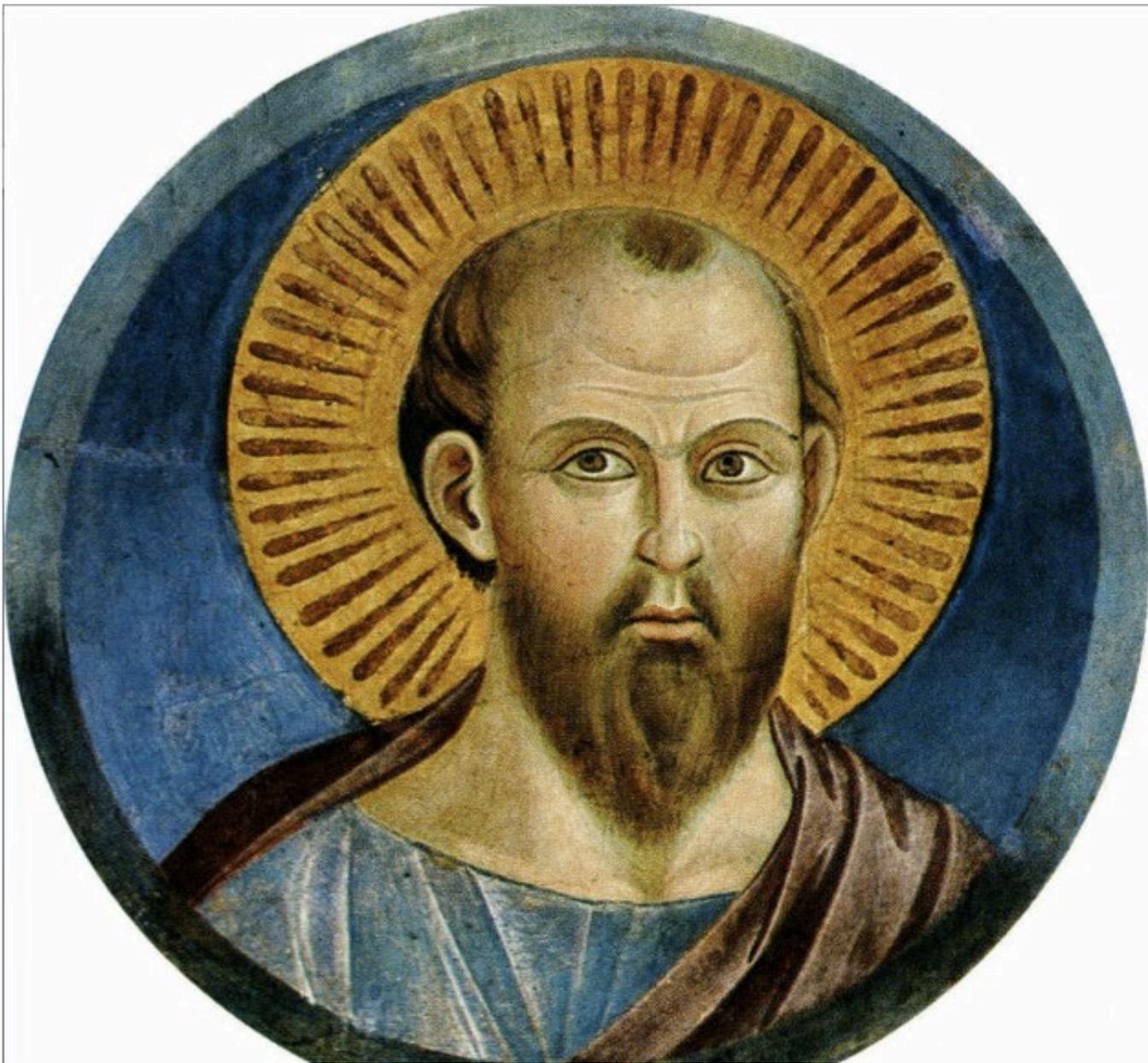
This is a close up of the hands on our Lenten Sacrifice Garland.



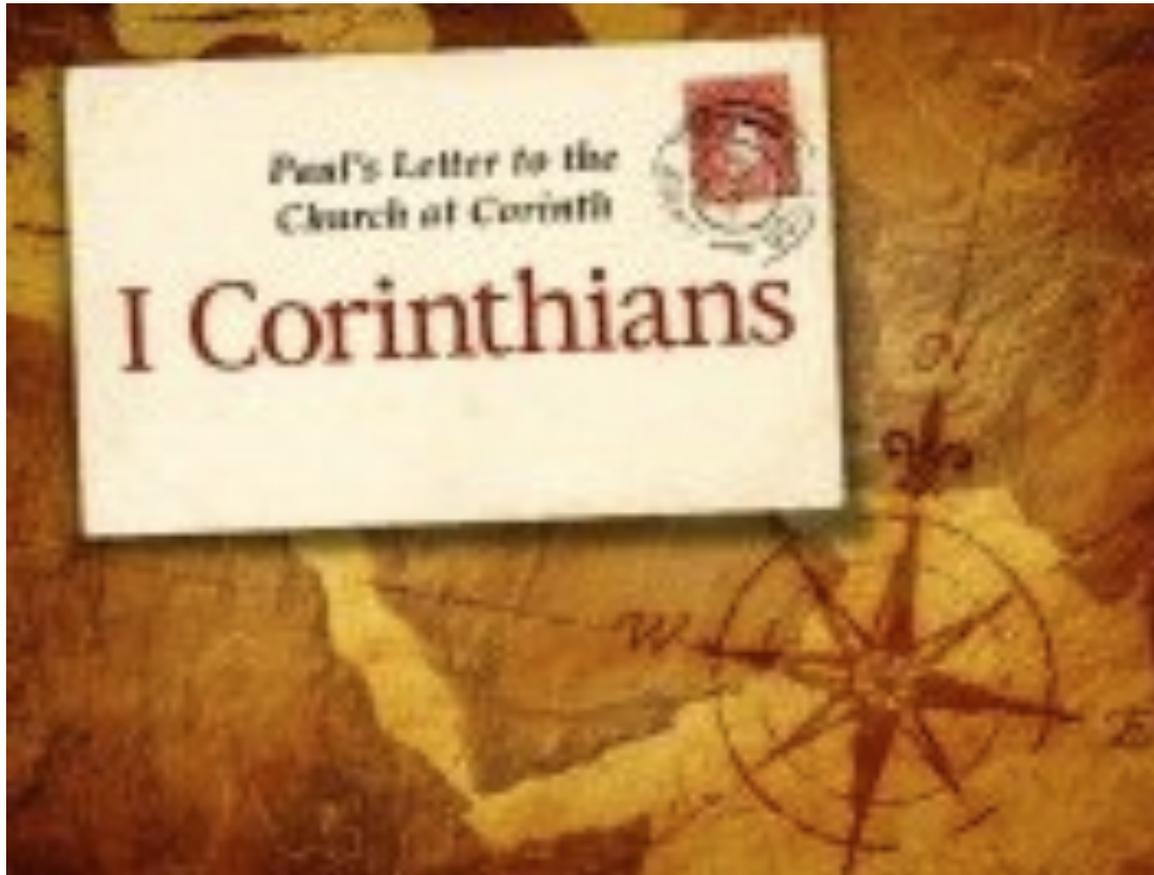
Sacrifices - (should be joyful)



Kingdom of God



St Paul



First Letter to the Corinthians

**BE ON YOUR GUARD;
STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH;
BE MEN OF COURAGE; BE**

STRONG

-CORINTHIANS 16:13

courage



and take...
the sword of the spirit,
WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD
epH. 6:17

inspired by scripture



economic poverty



Injustice /Fair Trade



f o o d
for everyone

share the resources of the earth