

Family Time

A 1/2-termly publication for families with young children.



Issue 1: I am Special!

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Welcome to the first edition of the new publication, 'Family Time'!

The aim is to provide a resource for families to use with their young children, to help parents to share their faith and to make learning about our Catholic Faith enjoyable. Some of the quizzes and competitions offer prizes too!

If you have any comments about any of the content, or suggestions about what to include, please contact HRYM on hrym.swindon@cliftondiocese.com.

Competition entries can be sent electronically to the email address above, or look out for the entry box in the church foyer!



Saints Alive!

To talk about:

- Who is your favourite saint?
- What is it that you admire most about this saint?

To discover:

- Pick a saint who you do not know much about and research them to find out more - when is their feast day? What are they especially known for?
- Try the websites catholic.org and onlinewithsaints.com to find out more about the saints!

Saint's mini-bio - Saint Dominic Savio - Feast day: 6th May

"I was born in Italy in 1842. I was educated in the Catholic Faith and my parents taught me how important it was to put Jesus first. They wanted me to be educated, but they could not afford the costs. One day I met Don Bosco, a priest from Turin who helped poor boys. He was impressed by my faith and my desire to learn. He invited me to attend the school he had founded. There I advanced further in my faith. I prayed the rosary a lot and went to confession and received Holy Communion regularly. Although I was mocked by other students, it did not matter. I asked Don Bosco to help me to become a saint, which was my life's desire. When I was 14, I fell ill. I died just before my 15th birthday."

(From onlinewithsaints.com)



I am special!

Did you know that you are unique? That means that there is nobody else in the whole world who is exactly like you - isn't that amazing? God made you the way you are and He loves you completely!

God also made everybody else unique - He loves you, your brother, your sister, your mum, your dad, your Grandma, your Grandpa, cousin, friend, teacher, neighbour..... He loves all people in every country in the whole world and He made each one of them unique! Awesome!

To celebrate this fact, why not make yourself a hanger to remind yourself of God's love for you - hang it by your bed so you see it every morning!

Go to the back pages for your template!

God made me special!

About me:

Name _____ Age _____

Hair colour _____ Eye colour _____

Favourite food _____

Favourite hobby _____

Hair _____ thumb print

(Tape a strand of hair)

Draw yourself or affix photo

Me!



Bible Quiz

Answer the following questions then take the first letter of each answer and rearrange them to reveal the secret word - you will need a bible!

When you have found the secret word, complete the form at the end of this publication and either email it or drop it in the entry box.

One correct entry will be drawn at random and will receive a small prize!

1. The man in John 3:1 who secretly met Jesus at night
2. One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, helping us to grasp more fully the truths of our Catholic Faith
3. Job's homeland - Job 1:1
4. Exodus 16:13 tells us that the ground was covered with this
5. One of the names for Christ (8 letters) with two possible spellings - you need to work out which you need!
6. The country Mary and Joseph fled to with Jesus to save him from Herod

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
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Now rearrange these letters to make a word!



Bible Wordsearch

Can you find the name of the 12 Apostles of Jesus in the word search below?

B	V	R	Y	U	A	N	E	S	P
A	P	I	L	I	H	P	J	B	E
R	W	P	F	O	X	Y	W	I	T
T	E	N	J	A	M	E	S	K	E
H	H	E	S	N	R	C	A	C	R
O	T	I	O	D	A	Q	D	V	P
L	T	A	V	R	Y	I	U	M	S
O	A	N	I	E	N	J	J	U	A
M	M	O	E	W	U	B	M	L	M
E	T	M	T	D	R	I	M	L	O
W	E	I	A	X	Z	C	N	B	H
Z	I	S	U	E	D	D	A	H	T

James (there were two but only one is hidden in the puzzle!), John, Andrew, Peter, Philip, Judas Iscariot, Matthew, Thomas, Bartholomew, Simon, Judas Thaddeus

Find the solution on the back pages!



Meeting Jesus in the Eucharist

Have you just celebrated your First Holy Communion? Or have you registered for the programme this year? Maybe you made your First Holy Communion some time ago - can you remember the excitement and thrill of your first time?!

"Taste and see that the Lord is good" - when we come to mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we discover the essence of our faith - that Jesus loves us and died for us. Jesus loves ME and died for ME!

That is really something to celebrate, isn't it?

A prayer for after communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you
For giving yourself to me.
Make me strong to show your love
Wherever I may be.



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Family Devotion - Finding Your Place

Talking to God:

Thank God for the gifts He's given you. Pray that you will use them to help others.

Discuss:

Take turns guessing how many muscles you have in your body. Try counting your muscles and come up with a total number.

The human body has more than 600 muscles! Some muscles are large and some are very small, but they all work together to help you get things accomplished. As they work together, you grow stronger.

It's also like this with God's family. You need others. **Ephesians 4:15-16** says: "Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

Just as each muscle has a unique function in the body, so each one of us has a unique place in the body of Christ.

St. Paul writes: "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ" (**1 Corinthians 12:12**).

You have special gifts and abilities you can use to support others and help the body of Christ grow.

Ask Each Other:

- What are some things you do well?
- How are you using your gifts and abilities to help others? (Karen Schmidt and Janine Petry - Planting Seeds of Biblical Truth, Focus on the Family, Canada)

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27



Colouring Page



He will take great delight in you...
He will rejoice over you with singing.' Zephaniah 3:17



Fun Facts

Did you know...?



Hippo milk is pink!



In Japan, they eat KFC for Christmas dinner!



Dogs have three eyelids on each eye!



A cat has been the mayor of Talkeetna in Alaska

for 15 years!



The national animal of Scotland is the unicorn!

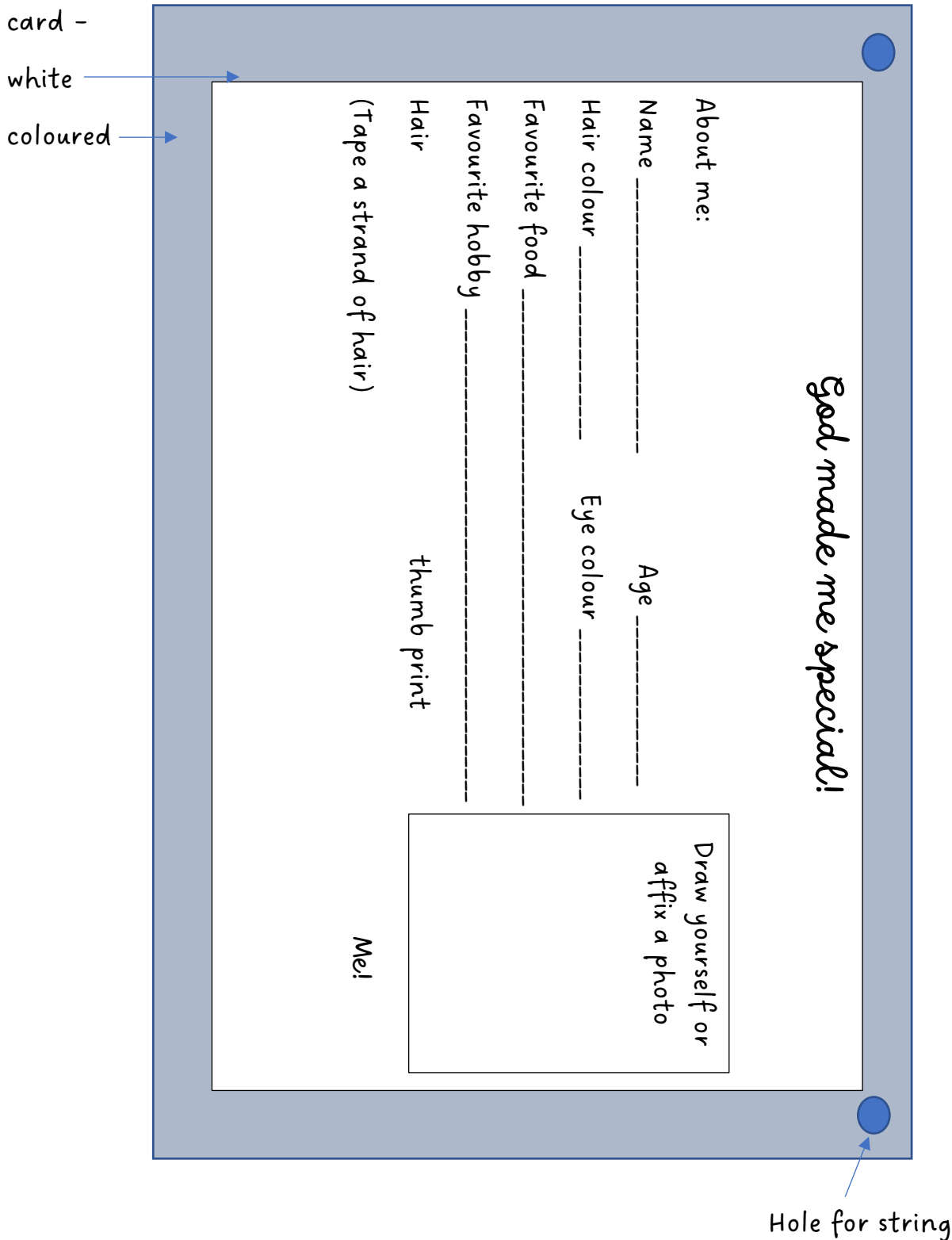


Peanuts are not technically nuts!



Bubblewrap was first sold as wallpaper!





Template for 'God made me special' hanger

To make a thumb print, put your thumb in a small amount of water-based paint, dab off the excess, then carefully rub on to the card.

Make two holes as shown, then tie string through to hang your hanger!



Solution To Wordsearch

<u>B</u>						<u>N</u>			<u>P</u>
<u>A</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>P</u>			<u>E</u>
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Issue 1 Entry Form

Name _____

Age _____

Contact number (parent's) _____

I think the secret word is:

Post your entry in the entry box in the church foyer, or email / text a photo of it to hrym.swindon@cliftondiocese.com / 07585227725

A correct entry will be drawn on or after the 22nd October 2022

Good luck!

