

## Eloquent and Truthful

Pupils are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

### What does this mean?

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by developing an eloquent language which they can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be truthful in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.

### Pray it



#### Linking Eloquent and Truthful to prayers of the Church and Liturgical Season.

##### Prayer suggestions and activities: -

- New Beginnings: In the year ahead, pray to grow in knowledge and understanding of ourselves and others, for the world we live in, and to deepen our relationship with God.
- Season of Creation: Pray for Creation, that leaders make the right decisions for the future of the world for all people of the world.
- Birthday of Our Lady: Pray the Magnificat on the September 8. Explore how she eloquently expresses truth and praises the wonder of God.
- Harvest: Pray for a fair distribution of the world's food and resources.
- CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day: (October 3) Pray for the work of CAFOD. May they help improve relations between people in the spirit of open dialogue.
- Continue to pray CAFOD and Missio's Jubilee Year: [Pilgrims of Hope Prayer for Schools](#).



### Sunday Gospels to Explore:

#### Gospels reflective of Eloquent and Truthful highlighted

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| 31 August: Luke 14:1, 7-14  | Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted            |
| 7 September: Luke 14:25-33  | Any one who does renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple                                    |
| 14 September: John 3:13-17  | The Son of Man must be lifted up                                                                   |
| 21 September: Luke 16:1-13  | You cannot serve God and money                                                                     |
| 28 September: Luke 16:19-31 | You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish |
| 5 October: Luke 17:5-10     | If you had faith                                                                                   |
| 12 October: Luke 17:11-19   | No one was found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner                            |
| 19 October: Luke 18:1-8     | God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.                                                |
| 26 October: Luke 18: 9-14   | The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee                       |

### Explore it



#### Linking Eloquent and Truthful to scripture, meaning and teachings of the Church, Pope Francis and the Saints.

##### Scripture to Explore: -

- Season of Creation: Genesis 1 & 2. Explore the story of creation and the creation of human beings. Encourage children to express their own sense of awe and wonder in creation.
- Psalms of creation (8, 19, 29, 33, 104, 146).
- Explore how the Sunday Gospels (highlighted) link to being Eloquent and Truthful

##### Activities and Questions: -

- New Beginnings: Explore the life of St Thérèse of Lisieux especially her simple eloquence in how to serve God and each other. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/little-way-week/>
- Season of Creation: October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Look at how he expresses the truth about God the Creator in his [Canticles of Creation](#).
- Season of Creation: Explore the Encyclical Laudato Si' using the CAFOD resources. What are the key messages?

<https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/laudato-si-for-children>

### Sing it



#### Linking Eloquent and Truthful to traditional and contemporary music.

- Oh the word of my Lord, deep within my being: Damian Lundy
- Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me: Daniel Iverson
- I will offer up my life: Matt Redman
- Give thanks: Henry Smith
- Thank you for giving me this morning: Martin Gotthard Schneider
- Laudato Si': Damian Lundy
- If I were a butterfly: Brian Howard
- Over all the Earth: Brenton Brown
- Morning has broken: Eleanor Farjeon



[Further explore Eloquent & Truthful by reading The Jesuit Publication](#)

### Live it



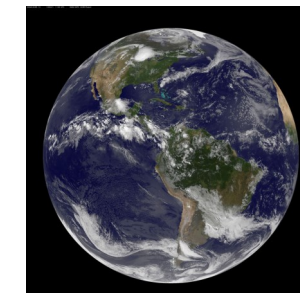
#### Linking Eloquent and Truthful to the way we can choose to live our lives to serve God and to serve others.

##### Activities and challenges: -

- New Beginnings: Consider daily habits and the impact they have upon the world and its resources. What changes can you make?
- **New Beginnings: Take on the challenge of Little Way week. Explore small changes to make a big difference. How can you be like St Thérèse of Lisieux?**
- Season of Creation: Go on a walk of the local area with your family or school. Find examples of the wonder of creation and also the negative impact people can have. What can you do about it? e.g. litter posters, petitions for more bins.
- Family Fast Day: Participate in and fundraise for the CAFOD fundraising initiative Family Fast Day. Hold a debate, petition local MPs about issues of food poverty in Britain and around the world.
- Harvest: Collect for a local foodbank. Explore why there is food poverty.
- As the Social Care Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, support the outreach work of Father Hudson's Caritas.

### Picture It

#### Linking Eloquent and Truthful to imagery.



- What aspect of creation amazes you?
- Represent this in any artistic medium and talk about why you have created it.
- Use photographs of the natural world to explore and express wonder in God's creation.

<https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/iotd.html>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/photo-of-day?image=screenshot-2021-06-23-at-09.52.31>