



SCRIPTURE AND CITIZENSHIP

WE ARE SEEKERS

We are Seekers - of the Kingdom of Heaven. We are spiritual beings with an instinct and aspiration for what is good.



Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40

Christ sowed the seed of the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth but we are charged with its nurturing: we are not only citizens but also co-creators of the Kingdom of justice and peace.

We must let this awareness shape our engagement with the world: we must seek justice and peace in all the decisions and actions of our lives, whether as private individuals or as part of our civil societies and political systems.

When we encourage our children to show kindness to someone who feels left out we teach them solidarity with the marginalised. As they learn not to drop litter they become more aware of their environment. As we consider the rules they must follow at home and at school, we explore with them the rule of law and the boundaries we respect so that we all have space and freedom to flourish.

When we pray with our children for the needs of the world, together we open our hearts as global citizens and as the whole family of God.



- As Catholics how do we understand citizenship?
- How do we encourage our children to be good citizens?
- What can the Bible teach us about citizenship?



ACTION POINTS FOR FAMILIES

Read this Bible story:

Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Offer to do a task around the house that you don't normally do such as cleaning, washing, gardening or helping with cooking.

Say the 'Our Father' prayer.