

# Year 2

# Catholic Social Teaching

**BIG QUESTION:** Who are my brothers and sisters?



**St Francis of Assisi called all God's creatures his brothers and sisters.** In "Canticle of the Sun," Saint Francis of Assisi praises God for some of the wonders of the world. St Francis believed that everything in the natural world was a gift from God and, as such, deserved to be appreciated and valued. Because of this, St Francis refers to the sun, wind, air, and fire as his brothers, and to the moon, stars, earth and water as his sisters.

**Task:** Listen to the hymn Make me a channel of your peace which is based on the Canticle of the Sun.

## Key vocabulary

peace

community

equal

brother

sister



## Canticle of the Sun for Children— St Francis of Assisi

Be praised, my Lord  
For all your creatures,  
And first for brother sun,  
Who makes the day bright and luminous.  
He is beautiful and radiant,  
With great splendour,  
He is the image of You.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
For sister moon and the stars,  
You placed them in the sky,  
So bright and twinkling.

(adapted)



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To be a community of peace, we must follow Jesus' example to love one another.

**Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:30)**

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." (John 14:27)

Jesus tells us about the peace of God who loves everyone equally. God has no favourites. God wants everyone to be treated fairly.

**Task:** What is special about this peace that Jesus is telling us about? What does living in peace mean to you? Your family? Your class? Our parish? Our community? Our world? Make a banner which shows all your ideas of what the peace of Christ means.

## Music Task:

Can you find hymns and pop songs to listen to on the theme of peace?

Make a list of your favourites.



**Art Task:** There are many paintings which show the theme Peace. See how many you can find.

**Creative Writing Task:** Write your own prayer for peace in our community.

**Geography Task:** Compare a map with a globe. When you look at the map it seems that we are all separated, but when you look at the globe, you see we are all joined together as a world family.

