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Children's Rights

Every child has the right to life.

Every child has the right to a name and a nationality.

Every child has the right to be with their family or with those who will care for them best.

Every child has the right to enough food and clean water.

Every child has the right to an adequate standard of living.

Every child has the right to health care.

Every child with a disability has the right to special care and support.

Every child has the right to relax and play.

Every child has the right to privacy.

Every child has the right to education.

Every child has the right to be kept safe and not to be hurt or neglected.

No child should be used as cheap labour or as a soldier.

Children who break the law should not be treated cruelly.

Every child has the right to speak their own language and practise their own religion.

Every child has the right to say what they think and to be heard.

Every child has the right to meet their friends and join groups.

Text Connections

Read the definition and Scripture below-left. Make connections using the questions below-right.

Human Dignity means...

God made each of us, so each of us is incredibly special. It doesn't matter who we are, who our friends are, how many things we own, how big our house is, or what we look like. What is important is that each of us is special because of God's love. And we must treat all others in a caring way, with great respect and fairness because God made them too.

Adapted from Anne Neuberger

Psalm 139:13-14

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well."

Text-to-self

What does this remind you of in your own life? Maybe it's something that happened to you or that someone said to you.

Text-to-text

What story, poem, movie or song does this remind you of?

Text-to-world

What is happening in the world around you that makes you think of this?

Encyclical Quotes – matching activity

'God dreamed of every person in our world. We are all loved, important and needed.'

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* n65

'No matter if you have a lot of money or not a lot, everyone has the same amount of dignity because God made us all equal.' Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* n94

'We can be friends with people no matter where they live! Caring for people like they are our friends, can change the world!' Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* n99

'The story of the Good Samaritan teaches us something important about how we should live together. We can't ignore people who are struggling. We should try our best to help them.' Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* n68

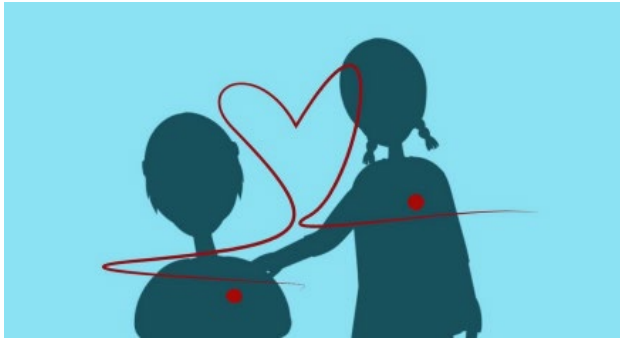
'To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family dwelling in a common home.'

Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* n17

'Every single person in the world should be able to live a good life, with dignity, no matter what. We have dignity because God gave it to us.' Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* n107

'I hope that if everyone can respect each other's dignity, we can have true friendship between everyone around the world. This is my dream.' Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* n8

Encyclical Illustrations – matching activity



Laxmi's Case Study

Why was it hard for Laxmi to go to school?

How did Caritas Australia help?

How does Laxmi describe how she has changed?

What is Laxmi's greatest achievement so far?

How is Laxmi supporting future generations?



Laxmi advocated to have water taps installed as a at her old school in Jajarkot district, western Nepal.
Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

Student's Commitment

We show God's love to each other when we do something to help them. We can create a better world by treating each other fairly and respectfully. We are all special because God made us. Make a plan by drawing or writing what you can do, below:

In my class I will



In my neighbourhood I will:



For my global neighbours I will:

