

FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints
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- What can you see?
- Who is in the picture?
- Where is the light coming from?
- What are they doing?

This painting can remind us of **St Joseph**, who was a **carpenter** and worked with his hands every day. It shows he taught Jesus how to work. He did ordinary jobs with love and care. He was a hard worker.

It also shows Jesus, as the light of the world and that a small light can be powerful.

What jobs do you think St Joseph did each day? How can doing small jobs show love? Discuss this together as a family.

Can you now turn to someone in your family and either thank them for doing a job which helped you recently and/ or praise them for the hard work that you have noticed that they have done.

The Word: Now, let us listen to the word.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 3:23-24)

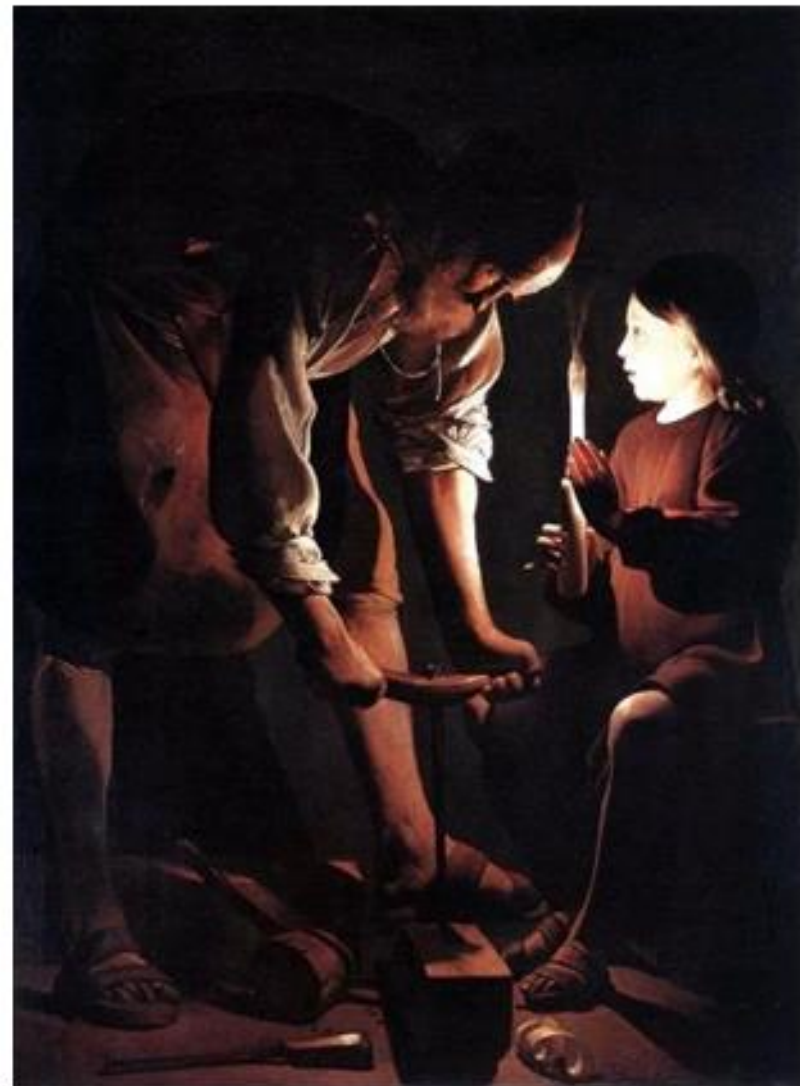
²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you as a reward what he has kept for his people. For Christ is the real Master you serve.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Gather: In the of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Make yourselves comfortable and take a few slow breaths as you get ready to pray and reflect using an image. This way of praying is called 'Visio Divina' which means 'divine seeing'.

As we look at the picture, (Boy Blowing on an Ember by Caravaggio) let us think about these questions and how this painting links to St Joseph the worker.





Response: Let us think about what it means to work with all our heart.

How can we make sure that we always do the best we can in our work?

Do we always listen carefully in class?

Do we persevere when the work is challenging?

Do we apply ourselves in all subjects?

Are we helpful at home without being asked?

Are we happy in our work?

Let us pray to St Joseph to show us how to be a good worker just like him.

Joseph most just, *pray for us.*

Joseph most pure, *pray for us.*

Joseph most holy, *pray for us.*

Joseph most strong, *pray for us.*

Joseph most obedient, *pray for us.*

Joseph most faithful, *pray for us.*

Joseph most patient, *pray for us.*

Joseph most hard working, *pray for us.*

With Saint Joseph as our example and guide,
help us to do the work you have asked
and come to the rewards you have promised.
Amen

Going Forth:

Even small jobs can be important, loving and part of God's plan.

What small jobs can you do with love just like St Joseph did?

This week, your mission is to try and do a different job each day to help others, and to try your best at school and work. You will then be a shining example and hopefully a role model for others of a caring, kind and hard worker.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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