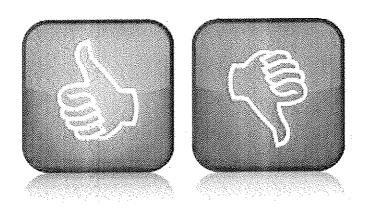
# Year 8 Religion, Catholic Studies

# Experiences of Good and Evil



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## **Glossary of Terms**

As you are studying this unit, you will need to add any words that are new to you and find their meanings.

Term	Definition	
Good		
Evil		
Moral Evil		
Physical Evil		
Conscience		

# Good and Evil Scripture Activity

#### John 10:10

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.



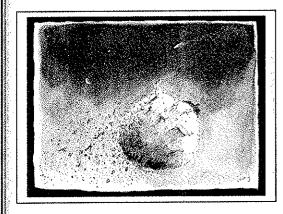
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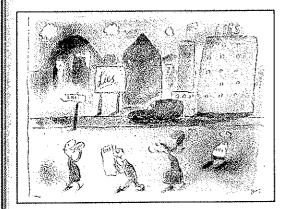
WHAT DO YOU THINK EACH IMAGE IS SAYING ABOUT GOODNESS OR STRIVING FOR GOODNESS?



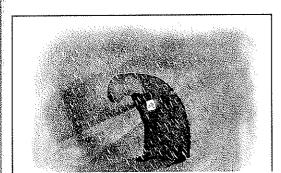
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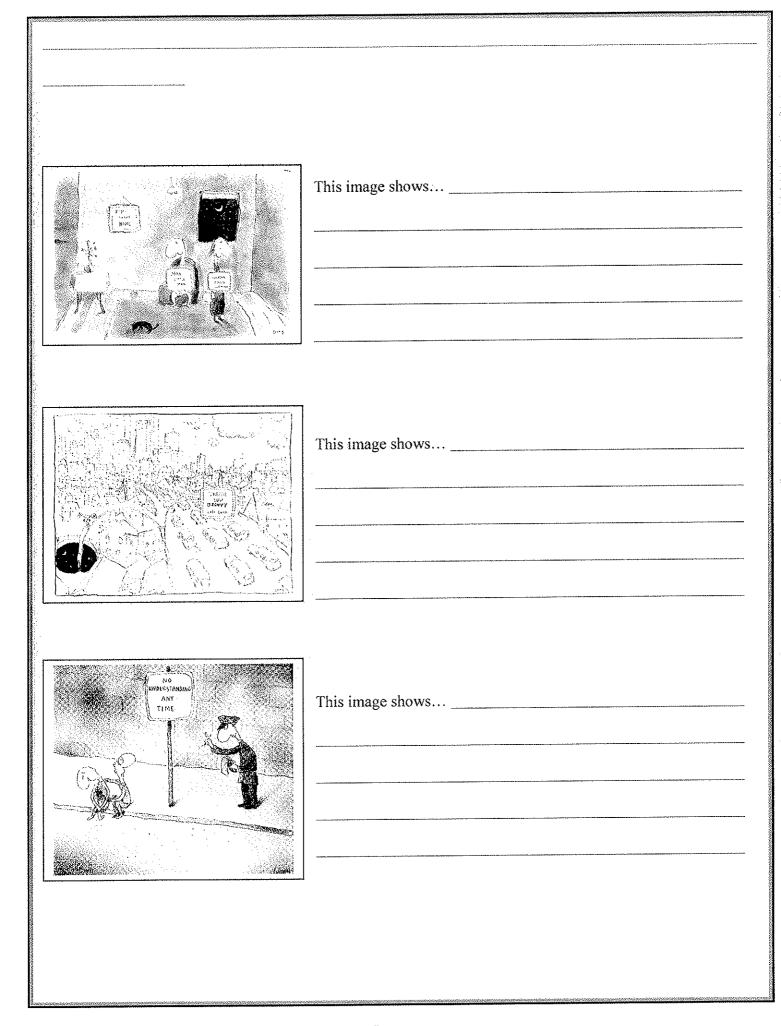
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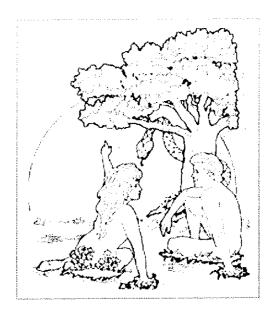


#### Creation and the Fall

Our First Parents A \_\_\_ and E \_\_, were tested in the Garden of E \_\_\_.

The serpent (S \_ \_ \_) tempted Eve to eat from the forbidden tree. Eve convinced Adam to eat the f \_\_\_.

Both Adam and Eve i \_ \_ \_ \_ the warning of God and were d \_ \_ \_ \_ to God's c \_ \_ \_ \_ not to eat of that particular tree.



#### Tick the correct answer:

1. God made two special:	4. God made woman:
people	from dust
☐ trees	out of nothing
☐ rivers	from Adam's rib
2. Eden is:	5. Eve was tempted by
a river	a camel
a garden	a snake (devil)
an angel	a bird
3. God made man:	6. By their sin they lost:
from dust:	God's grace
in His image	heaven
both	□ both

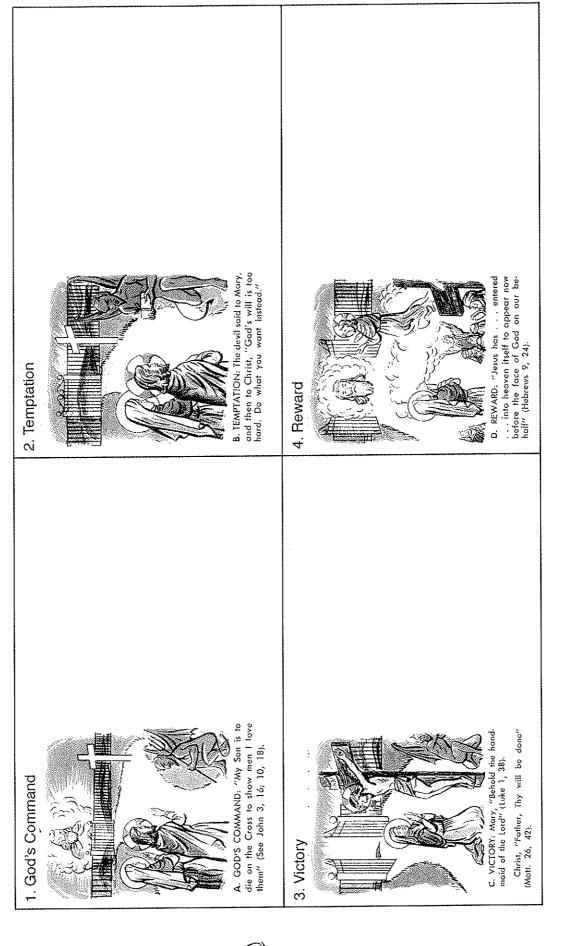


Adam and Eve were our f \_\_\_\_\_ parents. They disobeyed G \_\_. By their s\_\_ they lost the state of grace. Their sin is called the O\_\_\_\_ sin.

Yet God still loved Adam and Eve, He did not want to p\_\_\_\_ them forever. He promised them that a S\_\_\_ would be born who would crush the head of the s\_\_\_\_. This was a promise that God would send the "One" who would d\_\_\_ the power of sin.



# The Redemption



#### BORN EVIL OR BORN RESPONSIBLE?

As was said earlier, we were not born evil: 'we are destined for good but inclined to evil'. We often choose sinful actions because we want to make the world to suit ourselves. In other words we act selfishly. We act as individuals rather than as members of a community, of a family. We do not live our lives responsibly. We know how we should act to follow Jesus' teaching, but often we do not want to take the responsibility that comes with our freedom as human beings.

Sin is committed with a certain freedom—otherwise it would not be sin—and freedom means that one could have done otherwise.

Human beings must accept responsibility for their actions and the state of the world. Human responsibility must be at the centre of the faith experience. We must take ourselves seriously and live by the consequences of our actions. God is not lenient of wrongdoing but he does forgive those who admit their responsibility for their wrongdoing.

The word responsibility means the abilit to respond!

The word conscience comes from the Latin words con, with and scio, I know. So to use one's conscience means 'to know with'.

#### Conscience

Conscience is the capacity for judging right and wrong. It is the judgement that this, here and now, is what I ought or ought not to do. It is the chief means by which I grow to a greater responsibility for my own actions. Obedience to my conscience is the final test of my moral goodness. The education of conscience is essential to growth to maturity, and it is lifelong. It takes place through the influence of, and personal reflection on, the whole of my experience.

#### Growing up

In growing to maturity (and that is not the same as 'growing up') there is a gradual discovery of our interrelationships with others and the duties we have to them, particularly within the family, and also within the other communities to which we belong. We become increasingly aware that our rights as an individual are tied up with our belonging to society. We learn that society is more than just us as individuals. It depends for its health on sound relationships among individuals and between individual members and the whole.

Catholic tradition speaks of the common good as:

the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and easily. The whole human race is consequently involved with regard to the rights and obligations which result. Every group must take into account the needs and legitimate aspirations of every other group, and still more of the human family as a whole.

Vatican II, 'The Church in the Modern World', 26

What is it that changes wrongdoing into sin, an act against right reason into an offence against God?

The seriousness of our wrongdoing basically can be measured by whether our action is chosen in freedom.

Our most common experience of conscience is after the event of failure. While we are sometimes conscious of serious moral choices before we make them, typically we find that again we have failed to love God and neighbour: yet again we have spoken ill of others, ignored our loved ones, drunk too much, been lazy or dishonest, or have failed to be sensitive to the needs of others, thrown rubbish on the ground, had a fight in the playground and so on.

# The formation of conscience

#### Experience of making decisions



Whether right or wrong, we learn a lot from this.

Listening to God



Listening to the Church



Upbringing

Inherited values



Instruction



Knowledge and understandin of law and history

Influence of others



Personal relationships

#### Influence of society



School, peer groups, media

#### 7.1 The Good Things in Life

It is hard to imagine that any human being has ever, or will ever, make it through life without facing some sad and difficult times. Sometimes life is just plain tough! The other side of the story is that life is also very good.

Think about *all* the aspects of your life – physical, social, emotional, religious, intellectual. Develop a mindmap or other visual format that highlights the good things in your life. The things that give you 'life to the full'. Aim for a *minimum* of 20 statements or symbols. Be creative and be positive!

#### The Angel of Collingwood

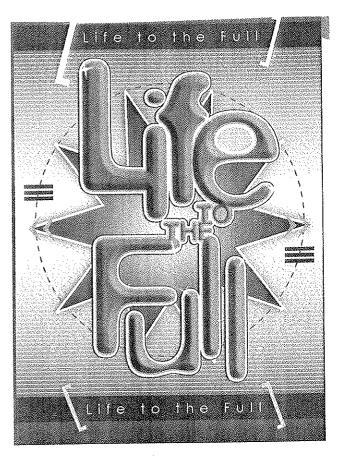
Margaret Oates (1909-1998) was born on a farm in the Yarra Valley. After the Second World War she moved to Collingwood then a poor, inner suburb of Melbourne. Here she raised her four children, which was a struggle, especially, after the death of

her husband. Margaret was deeply concerned about the struggles of ordinary people. She related to those with no money to buy food, the homeless mother trying to find accommodation for her family or the lonely outsider longing for companionship. Her response to these human problems was to work tirelessly for others. She was a familiar figure walking the streets of Collingwood, spending countless hours, along with other members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, providing shelter, food, clothing as well as understanding for those in need. Many people were touched by Margaret's life. In 1993 she received an Order of Australia, in part, because of the number of ordinary people who nominated her for the work she had done over 40 years.



#### Activity

- 1 "Margaret was an ordinary person who did extraordinary things." Explain this statement.
- 2 Identify two "good" people that you either know personally or are aware of from other sources.
- 3 Explain the reasons for your choice of these two people, emphasising the qualities of 'goodness' that they possess.

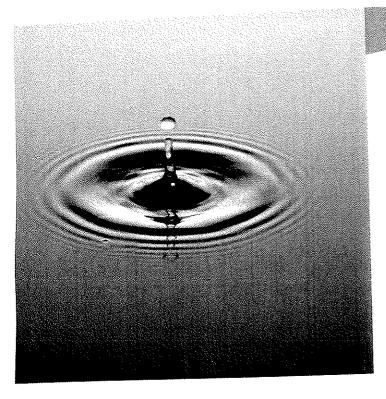






Margaret Oates.

**Experiences of Good and Evil** 



Water reacts to movement, creating what is called the ripple effect

Actions have the same effect on the lives of individuals and communities. Whether these ripples will be good or bad is often a result of the choices people make.



#### Activity - Brainstorm

- 1 What do you think this statement means?
- 2 Give examples of actions and events that fit this description.

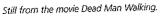
## 7.2 Experiences of Good and Evil

Below are three stories that reflect human experiences of good and evil.

#### Case 1

"When I was at school I got involved in the social justice group. This was a great experience and had a strong influence on my life. One of the first activities I was involved in was to go to a big display that was celebrating the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. The venue was huge with displays about this activity and that. It was okay but a bit overwhelming and impersonal – like it was all about other people and what they were doing. We were about to go when I started talking to this little old lady named

Mary – she was so friendly, calm and peaceful. She asked me about what I was involved in and I told her that I hadn't done much yet. She was very encouraging. Then I asked her about what she did about social justice. Mary had been involved in a group that visited prisoners. What really blew me away was when I asked her how long she had been doing this. After some thought, she said over seventy years! No way I said. She then told me how she started when she was a young girl and went with her father who had been involved in this sort of work in their parish and that she had never stopped."







#### Activity

- 1 Discuss the reasons that may have motivated Mary to visit prisoners for such a long time.
- 2 Outline some of the positive and negative experiences that Mary may have had during her years visiting the prison.
- 3 Explain how she (and others who are involved in this ministry) would deal with the "negatives" of prison visitation.



#### Case 2

"Last year we watched this movie in Italian. It was called Bicycle Thieves. It was supposed to help us with our pronunciation and grammar But it was so sad. It was about this father who finally gets a job pasting movie posters all over Rome. To do this he needs a bicycle. His whole world collapses when his bike is stolen. He is so poor he cannot replace it. It showed me what an impact our actions can have on others."

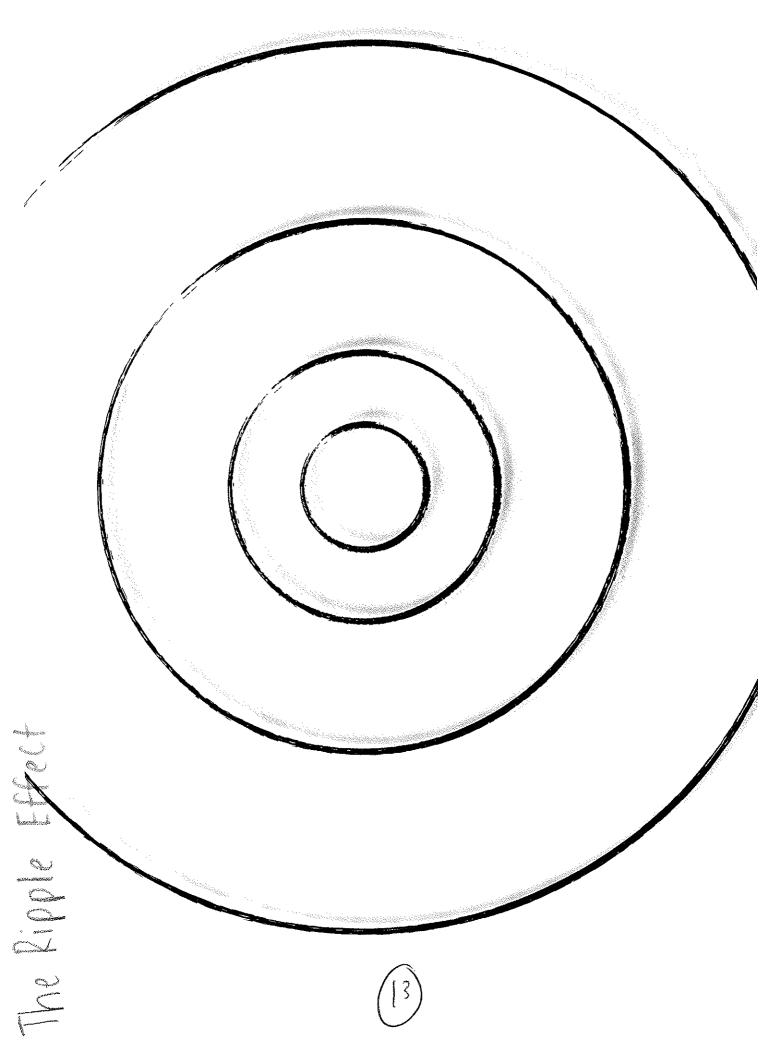


#### Activity

- 1 Explain the "ripple effect" of the actions outlined in this story.
- 2 In small groups decide on an action that could have negative consequences for people your age. Present this in a visual form, eg: flowchart, labelled ripple image.



Still from the movie Bicycle Thieves.



#### Good and Evil in the Bible

PASSAGE	DESCRIBE THE EVENT	WHY IS IT GOOD/EVIL?
2 Samuel 11-12		
1 Kings 21:1-16		
Genesis 21:1-21		
Matthew 4:1-11		

#### Types of Evil

God has created a world filled with g Evil, is the choice and There are t types of evil.	d a of God.
P	
Evil which is found in the n world and resulting from physical established can result from loss of p , loss of lives and dis	
M Evil or S Evil found when people freely c to step away from God and God s caused by the person's a , and can make others suffer as a	

Classify the following as physical or moral evils or both.

SITUATION	TYPE OF EVIL
Joe decides to light a fire out of boredom	
Jane's sister accidentally burns herself because Jane left the stove on	
Jacinta lies to her parents and tells them she is at her friend's house doing homework, when they are in the city watching Transformers 3	



#### FIVE WAYS OF STRIVING FOR GOODNESS TO KNOW, WORSHIP AND LOVE 7.8 PP 90-96

USING THE NUMBER ALLOCATED TO YOUR PAIR, READ THE SECTION AND ANSWER THE RELEVANT QUESTION:

1. THE IMPORTANCE OF OTHERS (PP91-92) WHAT DOES BLESSED JOHN XXIII AND CHRISTIAN TRADITION		
	SAY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF OTHERS?	
	EXERCISING YOUR CONSCIENCE (P93) WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY ABOUT OUR CONSCIENCE?	
	WHAT DOES THE CHOKON GAT ADOCT CONTROL	
	KNOWING MORE ABOUT WHO JESUS IS (P94) USING P94 AND MT 4:1-11, EXPLAIN HOW KNOWING MORE ABOUT	
	JESUS HELPS US STRIVE FOR GOODNESS.	
	PRAYING (P95)	
	HOW CAN PRAYER BRING ABOUT GOODNESS?	
	STRENGTHENED BY THE SACRAMENTS (P96)	
	HOW DOES RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS HELP US TO STRIVE FOR GOODNESS?	

#### EXPERIENCES OF GOOD AND EVIL

Goodness is the act of helping or doing something for someone else Goodness is doing an act of kindness for someone without wanting to be repaid Goodness is to be Christ-like in all we do Define Goodness yourself Goodness is..... Evil is the absence of good Evil is when someone acts in a cruel way Evil is hurting others for one's own pleasure Evil is a freely chosen act that degrades another person or creature of God Defing Evil yourself Evil is ..... evil; written; thirsty; feed; avenge Romans 12 \_\_\_yourselves; instead, leave room for His 12:19 Friends, do not wrath. For it is \_\_\_\_\_: Vengeance belongs to Me; I will repay, says the Lord. 12:20 But If your enemy is hungry, \_\_\_\_him. If he is \_\_\_\_ give him something to drink. For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head. 12:21 Do not be conquered by \_\_\_\_\_, but conquer evil with good

In the Catholic view of Life the world is a good place in which to live. Created and sustained by God, it shows and points to God's presence

Make a list below of what you think are the GOOD things in life.

Pick <u>FOUR</u> from your list above and write how these things reflect God's love for us and his presence.



# Jesus, friend of the outcast

#### Outcasts

Outcasts were people who were 'cast out' of Jewish society, they were considered 'unclean' and cut off from the Jewish community. There were strict rules about not touching and speaking to outcasts. To find out who the outcasts were in Jesus' time, complete

Worksheet 3

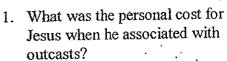
### Read the following scripture references:

Matthew 9:10-13 Luke 18:9-14 Luke 7:36-50 Luke 17:11-19

- 1. Who are the outcasts in your school, local community, the world?
- 2. What personal cost to you would it be to associate with these people?
- 3. How would others treat you?

#### Research Activity:

- 1. Who were the Samaritans?
- 2. Who were the Gentiles?
- 3. Why did the Jewish community despise tax collectors?
- 4. Who were the sinners?
- 5. Why were lepers and people with skin diseases considered outcasts?
- 6. Who were the Pharisees?



- 2. What was Jesus attitude towards outcasts?
- 3. What effect did Jesus' actions have on the outcasts themselves?



#### There are two types of evil:

- evil that results from accidents or natural causes (eg the suffering and death caused by bushfires); this can be called physical evil
- evil that results from the freely chosen attitudes and actions of people, called moral evil or sin.

Students should explore their experiences of evil. This may raise fundamental questions such as why bad things happen at all. The stories of Creation and the Fall (Genesis 1-3) shed light on such questions.

The first three chapters of Genesis show that:

- God created an ordered and good world
- God created humanity in God's image
- the human person is free and able to eat the fruit of all trees except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
- evil is a distortion of the good
- God does not cause evil; it arises from the free choice of human beings and is contrary to God's will
- this evil becomes part of the whole human story.

The Church teaches that the story of the Fall shows that human nature, seduced by Satan, The Evil One, lost its original holiness and became weakened by sin. The doctrine of original sin teaches that every person is born into a world affected by sinfulness, and that each person is inclined to do evil as well as good.

By sharing in our humanity and the experience of suffering and death, Jesus has saved us from the power of evil. Ultimately, good triumphs over evil in the victory of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

As a result salvation, eternal life with God, is offered to all as the free gift of God's grace.

Through Baptism people become a new creation and all their sins (original and personal) are forgiven.

Maturing young Christians can have confidence in facing life because:

- the life of Jesus is the perfect example of goodness
- God gives God's life and presence (grace) to direct them towards goodness; the Eucharist strengthens us in love
- when they distort the good by doing evil God offers forgiveness, in the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance
- the Church community offers support and guidance
- the Church teaches us what is good and what is evil

Fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8).

## There are two types of evil:

1. Natural or Physical Evil evil that results from accidents or natural disasters.

e.g. earthquakes, floods, disease etc.

### 2. Moral Evil / Sin

evil that results from the freely chosen attitudes and actions of people.

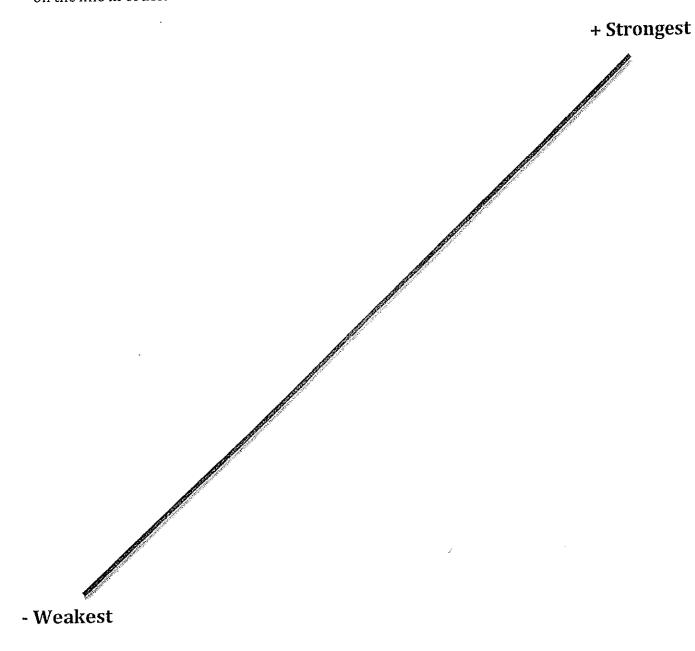
e.g. war, oppression etc.

#### Types of Evil and its effects

#### **Pre-Reading Activity**

#### Evil-Vocabulary Cline

Sort the words in the table to show their increasingly <u>negative</u> connotation. Write the words on the line in order.



Callous	Wicked	Unfortunate	Damaging
Nasty	Horrible	Careless	Malicious
Hurtful	Troublesome	Monstrous	Wrongful

Can you think of any other words we associate with EVIL? Place them on your vocabulary cline.



#### **During- Reading Activity** Visual Texts- Physical Evil

1. Students go to <a href="http://www.extremeweatherheroes.org/science-of-extreme-weather.aspx">http://www.extremeweatherheroes.org/science-of-extreme-weather.aspx</a>

2. Click on the case studies "Victorian Bushfires" and "Canberra Bushfires" to complete the matrix below.

Vocabulary

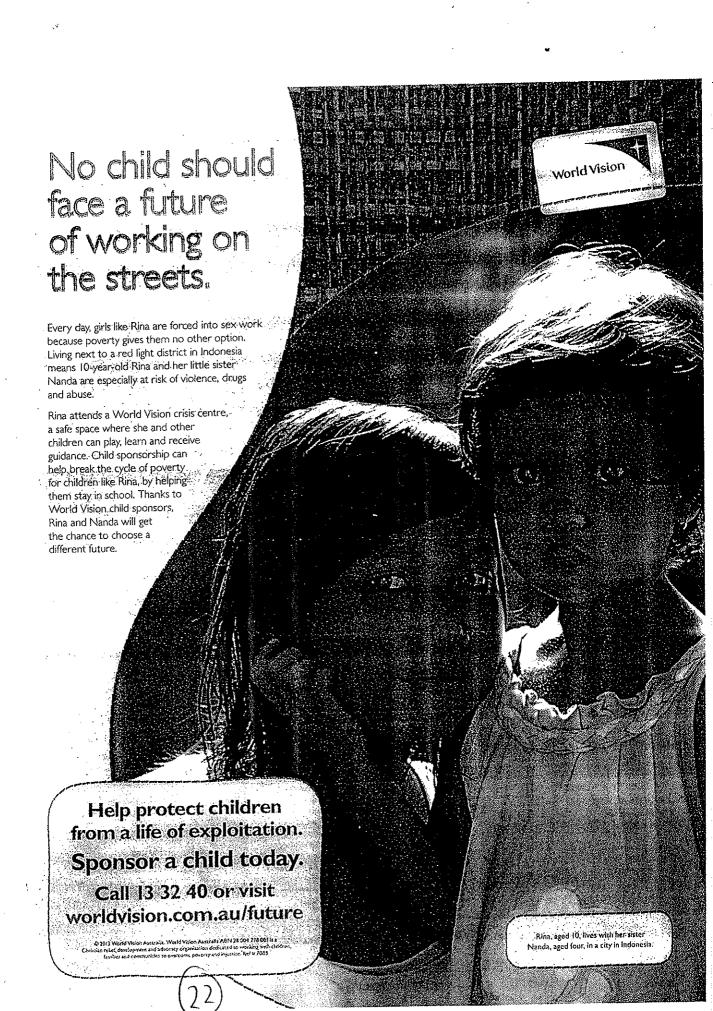
Resilient: recover quickly

Empower: to make stronger and more confident

Name the organization that operates this site:

QUESTIONS	Text 1: Victorian Bushfires	Text 2: Canberra Bushfires
List 3 facts about this event.	1. 2.	1. 2.
	3.	3.
Describe 2 different visual	1. Visual Feature	1. Visual Feature
features of the layout and design of this internet site e.g use of colour - use of photos, images - use of icons, signs - use of columns	2. Visual Feature	2. Visual Feature
- bold headings/ subheadings How are		
viewers of this site encouraged to help?		

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# fix a spiritual problem Political solution can

# Gun crime

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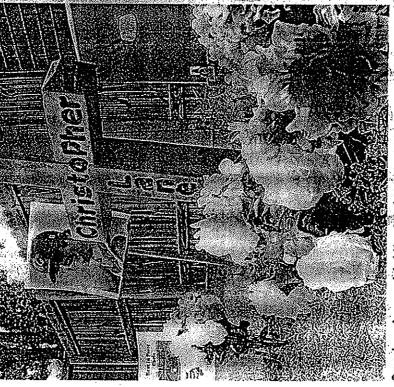
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problem. Justice, according to Plato, spiritual one. If we fail at anything i America, it is that we think there is our hearts; it is something that the equires, ultimately, a cleansing of a polítical solution to a spiritual This act of violence is not a political problem; it is a moral orce of law cannot repair.

hat there are good people in the US our country pray for Chris' family in We assure the people of Australia ustice is served. We regret that thik had to occur. We mourn the loss of when the investigators say it never a bright, talented young man. Our crime happened - all the more so family and all the good people in who condemn this deprayed act and who will not be silent until their time of pain and distress.

Daniel and John Thleme Newton, New Jersey (US)



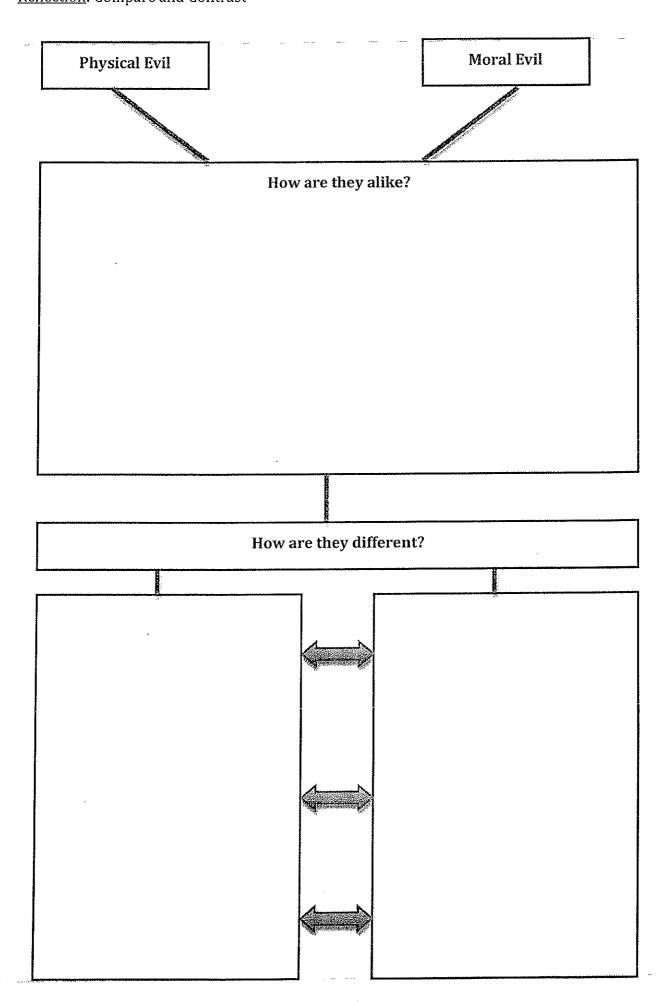
Senseless: A memorial at the site of Chris Lane's death. Photo: Reuters/Bill Maugh

# During- Reading Activity Visual Texts- Moral Evil

Using the World Vision Ad and Letter to the editor complete the matrix below.

QUESTIONS	Text 3: World Vision	Text 4: Christopher Lane
QUESTIONS	TCACO, WORLD VIOLON	
1. What <u>type of text</u> is this?		
2.What is the purpose of this type of text? - to inform - to educate - to persuade/convince - to express an opinion - to create a response (e.g. sympathy/empathy)		
3 What type of "evil" exists?	What:	What:
- <u>Who</u> is affected? - <u>When</u> did it	Who:	Who:
happen? - <u>Where</u> did it happen?	When:	When:
	Where:	Where:
4. Identify 2 visual features that are used and give and example. e.g. – bold print/heading - photo/camera shots - body language/language expression -layout/positioning - symbols		
5. What is the <u>main</u> message/idea of the written text?		
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Read the following.



Write down the reference.

2 Corinthians 11:14	
Ephesians 6:11	
John 14:30-31	
1John 3:8	
John 12:31	
1 Peter 5:8	
Revelation 20:10	
Matthew 16:23	
Matthew 12:22-28	
Luke 22:3	

Unscramble the words below using the material above.

SDISEUGI	IVLE CKTRSI	WRPOE
VLDIE	DDGEUJ	RETAL
CEEIEDVD	COEBASLT	VIIISNDO
DSAJU		

Use at least five of the unscrambled words to write a statement about evil, as seen in the New Testament

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## Good overcoming Evil

- Read Matthew 4:1-11
- Draw the scene for each of the temptations.
- Write Jesus' response.

1 <sup>st</sup> Temptation	Jesus' Reply:
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Temptation
Jesus' Reply:	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Temptation	Jesus' Reply

# The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

1. What is the relationship between Lucy, Edmond, Susan and Peter like? Describe the good points of their relationship and the bad.

	GOOD ASPECTS	BAD ASPECTS	
L 2. V	What lures Edmond to the White Witch?		
3.	How is evil twisted by the image of the White Witch?		
4.	Edmond sneaks off into the night to give away the position of his siblings. Which scriptural character does he represent?		
5.	When Edmond goes to find the White Witch aft	er all the children go to Narnia, what is his	
	main motivation?		
	Edmond finally has a change of heart. What do	see he trade for in return?	
6.	cumond imany has a change of heart. What do	COTTO GUAO TOT ITT TOMATT.	

7. Describe the char	acteristics of 'good' that Aslan shows.	
8. What example in	Scripture is similar to this scene at the a	ltar?
Compare this scene	with the scripture passage in the table t	pelow:
	NARNIA	SCRIPTURE
Sacrificed hero		
Hero's friends		
Leader of villian		
Villian's group		
Capturing hero		
Method of torture		
10. Describe the ch	naracteristics of 'good' shown through the	e girls.
save a human traito	"You know, I'm a little disappointed in your (human beings)? You have given me your you given this. What in the Christian s	our life but saved no one. So much foi
12. How does this s	scene tell the Christian story of the resur	rection (either in pictures or words)?

# JESUS' TRIUMPH OF GOOD OVER EVIL... ACCORDING TO THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA - THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

**OUTCOME:** OUTLINE THE CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THROUGH JESUS GOOD TRIUMPH!

# THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA AS AN ALLEGORY FOR THE CHRISTIAN STORY

ALLEGORY - A STORY, PLAY, PICTURE ETC IN WHICH EACH CHARACTER OR EVENT IS A SYMBOL REPRESENTING AN IDEA OR A QUALITY, SUCH AS TRUTH, EVIL, DEATH ETC

#### THE LION AND THE WITCH

28.35 - 33.32 (4.57MIN)

EV	DESCRIBE HOW EVIL HAS BEEN SHOWN IN THIS SCENE. DOES IT FOLLOW THE USUAL WAYS  EVIL IS SHOWN, WHY/WHY NOT?			
1.	CAN YOU THINK OF AN EXAMPLE FROM SCRIPTURE THAT IS SIMILAR TO THIS SCENE? HOW IS IT SIMILAR?			
2.	DESCRIBE HOW EVIL IS SHOWN THROUGH EACH OF THESE THREE CHARACTERS:			
	THE WITCH:			
	EDMUND:			
	THE WITCH'S HELPER:			

Aslan's Sacrifice
1.28.07-1.33.43 & 1.33.44-1.39.49
1. DESCRIBE HOW GOOD HAS BEEN SHOWN IN THESE TWO SCENES. DOES IT FOLLOW THE USUAL WAYS GOOD IS SHOWN, WHY/WHY NOT?
2. CAN YOU THINK OF AN EXAMPLE FROM SCRIPTURE THAT IS SIMILAR TO THIS SCENE? HOW IS IT SIMILAR?
3. DESCRIBE HOW GOOD IS SHOWN THROUGH EACH OF THESE CHARACTERS:  ASLAN:
THE GIRLS:
4. THE WITCH SAYS: "YOU KNOW ASLAN (JESUS), I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED IN YOU. DID YOU HONESTLY THINK YOU COULD SAVE A HUMAN TRAITOR (HUMAN BEINGS)? YOU HAVE GIVEN ME YOUR LIFE BUT SAVED NO ONE. SO MUCH FOR LOVE." THE WITCH IS WRONG ABOUT THIS. WHAT IN THE CHRISTIAN STORY TELLS US SHE IS WRONG?
ASLAN'S RESURRECTION  1.48.05-150.20  How does this scene tell the Christian story of the resurrection (either in pictures or words)?
IN SUMMARY  KNOWING THAT THE KEY EVENTS SHOWN FROM THIS FILM ARE CLOSELY LINKED TO THE STORY OF CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION, IN YOUR OWN WORDS EXPLAIN HOW JESUS CONQUERED EVIL.

