

The *Sandhurst Scripture Navigator* has been designed to assist educators in Catholic schools to become successful in their understanding of Scripture. It has also been designed to build teacher capacity and confidence when educating students. This essential tool helps educators explore and unpack one specific text at a time. The *Sandhurst Scripture Navigator* can also be used flexibly with the actual students in Grades 5/6 and beyond during Religious Education.

A Process to Use the Sandhurst Scripture Navigator

1. Scripture Text and Reference

Choose your Scripture text and place it in the central box in the empty template. This may be from your *Source of Life* unit.

2. Text Exploration

Read your Scripture text and work through the boxes including *World Behind the Text*, *World of the Text* and *World in Front of the Text*

[Link to NCEC Scripture Site](#)

[Link to John McKinnon Gospel commentaries](#)

3. Key Words

Identify the essential words from the text (about 5-10). These can form an RE Word Wall in the learning space. This will build students' religious literacy.

4. Key Symbols

Note any key symbols from the text that can then be translated into the learning and teaching space, eg: bread, wine, water, soil, seeds or cloth.

5. Connecting With The Arts

Explore the Internet and your own sources to find artistic images or photographs depicting the Scripture text or its key theme.

6. My Wonderings

Identify a few open-ended wonderings you have to guide further exploration of the text and its meaning for you and your students.

7. Key Themes

Finally, draw all of your work together by identifying 2-3 key themes that emerge from this text for you.

8. Learning and Teaching

Enjoy leading your students as they unpack the Scripture text and discover meaningful connections to their own lives and our current world. Celebrate our Catholic faith in a diverse and ever changing world.

'We need to help young people gain confidence and familiarity with sacred Scripture so it can be a compass pointing out the path to follow.'

Pope Benedict XVI