

1 Christopher Nolan, a disabled writer, won the Whitbread Book of the Year Award on this day in 1988. He was aged 22. We'll hear some words from his autobiography, in which he talks of recognising the face of God in human form.

2 *"Such were his teachers,
and such was their imagination,
that the mute boy became constantly amazed
at the almost telepathic degree of certainty
with which they read his facial expression,
eye movements and body language.
Many a good laugh was had
by teacher and pupil
as they deciphered his code.
It was at moments such as these
that Joseph*
**recognised the face of God
in human form.**
*It glimmered in their kindness to him,
it glowed in their keenness,
it hinted in their caring;
indeed, it caressed in their gaze."*

3 Let's pause to think for a moment of individuals who have been very special for us, in whom we have "*recognised the face of God in human form*".

(pause)

4 *Let's pray for our school community
that, students and teachers together,
we may learn to recognise the face of
God in others today.*

**Father,
teach us to recognise your face
in the people
you put into our lives today.
Amen.**

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to research this topic further.

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