

Bible Readings Term 2 2021-22

- Each bible reading usually has a link to the Value being addressed in collective worship or is relevant to the season or festival.
- Every week, the children should be given an opportunity to read (or be read) the passage from their Children's Bible in class.
- Take opportunities to discuss with the children how the story makes them feel, what message we can take from the story and how it could be relevant to our lives today – and how it – and/or the Christian Value - can help us to **'Grow, Celebrate and Make a Difference'**.

Week beginning	Value	Bible passage
1st Nov	Respect	<i>'The Bush Which Caught Fire without a Match' and 'A Hundred and One Excuses' p60 [Exodus 2,3]</i> An Old Testament story about Moses, doubting himself that he would be respected and needing persuasion from God that he was the one to help the Israelites who were suffering in Egypt from the Pharaoh. See also the Home-School Values sheet on 'Respect' which provides another version and other activities.
8 th Nov	Respect	<i>'The Faith of a Foreigner' p271 [Matthew 15, Mark 7]</i> Respect / love for other groups of people; having faith
15 th Nov	Respect	<i>'The Tax Collector Says Yes' p237 [Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5]</i> Jesus spends time with someone who is seen as a 'bad' person, saying <i>'Do the healthy need a doctor? No, the sick are the ones who need help'</i> . Are we sometimes too quick to judge someone and condemn them rather than try to listen and help them?
22nd Nov	Respect	<i>'Cleaning out the Temple' p310 and 'Healing in the Temple' p311 (Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19)</i> [Jesus throws out the money changers in the Temple. Respect for special places; respect for others; respect for the poor]
Advent / Christmas –the last 3 weeks of term are a good opportunity for children to read/discuss the passages from their Bible that relate to the Christmas story / the Nativity. You may choose particular passages in a different way/time to discuss or focus on in relation to other Christmas activities you do but here are the main readings spread over 3 weeks:		
29 th Nov	Advent/Christmas	<i>'An Angel Visits a Young Girl' p210-211 (Luke 1)</i> <i>[The Angel Gabriel tells Mary she is to have a special baby; Mary's respect for and trust in God]</i> <i>'A Trip over the Mountains' p211 (Luke 1)</i> <i>'Beside the Well' p212 (Matthew 1) Mary and Joseph's mixture of excitement and anxieties as they prepare.</i>
6 th Dec	Advent/Christmas	<i>'Joseph's Dream' p213 (Luke 2)</i> <i>'Jesus is Born' p214 (Matthew 1; Luke 2)</i> <i>'The Shepherds' p216 (Luke 2)</i> <i>[Shepherds are visited by angels to tell them about the special birth]</i>
13 th Dec	Advent/Christmas	<i>'The Star that led to the Baby's Cradle' (Matthew 2) p219</i> <i>'Gifts for the King' (Matthew 2) p219</i> <i>'He will be called a Nazarene' (p220) – Joseph's dream about Herod; Jesus as a young child.</i>