

Bible Readings Term 3 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 / Theme	Bible passage
Wed 5 th January	Epiphany /New Year 'Growth'	'The Star That Led to the Baby's Cradle' and 'Gifts for a King' p218 – 219. <i>[Epiphany (6th January) is associated with the visit of the magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus.]</i> OR /AND (if children already read ahead to the story of the Wise Men before Christmas): 'Joseph and Mary Lose Jesus' p222 (Luke 2) – one of the few stories in the Bible about Jesus as a boy – this tells of Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the temple, learning and gaining wisdom; Christians believe that they never stop growing but spiritual development takes time and effort. This could be a way in to discussing our 'Growth', (<i>Grow, Celebrate, Make a Difference</i>) especially growing in terms of spirituality.
10 th January	Peace	'Alone in a Cave' p 145 [1 Samuel 24; Psalm 57]. In this story, David has opportunity to kill King Saul but doesn't, choosing to make peace instead. <i>This follows on from the story children read in September linked to Friendship – King Saul being jealous of David and his friendship with his son Jonathan – children could re-read p140-143. See also Home-School Values sheet on 'Peace' which discusses the story more and has other activities linked to the Value.</i>
17 th January	Peace	'Do you Know How to be Salt?' p242 [Part of the 'Sermon on the Mount' – ordinary people are the 'salt of the earth'; the peacemakers try to bring people together , changing the 'taste' of the world from bad to good]
24 th January	Peace	'The Storm' and 'The Other Side' p252/p255 (Matthew 8/ Mark 4 / Luke 8) [Jesus calms the storm. The idea is if you pray and trust Him, he will help you replace fear with peace.]
31st January	Courage	David and Goliath: 'The Giant' p137. 'Goliath's Insults' p137. 'David the Giant-Killer' p137-139. (1 Samuel 17) – facing bullies with courage. [<i>This is the story of David before Saul's jealousy – see wb 10th January</i>] See also Home-School Values sheet on 'Courage' which discusses the story more and has other activities linked to the Value.
7th February	Courage	'The Battle Won with Trumpets' p98-99. Joshua shows courage in facing his enemies and shows trust in God. <i>Background: An Old Testament story - God has commissioned Joshua to be the new leader of the Israelites after Moses died. Joshua will be the one to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land! So God tells Joshua to "be strong and courageous" and that he will never leave him.</i> If children want to read more about the Story of Joshua (Joshua 3 - 6) they could read the pages before, ie, from 'I Spy the Enemy' p90 onwards.

14 th February	Courage	'Shipwreck!' Paul facing dangers with courage and trust in God (Acts 25-27) p391-392 including 'Safe in Malta'.
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