

Fresh Approach Collective Worship Planning

Year B Term 6

We start a new term still waiting for schools to be back together as whole communities. We have, therefore, aimed to provide materials which are flexible and adaptable. From week 2 onwards, these are based on the worship ideas provided on the Faith at Home website

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home/i-am-school-leader>

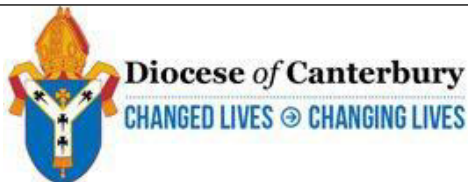
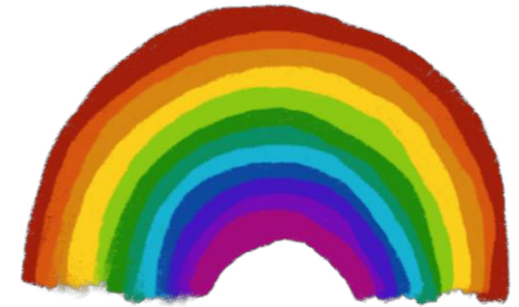
We have looked at these and worked them into five acts of worship for each week. We invite you to use all or parts of what is suggested (as appropriate to age and context) to use:

- At home
- In classes or small groups at school
- For a whole school act of worship – whatever the ‘whole school’ looks like

Our hope is that these times of worship will help us all to think about the kind of people we want to be when we are at the other side of the challenges that we continue to face.





The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. AMEN

Week 1	Easter to Ascension to Pentecost
Week 2	Hope
Week 3	Courage
Week 4	Love
Week 5	Humility
Week 6	Patience
Week 7	Generosity




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Liturgical colour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	<p>JESUS BESIDE US Luke 24:13-32</p> <p>The last time we were in school, it was just after Easter. Wherever you are, try and help children to understand that there is a journey from Easter to Ascension to Pentecost of just 50 days, which is less than the time of lockdown.</p>  <p>There are lots of images online of 'The Road to Emmaus'. Find an image or draw your own of Jesus coming beside two of his followers and walking with them. Read an appropriate version of the story. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAUGRNhSwKw is a simple animation</p> <p>If you are back in school, think about how Jesus has been walking with you all this time even though you may not always have realised it. I wonder who has been walking alongside you in the last few weeks? I wonder which of your friends you have missed over the past few weeks? I wonder if you have ever felt that you needed a special friend at various points over the past few weeks?</p> <p>The two followers were so joyful when they recognised Jesus. I wonder if you are joyful if you are now able to see your friends or more members of your family now?</p>	<p>JESUS BEFORE US John 21:4-13</p>  <p>Use images to read the story or a simple retelling such as https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i35t8QDC0n0</p> <p>The disciples were Jesus' closest friends and this episode happened when they were still unsure of what was going to happen to them in the future. Perhaps they did not recognise Jesus because they were not expecting to see him just then. This has been a time of uncertainty for many people not knowing what might happen next.</p> <p>I wonder what they thought when the man on the shore told them to cast their net again after a whole night with no fish at all? I wonder what they felt when the catch came in? I wonder if you would have done what Peter did?</p> <p>No matter what happens, the Bible tells us that Jesus is there before his people, encouraging them and finding ways to help as he did that morning - with the catch of fish and then by having a meal ready for them!</p>	<p>JESUS AHEAD OF US Acts 1:9-11</p> <p>This is the account of Jesus saying goodbye to his disciples and returning to be with God the Father. This has been a time when we have been acutely aware of death and loss and we may have experienced it ourselves directly. It therefore needs sensitive handling, appropriate to age and context, but it is something which we should think seriously about facing and offering support for in terms of our children and their families.</p> <p>Tell the story of the Ascension in an appropriate way and then use this image to think about saying goodbye</p>  <p>This is an image from p41 of https://canterburydiocese.org/content/pages/documents/1589201827.pdf which we have recommended to you as support material for grief and loss. You might ask: I wonder how the characters might be feeling? I wonder what you would say to the people in the front of the picture? I wonder why there might be a path in the picture? I wonder what this picture might teach us about people who are grieving?</p>	<p>JESUS DOES NOT LEAVE US Acts 2: 1-15</p>  <p>Use an appropriate image of Pentecost. I wonder what you can see in the picture? I wonder what might be happening?</p> <p>Read the account in an appropriate version or watch this animation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqG_lvZhU-A (from beginning to 2 mins)</p> <p>This is an account of how Jesus' disciples began to spread the good news (gospel) to the whole world. I wonder if we have been thinking enough about the whole world at this time? I wonder if we could spend some time naming some of the countries that we know and praying that the people there will be safe and well? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4uPDddZ7yw is a song about the Holy Spirit to a traditional tune</p>	<p>Celebrate</p> <p>It would be good to spend some time celebrating being back at school if that is the case for you. Ask about what has been happening over the past weeks that can be celebrated.</p> <p>I wonder if we could create a 'wow' wall of all the things that have amazed us about the past few weeks? I wonder whether you went out for a walk and saw some wonderful things? I wonder if you watched the news and saw people doing special kindnesses for others? I wonder if you clapped for the NHS because of their care for others?</p> <p>You could start the wall in worship (wherever worship is in school) and ask that is be added to. If you are at home, you could create something similar.</p> <p>You could also pray your wow wall as thanksgiving and ongoing please prayers for those people and situations.</p>

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	List the reasons for your joy today and make a prayer using these reasons.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zc3HKUCsPiU is a traditional song for quiet reflection	Leave quiet space for thank you prayers for individuals that the community might want to remember or that you might want to remember in your own family. Be ready to deal with any follow-up questions or grief from individuals if you choose to use the material.		
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Week 2	<p>EVERYONE CAN BE A HOPE CARRIER Matthew 13 v 31-32 https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew13%3A31-32&version=ICB</p> <p>All or part of Hope primary https://www.thenational.academy/ext/ra/curricular/faith-at-home might provide an introduction</p> <p>I wonder what you think hope is like? I wonder how it starts and how it grows? I wonder how big it can become?</p> <p>Watch this clip https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-Z1etoGp0Q</p> <p>How amazing is that! The Bible has a story that is a bit like that clip</p> <p>Read The Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32) ‘The smallest of seeds... becomes a tree.’</p> <p>Plant a seed of some sort and, when it starts to grow, remember that you planted it and cared for it as a sign of hope, which you have waited for but gets bigger and bigger and better and better.</p> <p>Read this together ‘Hope is a baton, something to be held onto but also passed on. Hope comes to us... to flow through us.’ I wonder what it means, especially just now? I wonder how hope might flow through you today? You could say a prayer to ask God to help you to pass on the baton of hope.</p>	<p>EVERYONE CAN BE A HOPE CARRIER Matthew 13 v 31-32 https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew13%3A31-32&version=ICB</p> <p>I wonder if you can remember our parable from yesterday? I wonder what seeds need to grow into plants and big, tall trees? I wonder what hope needs to grow?</p> <p>Spend some time talking about this picture:</p>  <p>I wonder what this picture makes you think of? I wonder how it might be possible for this plant to be growing here? I wonder what makes hope grow in difficult situations?</p> <p>You might be able to do a SIGNS OF HOPE walk: as you walk around your area, look for things that are growing. What do you think they will look like when they are fully grown? Perhaps count them, and then tomorrow, see if you can find more! When we start looking for signs of hope, it can remind us of the reasons we have to be hopeful.</p> <p>The words of this Christian song might help you to think about what encouragement holding on to a ‘Cornerstone’ (Jesus Christ) can help in life. ‘Cornerstone’ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izrkerhDdk</p>	<p>EVERYONE CAN BE A HOPE CARRIER Matthew 13 v 31-32 https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew13%3A31-32&version=ICB</p> <p>I wonder what the smallest thing you can find in your house might be? I wonder if you can hold it in your hand? Will it fit on your fingertip? Look at it closely. How does it make you feel?</p> <p>I wonder if you can remember what Jesus said about the tiny mustard seed? Can you tell the story to an adult or someone else in your family, perhaps you could act it out.</p> <p>Hold the small object you found at the start inside your hand and make a fist around it. Now think about the thing you hope for most right now, while holding your hand tight. As you start to open up your hand, say what you will do to help your hope to grow. Start with: ‘To help my hope to grow, I will...’ You might also like to say a prayer, asking God to help you or reflect on how you can help your hope and those of other to grow.</p> <p>You might finish by singing This Little Light of Mine: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCN893hzueQ</p>	<p>EVERYONE CAN BE A HOPE CARRIER Matthew 13 v 31-32 https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew13%3A31-32&version=ICB</p> <p>Look at what some students and teachers said that their hopes were at the beginning of a school year by watching https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlcU5uHMdTM</p> <p>I wonder if you could make your own ‘blackboard’ with your hopes and those of others around you just now – you could also ask your wider family who are not with you just now – and add their hopes.</p> <p>As appropriate just now, allow time for everyone to talk about more challenging things: Do you ever find it difficult to be hopeful? Can you think of anyone who might need hope right now? What could you do to help their hope to grow?</p> <p>Dear God, we thank you for giving us hope when we feel worried, when we are having a hard time, when we don’t know what’s ahead of us and when we are sad. Thank you that even the smallest seed of hope can grow into a big, tall tree. Please help us when we find it hard to be hopeful, so we can offer hope to others. Amen</p>	<p>Celebrate Genesis 9:17 Our rainbow-coloured world</p> <p>Listen to Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRONFXoXsJO or favourite music that makes you happy to be alive!</p> <p>The rainbow is an important symbol just now – we see a rainbow and we think of our hopes for the future. The first rainbow in the Bible comes after a time of sadness – when God has sent a flood but afterwards sent a rainbow of the promise that such a thing would not happen again.</p> <p>I wonder if we can use the rainbow to celebrate our wonderful world for the next 7 weeks on each Friday and maybe add to the rainbows on our windows with thank you prayers? Or you could make home or class ‘thank you’ books of prayers and reflections creating Our Rainbow Reminders or similar week by week up to the end of the term.</p> <p>List or collect as many red things as you can – from nature, from around your home, your classroom, your school. I wonder why you should be thankful for each of these objects – large or small, important or not very significant at all? I wonder if we are thankful enough for</p>
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Week 3	<p>DAVID AND GOLIATH 1 Samuel 17</p> <p>Courage is often about continuing to do what you would normally do when faced with extraordinary situations. Many Christians believe that we should offer our skills, talents and abilities and that God will use that courageousness to achieve great things. The word ‘courage’ comes from the Latin word ‘cor’ – heart.</p> <p>All or part of Courage primary https://www.thenational.academy/extra/curricular/faith-at-home might provide an introduction</p> <p>I wonder what you think of when you hear the word courage? I wonder who or what you think of when you hear the word courage? I wonder if you can think of a time in your life when you had to be filled with courage? Find a small stone and hold it in your hand. Could something this small make any difference to anything?</p> <p>Explore the story of David in Goliath in a way most meaningful to your current context. It is in 1 Samuel Chapter 17 of the bible. Or there is a read aloud version of the story, or a storyteller video.</p> <p>Also there are ideas here: https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/david-and-goliath-very-loud-story-drums-and-percussion and here: https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/david-and-goliath-interactive-activity</p> <p>Let the story speak for itself today – reflect by looking at the small stone again or by listening to ‘Courageous’ by Casting Crowns https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKM-gDcmJEM</p>	<p>SHOWING ALL SORTS OF COURAGE 1 Samuel 17 and Psalm 23</p> <p>I wonder why David had to show such great courage? I wonder if your worries and anxieties can sometimes feel like ‘giants’? Think about these things, you may like to draw them or write them down. Find someone you trust to talk about your ‘giants’. It is always better to share your worries with someone else. It is ok to feel worried or anxious about these things. Many Christians believe that God promises to help, guide, strengthen and fill them with courage, just as he did David. I wonder if you need some courage to face your ‘giants’ like David did?</p> <p>When David said he would fight Goliath, his eldest brother was angry and said that David was conceited (“cheeky brat” Good News Translation). David then went to others in the army and each time he got the same answer. I wonder how this story might have ended if David had given up when his brother was angry with him?</p> <p>Let’s look again at our small stone... I wonder if it might be a reminder of the story of David and Goliath? I wonder if it might be a reminder that small things can make a big difference? I wonder if it might be a reminder that a little bit of courage and encouragement can go a long way?</p> <p>You might like to read or listen to Psalm 23: this is a modern version of a Psalm that has given Christians courage in difficult times for generations: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MGO</p> <p>Or pray: Dear God, you know that I often feel frightened at the moment. Frightened about what will happen to me, to those I love and to our school community. But I know that you have been with me, I know that you will with us today, I know that you will be with me in the future. Give me courage to do the big things, the little things and the difficult things that will make a difference to someone else today. Amen</p>	<p>EXAMPLES OF COURAGE FOR US ALL 1 Samuel 17</p> <p>Think back to the account from the Bible from yesterday. I wonder how David felt when he faced Goliath? In some ways David felt no differently facing Goliath than he would have facing a lion or bear that was threatening his sheep (he was a shepherd before he was a king) ...he believed that the same God who gave him courage to do this would be with him in facing Goliath. That was the secret of his courage... I wonder if there are people today who still give us examples of great courage?</p> <p>Watch Captain Tom Moore https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-52333127 Captain Tom Moore celebrated his 100th birthday recently and has raised over £31 million for NHS charities, by doing something quite ordinary... walking. He could easily have said ‘I am too old to make a difference’. I wonder if you think that he showed courage?</p> <p>Thousands of NHS workers, care assistants, supermarket workers -and your teachers- are just doing their jobs. But I wonder what sort of courage they are showing? I wonder how you can encourage them? Take some time to say thank you for all those who will show courage in serving others today.</p> <p>All through History by Nick and Becky Darke is a Christian song about God’s faithfulness in giving his people courage in times of need. Watch and singalong here - if you would like to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQS2HHayr38</p>	<p>THE COURAGE AROUND US Micah 6 v 8</p> <p>In appropriate ways, take some time to acknowledge</p> <p>that it has taken courage for staff to go into school to care for key worker children, possibly putting themselves and their family at risk of catching the virus</p> <p>it takes courage to care for our family and friends day in day out, week in week out and month in month out</p> <p>that it has taken courage to provide what the pupils and families in our school need, not what people in the media think they should have</p> <p>Think about this image and these words. I wonder what you think they might mean? I wonder if there have been times over the last few weeks where this has been your experience?</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow <small>Mary Anne Radmacher</small></p> </div> <p>Christians believe that they are being courageous by living as God calls them to be. <i>But what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God</i>’. I wonder what this verse from the Bible might mean? I wonder how we can act justly, show mercy and walk humbly just now in our families, in our school, in our community at this time?</p> <p>Pray/reflect on how you can show courage in different and age appropriate ways at this time wherever you find yourselves.</p>	<p>Celebrate (see week 2) Genesis 9:17</p> <p>Our rainbow-coloured world Focus on ORANGE</p>
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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Week 4</p>	<p>LOVE IS AN ACTION! 1 Corinthians 4:13-18</p> <p>You might like to start your worship for the week by watching this video clip https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iIEvQNRs_M (selection of love songs!) I wonder what you think worship might be about this week?</p> <p>I wonder, what does love mean to you?</p> <p>There are lots of different types of love, I wonder if you can think of any? There is the love between brothers and sisters and other family members, love between friends, romantic love, love you have for your favourite food or the love you feel for your pets.</p> <p>The Bible gives Christians a really clear description of what love is and what it isn't. Share the passage together, or you could use this video clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8F9_A7XIU6k 1 Corinthians 13:1- 8</p> <p>As you read or listen to this passage, I wonder which line jumps out? I wonder if there is a description of love that speaks to you? Find someone to share this with.</p> <p>Dear God, Thank you that your love is patient. Help us show patience with those around us. Thank you that your love is kind. Help us to extend kindness to others. Thank you that your love never fails. Amen</p>	<p>LOVE IS AN ACTION! 1 Corinthians 4:13-18</p> <p>Thinking back to yesterday ... Love is How would you complete this sentence? What did you notice yesterday about how love was described in the Bible?</p>  <p>Love is an action. I wonder what you think about this? Do you agree? I wonder how you know that someone loves you? Hopefully through their actions, words and thoughts. I wonder if you think this description of love goes across all the different types of love we talked about earlier?</p> <p>The Bible also talks about different types of love. Agape love is mentioned many times in the New Testament as it describes selfless, unconditional love. That means, doing something for others without expecting anything in return.</p> <p>The Christian Aid Week appeal for this year used the tag line 'Love never fails. Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all.' They have asked all those who support them to give in love, to help others practically. This is another example of agape love.</p> <p>Spend some time praying for the work of Christian Aid and for those countries around the world who do not have access to health care, financial and food support as we do in the UK.</p>	<p>LOVE IS AN ACTION! 1 Corinthians 4:13-18</p> <p>Watch Episode 3 Love online act of worship #faithathome https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home/faith-home-videos</p> <p>Look at this image, what does it make you think of? How can we give love away? How might this make us feel?</p>  <p>You might like to take part in this prayer activity as you think about all those you love and what actions you can use to show your love. Draw around your hands and then cut them out, but keep the two hands joined together.</p>  <p>Can you see the heart in the middle of the two hands? Write the names of people you love on each hand. This could be family or friends. Use this as a reminder of people that you love. Maybe you could hold this when you are saying your prayers?</p> <p>I wonder if you could write names on your cut out hands of people that are harder to love, could you ask God to help you share your love further?</p>	<p>LOVE IS AN ACTION! Luke 5:17-26</p> <p>The Bible story for today demonstrates Agape love. I wonder if you can spot it when you hear the story?</p> <p>Luke 5: 17-26 tells the story of the paralysed man, who is brought to Jesus by being lowered through the roof by his friends. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFCe5iwTfFw (Song telling the story of the healing of a paralysed man by Jesus) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpCJoPDF3v4 (Video clip telling the story - watch from 55s to 4.50)</p> <p>I wonder why his friends did this for their friend who was paralysed? How were they showing Agape love? I wonder where you might have seen this type of love happening in your community, house or school? Why don't you talk to your family or friends about that now?</p> <p>Remember, love is an action. How could you show love to people with the things you do and so love people with your actions? What might they need right now? If you would like to, use this format to write or say a prayer.</p> <p>S – Sorry T – Thank you O – Others P – Please</p> <p>Dear God, I am sorry for the times when I haven't loved people through my thoughts or actions. Thank you for all those that love me and for all those I love. Help my community to share love with each other through their actions. Please help me to love people in practical ways, especially those who are harder to love. AMEN</p>	<p>Celebrate (see week 2) Genesis 9:17 Our rainbow-coloured world Focus on YELLOW</p>
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Week 5

HUMILITY TOWARDS OTHERS

Luke 18:9-14

This is a word that we do not hear very often. I wonder if you could explain what it means? I wonder if this clip might help you?

In 2018, tennis player Grigor Dimitrov hit national headlines. Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sd0EEHTJFgc>. I wonder why you think Grigor was praised? I wonder if you can of any more examples of someone building someone up, rather than knocking them down?

Read this Bible story, in which Jesus speaks about two kinds of people. <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+18%3A9-14&version=GNT>

or watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ufe6zouTq8g>

or use another appropriate version



I wonder which person was humble in this story? I wonder why Jesus praised this person?

Loving God, you know we are not perfect. You see our mistakes and you know our thoughts and you know how great we sometimes want to be. Help us to change our perspective so that we take our eyes off the wonder of ourselves, looking at the wonder of others instead. Help us to see greatness in everyone, seeing your life within each person we meet. Amen.

HUMILITY WITH LOVE

Ephesians 4:2

Humility
is not thinking less of
YOURSELF,
but thinking of yourself
LESS.
C. S. Lewis

Look at the definition of C. S. Lewis on humility. Can you think of a definition of humility in your own words? *Wonder what humility means to you?* I wonder how you practice humility in your life? I wonder how how humility might draw someone closer to God or to others? I wonder how you can practice humility in your life this week?

Read Aesop's Fable, The Hare and the Tortoise. How is pride and humility seen in this story? <http://read.gov/aesop/025.html>

or watch

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOy9y_zB8L4



Consider 'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.' (Ephesians 4:2). Create a Jar of Humility. Every day, write on a piece of paper saying how someone has helped you – it can even be help with the most thankless of tasks. Fold up the paper and place in a jar. After 7 days, empty out the jar and read all 7 examples. Reflect on what these mean to you; you might like to say your own private prayer to God, giving thanks for the special people who have helped you with humility this week.

HUMILITY ABOUT OURSELVES

John 13:4-7

'Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up.' Jesse Jackson

I wonder if you have you had moments in your life where you have boasted, bragged or put others down to make yourself look good? I wonder if you have you had times when you've been humble, looking at the wonder of others rather than the wonder of ourselves?

I wonder if this account of Jesus, in Holy Week, helps you to understand what Jesus understood humility to be?

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+13%3A4-7&version=GNT>



Create a tower of shoes using those you are allowed to in your home or at school. I wonder.... how you could build others up this week ...how others in your life help to build you up and support you ...how we are not perfect – everyone makes mistakes and can accidentally knock people down. Remember, if we say sorry, we can help to rebuild relationships. I wonder how you might build others up and not put others down? If you'd like to, ask your family to help with this. You might also like to say a prayer to God, asking you to help with this.

This song might help you to think about Jesus' example of humility https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0FSZ_iSYO8

HUMILITY ABOUT OUR PLACE IN GOD'S AMAZING WORLD

Psalms 139:7-12

Watch Carl Sagan's Pale Blue Dot: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GO5FwsblpT8> (older)

or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAGBqIA-fd4>

I wonder if you are ever full of wonder, to see yourself as small in a vast and beautiful world and universe – take time to be small – but special because we are part of it all! Humility is a looking outwards with wonder and awe at the gift of everything that isn't 'me'. Take time to consider how special and wonderful we all are, and yet so tiny!

So everybody is a tiny dot, wonderful, important – but I wonder what can we do? Just now it is a little bit difficult. But think about what others have been doing and think about if you could help with these ideas or similar because tiny things can make a huge difference. As a family, you could spend time to check that everyone is OK or serve a family member by helping with a task. In the community, you could give to others - make up a food parcel and deliver it to the doorstep of someone who cannot get out or shop for someone else to save them going to the supermarket or phone someone who lives alone – give time to listen.

Thank God for 'tiny', amazing, wonderful you and for all the 'tiny', amazing people who love you, have loved you in the past and will love you in the future.


Celebrate (see week 2)

Genesis 9:17

Our rainbow-coloured world
Focus on GREEN

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Week 6	<p>Patience with circumstances Genesis 6:14-22 'Rome wasn't built in a day', doing something worthwhile can take time, taking the long view, 'instant everything' isn't the answer to every problem. I wonder if you can think of a time when you had to be patient? Sometimes things that look simple have taken lots of patience to create, complete and perfect – such as this example: Making of Wallace and Gromit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3CEE9xKKZc it took 6 weeks for 1 minute of film.</p> <p>In the Bible, Noah finds that he has to be patient. God had told Noah to build a great big Ark. He had to take all his family and two of every kind of animal to save them from the coming flood. Noah had carefully followed God's plan, Noah had to show patience with the animals and people he was locked in with and with the timing of God's plan. He had confidence that God was with him, but he couldn't see how the plan would work out. In Genesis 8: 6-13, you will find the end part of the story. For the full story you could watch The Jesus Storybook Bible version which is available as a video here. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCLRcA9mlQE or find an appropriate version in a children's Bible.</p> <p>I wonder how patient Noah had to be? I wonder if you could say a simple prayer for more patience in any situation where you feel that you are losing or lacking in patience?</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQIITxU This song helps Christians to wait and trust in God's promises and might help you to think some more about patience</p>	<p>Patience with ourselves Colossians 3:1 This is about not giving up, coping with temper, recognising our strengths and weaknesses, not being too hard on ourselves because we all make mistakes.</p> <p>I wonder what you think when you join the end of a long queue? I wonder who you think of when your teacher asks you to think of someone who is patient? I wonder if you can think of a time in your life when you had to be patient and wait for something? How long did you have to wait? A minute? An hour? A day? A week? A month? Longer?</p> <p>Re-cap on the story of Noah from yesterday. I wonder what made Noah most frustrated? I wonder what helped Noah to be patient? If you had been in the ark, what would have made you impatient, and what would you have done about it? I wonder... if you have to feel patient, or if you can choose to be patient? I wonder how you cope when you have to be patient – maybe not cooped up in an ark, but maybe in a car on a long journey, or through lockdown?</p> <p>Paul wrote these words to one of the very first churches: he said '<i>...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience</i>' (Colossians 3:12) So maybe patience isn't always something that we have to feel inside first – maybe it's something we can choose to put on, a bit like a jumper? I wonder if that makes a difference? If patience was an item of clothing, I wonder what it might look like? (Maybe something with lots of buttons, or shoes with laces!)</p> <p>This quiet Christian song might be a way of helping you to sit calmly and asking God to help you to 'put on' patience now and keep it on for the rest of the day https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zY5o9</p>	<p>Patience with others Proverbs 15:18 This is about recognising everyone is different, learning to make allowances for others, giving time to people, walking at another's pace and not rushing them.</p> <p>This is a proverb from the Bible: 'Losing your temper causes a lot of trouble; but patient people bring peace' (paraphrase). I wonder what you think this might mean? I wonder if this has ever happened to you during the lockdown? I wonder how you resolved those situations?</p> <p>It might be helpful to acknowledge the things that have caused people to lack patience with each other during lockdown but not to forget the positive things that also happened: Create a simple traffic light, with three paper circles. On the top circle use a red pen to write or draw something that you were unable to do because of lockdown, something that you are disappointed about. On the middle circle use an orange pen to write or draw something that you are looking forward to doing when everybody is back together in school, whenever that might be. On the bottom circle use a green pen to write or draw something that you enjoyed doing while you have been in lockdown.</p> <p>You could use this as the basis for sorry, thank you and please prayers.</p> 	<p>Patience with nature/the world Genesis 1:31 This is about learning to wait for things to grow (harvest); working for change is one step at a time (for example, climate change); the more complex the problem is, the more time and attention it needs before a solution can be found.</p> <p>Use this clip to show how patient animals are when hunting for food and how patient humans have to be to film them! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxYvbtE4Ybs I wonder if you can think of times when we have to wait for God's creation to show itself in its full glory?</p> <p>Consider some practical action eg a seed bomb is a mixture of seeds from wildflowers and powdered clay. You can buy or make the seed bombs https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-make-seed-bomb with the help of an adult When you have planted the seeds, you will need to be very patient! Make sure you water the soil and look forward to the time that insects and bees enjoy the flowers you planted! One school asked their pupils to be patient wildlife photographers and send in photos of the creatures they saw around them on their walks - see this reflective video by scrolling down to 18 May https://twitter.com/StPetersFarnham</p> <p>Take time to give thanks that patience is rewarded in the beauty and wonder of creation.</p>	<p>Celebrate (see week 2) Genesis 9:17 Our rainbow-coloured world Focus on BLUE</p> <p>When Noah saw the rainbow in the sky at the end of the story from earlier in the week, he must have felt as if his patience had been rewarded.</p>
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