

Our Christian Value for Autumn 1 is **THANKFULNESS**.

Thankfulness

Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their lives. They know that their response to this provision should be one of thankfulness and praise.

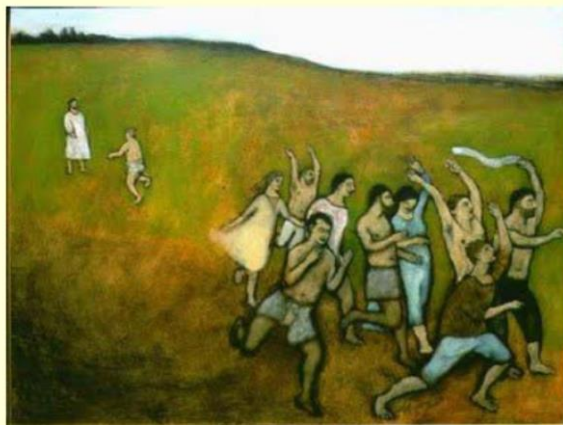
Bible stories:

- Psalm 148 - a song of praise to God
- Paul and Silas in prison (Acts 16)
- The healing of the ten lepers
- The loaves and the fishes
- The Good Samaritan

Bible verses:

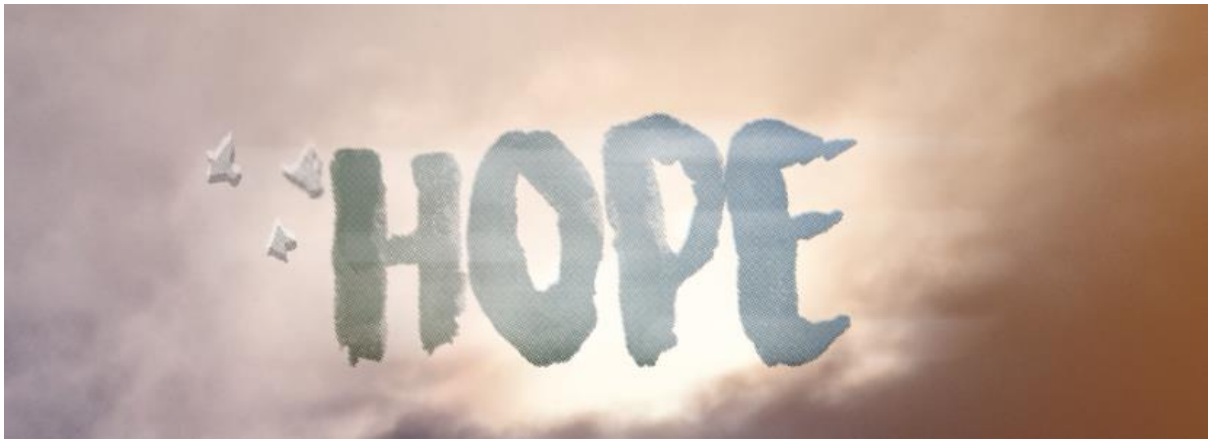
- Every time I think of you I give thanks to my God. (Philippians 1:3)
- Always give thanks for everything to God the Father. (Ephesians 5:20)
- Always be thankful. (1 Thessalonians 5:16)
- The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I give thanks to him in song. (Psalm 28:7)
- Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)

Thankfulness



‘One of the lepers, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.’

Our Christian Value for Autumn 2 is HOPE.



Hope

Biblical background: The value hope is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something!

We encourage children to be hopeful, to think positively

- We work hard to bring hope to children whose lives are difficult at the moment.
- We tell children about the hope we have in Jesus

Bible stories:

- Abraham.
- Gideon
- Daniel

Bible verses:

Psalm 147:11 But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who **hope** in his steadfast love.

Proverbs 10:28 The **hope** of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.

Our Christian Value for Spring 1 is PEACE.

Peace



'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'

Peace

We encourage children to be peace makers and peace keepers

- We help children learn how to get over arguments quickly and fairly*
- We make sure we give our children times when they can be peaceful and calm as well as times that are more noisy and busy*
- We encourage children to share peaceful times with God through prayer*

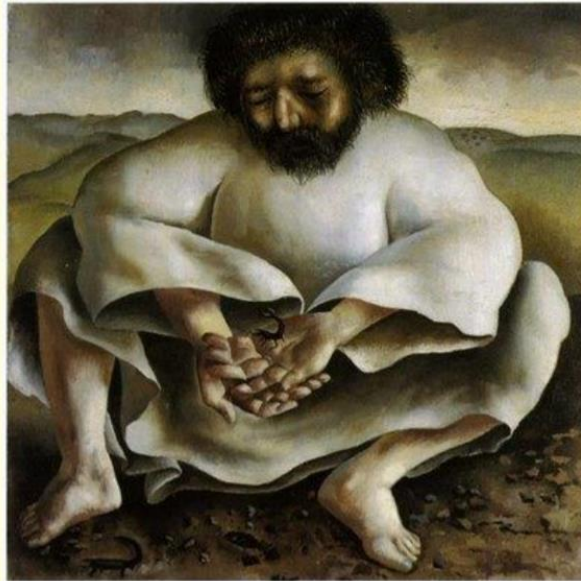
Bible Stories: The prophets in the Old Testament foresaw the day when there would be an end to war - see Micah 4:1-5 (beating swords into ploughshares). • Isaiah advises that a child will come one day who will be called 'The Prince of Peace' - see Isaiah 9:6-7. • The angels sing of peace on earth when Jesus is born - see Luke 2:8-16. • Jesus brings peace to the storm on Lake Galilee - see Luke 8:22-25. • Paul talks of Jesus being the person who can bring peace between opposing groups of people - see Ephesians 2:14 -18. • Paul prays for peace among the people to whom he writes - see 2 Corinthians 13:11-13.

Bible Verses:

1 Peter 3:10-11 (quoting Psalm 34) 'Do you really love life? Do you want to be happy? Then stop saying cruel things and quit telling lies. Give up your evil ways and do right, as you find and follow the road that leads to peace' (CEV) Matthew 5:9: 'God blesses those who make peace. They will be called his children.'

Our Christian Value for Spring 2 is ENDURANCE.

Endurance



‘And when Jesus had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry.’

- We encourage the children to keep going even when things are tough
- We ensure that the work we give children is challenging enough that all children have opportunities to develop persistence –we want all children to experience success....but also to appreciate that sometimes success involves struggle
- We tell the children that God’s love for them endures for ever...whatever they do.

Bible stories:

The Easter Story

Bible verses:

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. - Romans 5:3-5

Our Christian Value for Summer 1 is CREATIVITY

Creativity



'God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.'

- *We teach the children to take care of the world*
- *We encourage the children to think and act creatively*
- *We use creative approaches to how we teach*
- *We value opportunities in the curriculum to teach the creative arts*

Bible Stories:

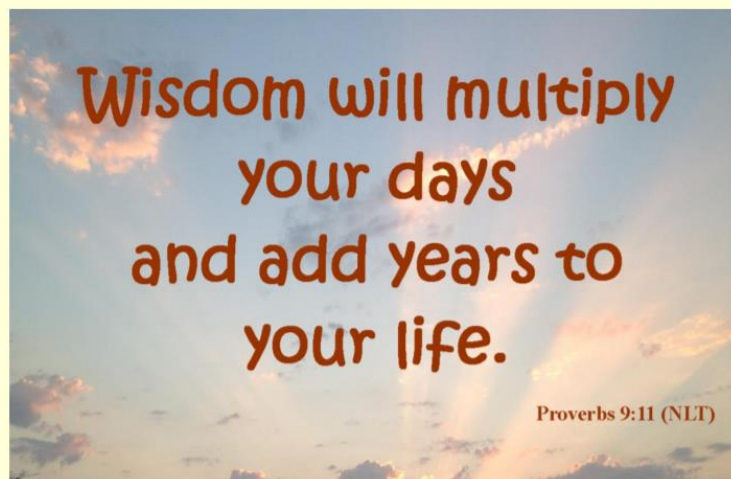
- *Solomon in making a ruling about the baby (1 Kings 3:16-28) (Key Verse 25)*
- *Joshua at Jericho (Josh.6) (Key Verse: 2)*
- *Nehemiah in having families work to build their own portions of the wall (Neh. 3) (Key Verses: 28-30)*

Bible Verses:

Genesis 1 In the beginning God created the World.

Our Christian Value for Summer 2 is WISDOM

Wisdom



'God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.'

Wisdom

We teach children that wisdom can be of many kinds and can belong to people of all ages and all walks of life

- We expect children to hear and value different sources of wisdom in our school community*
- We teach children to grow in understanding of themselves*
- We inspire children with the stories of wise leaders and inspirational figures*
- We encourage the children to understand what it means to say that God is the source of all true wisdom*

Bible Stories:

- Solomon.*

Bible verses:

The Bible talks of wisdom as a gift from God (King Solomon asks for this gift - 1 Kings 3) and in the New Testament wisdom is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12). True wisdom is intimately bound up with 'honouring God', as the book of Proverbs declares (for example, Proverbs 2:6; 9:10) and 'the wisdom that comes from above' (James 3:17, CEV) is described as pure, peaceable, gentle, helpful and sincere.