



The Friday Message

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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week in our RE learning, we shared pictures of birthday celebrations from around the world. We sang happy birthday in different languages and talked about how children celebrate their birthday in different ways. Some countries focus their birthday on sharing and thinking about others. In Nigeria, some birthdays are usually celebrated more than others. A person's 1st, 5th, 10th, and 15th birthdays are believed to be very important. On those birthdays, people often celebrate with a big party. Traditionally, people enjoy eating 'jollof rice' at special parties. This is a dish of rice with tomatoes, red peppers, and onions. We also discussed and thought about the people who make our birthdays happy and special. We said a special prayer for all those thoughtful members of our family and friends that help us to celebrate our birthday.</p>	<p>In Armstrong Class, this week we have continued our work on Families. We have spent a lot of time thinking about caring and how we know God cares for us and how we know our families care for us. We drew some beautiful pictures to show some of the things in the world that God cares for and, later in the week, we looked at some images of people caring for each other and discussed how we knew these people cared. We made up some dialogue to go with the pictures and then did some role play to go with them.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In RE this week, Year 2 have continued their learning all about Baptism. They worked in small groups to produce mind maps explaining the symbolism of the Oil of Chrism and discussed how a child can grow up to be holy. They then looked at the importance of the white garment and enjoyed role playing this aspect of a Baptism with each other.</p>	<p>Year 3 have continued to learn about the Sacrament of Baptism. We enjoyed working in small groups to plan and role play a baptism using dolls. Each person in the group took on a different role these included a priest, parents, and godparents. We have also focused on some of the signs and symbols using within baptism and we reflected on why these are used.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week's learning continued from the last by looking at the Joseph's visitation in his dream. The children explored the significance of Joseph's trust in God by ranking words which describe him and explaining their choices. The second part of the week involved the children partaking in some drama! The children became TV presenters to help modern day Christians that trusting in God is not always easy, using important figures from previous lessons to help their explanations.</p>	<p>After last week where we discussed how to be a good follower of Jesus, this week we went further and explored how to be a disciple of Jesus. Using our Bibles, we located scripture from Luke, John, and Corinthians. Then we dissected and discussed what they were saying about how to be a real disciple. Giving one's life over to the work of Jesus requires such dedication and we listed what might be the positives of becoming a disciple. However, we also looked at some of the difficulties/sacrifices involved in being a disciple. We are going on to look at the work of Father Damien of Molokai who epitomises discipleship with his life's work.</p>
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is PEACE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How can you show PEACE to your friends and family this week?</p>
<p>In RE this week, we explore the messages behind three different scriptures: Luke 10:29 - 37; Matthew 25:35-40 and John 15:12. Following this, we researched different charities, such as CAFOD and Aid to the Church in Need and considered how their aims, values and practices follow the teachings of Jesus.</p>	