



# The Friday Message

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



<b>Reception</b> <p>This week we have been learning all about 'The Wise Men visit Jesus' (Matt 2:1-12) and that this is known as The Epiphany. We started the week using Godly Play to retell this very special part of the Christmas story and comparing it to our own Nativity we performed. In provision, we painted from observation the camels The Wise Men travelled on using watercolours and counted jewels onto The Wise Men's crowns. We have been using our phonics knowledge to match key words such as 'camel', 'gold' and 'gift' to the props in our Godly Play area which has been out for us to revisit for ourselves.</p>	<b>Year 1</b> <p>Year1 this week we have started our new topic of Families and Celebrations. The children began by thinking about different types of families, how their family was important to them and the things that make their family special. They illustrated themselves with their families and shared with their table groups the things they do with their families that are special. Later in the week they started to look at Jesus' family and why it was such a special occasion to take Jesus to the Temple when he was a baby. We looked at the story carefully and thought about how special it must have been for the other people in the Temple to meet Jesus and we will look at the story of The Presentation in more detail next week.</p>
<b>Year 2</b> <p>In RE this week, we shared times that we have been chosen for something and how this made us feel. We then discussed how all people have been specially chosen by God and how he has given us special gifts. With this knowledge, we created a class gratitude tree, explaining what gifts we are thankful for e.g. friendship, love, listening, kindness etc. We then learnt about a person who was chosen by God - Abraham. We read and acted out his journey to a new land and discussed why Abraham trusted God and the holy Covenant God had made with him. We then linked this to why we trust God and what promises we have made to him.</p>	<b>Year 3</b> <p>Year 3 have started a new topic in RE called being a Christian. This has allowed us to think about what makes a good Christian. We thought about what things happen in school to help others and went on to think about how we show 'loving God and others'. This week we have also discussed the power of forgiveness. We role played scenarios of how to show forgiveness in different situations.</p>
<b>Year 4</b> <p>This week in RE, Year 4 drew their currently topic "Jesus, The Teacher" to a close by exploring the parable of the Unforgiving Servant. During this lesson, the children had to unpick the key messages and morals from the story and discuss their relevance in modern day life. Then, the children worked hard on turning their understanding of the parable into a brand-new Netflix series! They had to provide an overview of the series, a summary of what would happen in each episode and had to write a review of their series which linked to modern day morals. Well done Year 4 - a busy week of RE!</p>	<b>Year 5</b> <p>Our focus this half term in God's covenants and we first explored what a covenant is. After some rich discussion about our relationship with God we decided that a covenant is an agreement between us and God. We also explored how this is a special agreement that is based on love and trust without the need to sign papers or exchange money! Using some scripture to guide us, we recreated the story of Noah's Ark and discussed the covenant God made with Noah and how lots of this can be relevant in today's world. We then reflected on our own individual covenant(s) with God and how we can build on our own special agreement with Him.</p>
<b>Year 6</b> <p>In RE, we have continued to develop our understanding of Mass and the opportunities we have throughout Mass to converse with God and to reflect on our actions. We discussed that people may ask for forgiveness during Mass for what they have done, what they have said, what they have thought and things that they have omitted to doing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b>  <b>Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is ....</b>  <b>Perseverance</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>When was a time you have had to 'keep on trying?'</b></p>

