

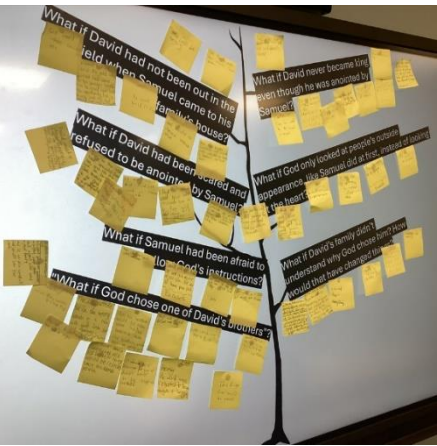


The Friday Message

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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



Reception	Year 1
This week, in our RE learning we started our new topic “Prophecy and Promise”. We discussed the importance of the celebration of birthdays, by looking at our birthday display. We talked about why the day a baby is born is called its ‘BIRTH DAY’ – the day of its birth. During the lesson we discussed the emotions that we feel on our birthday, such as happiness and excitement. We talked about giving cards and presents as well as celebrating in other ways such as seeing special family members or friends. Some of us have birthday parties where we play fun games and eat yummy party food. We then looked at how different birthdays are celebrated around the world in countries where our families may come from.	Year 1 have been thinking about the Bible as a special book and why it is so special to us at StJHN. We know that it helps us to think about God and learn from him. We also found out about our own special books that we enjoy reading and sharing at home. We read one of the stories from the Bible, Noah’s Ark. We retold the story and thought about some of the messages it teaches us. Such as why did God send a rainbow at the end of the story? The children had good ideas when discussing this.
Year 2	Year 3
The children have commenced the new unit ‘Prophecy and Promise’ with enthusiasm by writing about how they can show God’s love. Children came up with lots of ideas including being kind to others, helping at home with tasks including washing up and making their beds, and making others smile. We read through passages in the Bible which led up to the birth of Jesus, and the children were able to re-tell the story using sentences and pictures to show what they had learned.	Our new unit of ‘Prophecy and Promise’ began this week and we started the lesson by lying down in the classroom! There was a reason, however, as we wanted to show how we can rest and reflect. We related this to Mass on a Sunday and recalled our work on Creation when God rested after creating the earth. We then went on to focus on the actual Mass and learned about the four main parts of a Mass and the reasons these are shared by Catholics around the world. We even created and decorated our own mini-booklets that represented the parts of a Mass.
Year 4	Year 5
The children have been learning about our new RE branch topic on ‘Prophecy & Promise’. We have begun by learning about what a prophet and prophecy is, then linking this to 2 stories from the bible which relate to prophecy. These were about the prophets Elijah and John the Baptist. Students then identified key elements from each of the bible extracts. The first lesson was concluded by highlighting the key teachings from each story. The second lesson involved students learning about The Miracle of the Flour and Oil, specifically looking at the scripture – 1 Kings 17:7-14). Students spoke about the lack of important things such as food and water from the extract, focusing on how that would make us feel. We then discussed similarities to other teachings, like the Feeding of the 5000. The classes finished by performing small role plays of the original story, to explore the actions of the characters and to deepen their understanding of what happened.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>This week, the children began their new topic, “Prophecy and Promise”. We began by looking at David and his unlikely selection by God. We studied the scripture (1 Samuel 16:1-13) and began to answer ‘What if...?’ questions, such as “What if God had chosen one of David’s brothers?” to create an idea tree. The children came up with some excellent ideas altogether and clearly thought deeply about the scripture.</p> </div> </div>
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>PEACE</p> <p>How can you show PEACE to others around you?</p>
As part of our learning this week in our ‘Prophecy and Promise’ unit, the children started to explore key female figures within Salvation History. We explored when God delivered a message to Sarah and Abraham that they would have a child (<i>Genesis 18:1-15</i>) and how although they were doubtful, God stayed true to his promise and their faith strengthen. Following some contextual research, we discuss how Sarah must have felt before, during and after the events within the scripture.	