



The Friday Message

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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week we have continued learning all about 'The Wise Men visit Jesus' (Matt 2:1-12). We used Godly Play once again, this time focussing on The Three Wise Men's gifts. We read the story "The Wise Men who found Christmas". We learnt that The Kings brought special gifts because Jesus was a new King. We discussed that gold is a special yellow metal which can be used to make jewellery, and that frankincense and myrrh can be used as perfumes or medicine to heal. Both classes discussed what special gifts they had received, and we talked about why they were precious gifts; either because of what they were or who they had come from.</p>	<p>This week we have listened to stories and experiences of how people celebrate Candlemas in this country as well as around the world. We then designed and decorated a candle for Candlemas with symbols and images that represent the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. In our second lesson of the week we listened to the story of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52) after we had heard the story and answered questions about this we sequenced this story.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>During their first RE session this week year 2 have continued to look at the Baptism of Jesus. The children looked at lots of paintings, sketches and cartoons of the event by different artists. They identified the similarities in the portrayal of The Holy Spirit (a dove), Jesus, John the Baptist, God and the Heavens opening. The children then enjoyed creating their own artistic representation of the event. In the second session the children identified the links and similarities between John the Baptist and the prophet Isaiah. They were able to explain that they were both bold prophets who spoke of the coming of the Messiah. Both told people to follow God and not sin.</p>	<p>We explored the word 'Epiphany' this week and related this to the scriptures where Jesus is 'revealed' as God in lots of different parts of the Gospel. We focused on 3 of these passages: Luke 2:41-49 The boy Jesus in the Temple, Mathew 3:13-17 The Baptism of Jesus and John 2:1-11 The Wedding at Cana. All of these passages are linked as they help us see how Jesus is the Messiah and He is 'revealed' to everyone just as He was revealed to the Three Kings as a baby. We then wrote a recount of the Gospels pretending to be news reporters and explained the importance of the message to us all even today.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, we have been continuing our learning about Jesus' role as our Messiah, and what this means for us. In Lesson 1, we looked at various stories about Jesus, for example Jesus stilling the storm, and Jesus forgiving the thief on the cross. We annotated these stories, considering the traits of the Messiah who was being revealed in each story. In lesson 2, we read and understood the Nicene Creed. A lot of us were already familiar with it, but we were able to gain a deeper understanding of the core beliefs of the Catholic faith through discussion and reflection.</p>	<p>During Week 2, our students continued to work hard as they linked the Beatitudes to the beautiful virtues of faith, hope, and love. They reflected on how these virtues can help us live out Jesus' teachings and transform our communities with compassion and kindness. The thoughtful discussions showed how much they are growing in understanding. They also compared scripture from both Luke and Matthew and settled as a group on which they found the most powerful. Well done Year 5!</p>
Year 6	
<p>For the second week of our Galilee to Jerusalem unit, the children studied two further miracles performed by Jesus: The Healing of the Officials Son and The Healing of the man at Bethesda. Within these, we explored the idea of Human Nature and Divine Nature and the qualities of each that could be seen in Jesus' actions. The children were exposed to Visio Divina for the first time, where we reflected on a visual representation of John 5: 1-15.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Value we are exploring is PERSERVERANCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What are you going to try hard on?</p>