



# The Friday Message

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>
<p>This week in our RE lessons we have been reflecting about all the different prayers that we do together throughout the day. We discussed that we may sometimes take some time to ourselves to pray individually, as God is always ready to listen to us in times of happiness, trouble or sickness. To be ever conscious of God’s love and goodness we have learnt The Glory Be prayer because God created us out of love, in His image and likeness. We are His creation; we are His children. We shared (Psalm 139:13-162). An important part of our prayers is making the sign of the cross, we practiced using our right hand and crossing our body from right to left. In provision we made our own ‘mini me’s’ which we used as puppets to make the sign of the cross. We used these whilst practised reciting The Glory Be. We also created our very own prayer book and wrote thank you messages to Jesus.</p>	<p>This week we have listened to a couple of bible stories. The first story was The Call of the Disciples (Luke 5:11). We role played asking and answering questions to a disciple about Simon’s experience of meeting Jesus for the first time. The second story we listened to was Little Children (Luke 18:15-17). After we had heard this we thought about how Jesus cares for people. We looked at a range of pictures to help answer this. We drew a picture of our favourite part of this bible reading.</p>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
<p>This week Year 2 listened to the parable of ‘The Temptation in the Wilderness’ from Lk 4: 1-15. They learnt that this story happened just after Jesus’ baptism by John, when he went into the desert for 40 days and nights. The children listened attentively and showed their brilliant understanding through mini-story boards. In our second session they heard the parable of ‘The Lost Sheep’ from Lk 15:4-7. After listening and watching a brief film of the story they answered ‘I wonder’ questions about it.</p>	<p>We have been gardening in Year 3 this week! We started by reading the Parable of the Sower Matthew 13: 1-9. Using plants, soil and seeds we have explored the meaning/message that this parable gives us. We planted some seeds ourselves to represent how we are surrounded by Jesus’ love just as a plant is surrounded by good soil. We discussed how plants need regular water – just as we need regular time with Jesus in order for us to grow into a good person. We reflected on this parable and used it to show our understanding of Jesus teachings. There was some excellent reflection and insightful understanding shown throughout the class!</p>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
<p>In our RE lessons this week, we have been continuing to learn about some of the different miracles which Jesus performed. We learnt the story of Jesus raising the official’s daughter from the dead, and considered this, among other miracles, to respond to the statement, “The miracles that Jesus worked were signs that the Kingdom of God was beginning.” We have begun to consider Jesus’ love for those who were marginalised or excluded in society, and what this teaches us about our Messiah, and how we could live our lives.</p>	<p>In RE this week, Year 5’s learning was all about the Our Father prayer. The children worked together to dissect and analyse the prayer - the classes did an amazing job unpacking its seven petitions. They learned how this special prayer, taught by Jesus, helps us trust in God and seek His guidance in our daily lives. Following on from this, the children wrote a reflective prayer based on one of the petitions, which are now proudly on display in the classroom. The thoughtful insights the children shared this week were truly impressive!</p>
<b>Year 6</b>	
<p>To help us better understand how the seven sacraments are celebrated within our local parish, the Year 6 children had the opportunity to spend some time with Father Jeffery this week to discuss what the sacraments look like, how they happen and what he – as a priest – must do to prepare for them. It was interesting hearing what Father Jeffery had to share with us, including that St Luke’s church has hosted one ordaining service - something that is not usually done in a local church!</p>	<p><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b>  <b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</b>  <b>... PERSERVERANCE</b></p> <p><b>What are you going to try hard on?</b></p>

