



The Friday Message

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week we explored the story of <i>The Annunciation</i> from Luke 1:26–31, 38. The children found the Bible in the RE area and listened to how the angel Gabriel visited Mary in Nazareth to tell her she would have a very special baby—Jesus, the Son of God. The children enjoyed rehearsing <i>The Angels’ Song</i>, from our upcoming Nativity; ‘A Miracle In Town’, noticing how this part of the story connects to Jesus’ birth and Angel Gabriel’s message for Mary. We also had the opportunities to use figures of Mary and Gabriel and wooden blocks to build Nazareth, re-enacting the moment Mary received her special message from God.</p>	<p>This week we have focused on The visitation (Lk 1:39-45), we thought about why Mary goes to visit Elizabeth. We also thought about what is the same about Mary and Elizabeth. In our second lesson we said the prayer Hail Mary. During this session we thought about who we pray to and discussed what prayers we know. We read the scripture Luke 1:28 and discussed how the first words from the Hail Mary come from the Angel Gabriel and were said to Mary when he brought her a message from God. We enjoyed sequencing the Hail Mary prayer in our books.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In our first RE session this week we revisited the bible readings from Luke that talk about when Zechariah, Mary, Elizabeth and baby John the Baptist encountered the Holy Spirit. We discussed in detail what the Holy Spirit is. We had a detailed discussion about how each person felt about their encounter with the Holy Spirit and why. The children then filled in a ‘feelings wheel’ showing their understanding through words and pictures of how Zechariah, Mary, Elizabeth and John felt. In the second session we looked at how other cultures celebrate Advent. We then looked in detail at Las Posadas. The children created a mind map of the different ways in which people in different countries or cultures celebrate Advent.</p>	<p>This week in RE, Year 3 learned about the messages God sent through the Prophet Isaiah and through the Angel who appeared to Joseph. We explored Isaiah’s prophecy about the birth of Jesus and discussed why Jesus has many different names and titles. The children also made star decorations featuring some of these titles. We then looked at Joseph’s story and how he showed trust in God when the angel brought him important news. The children wrote the story board and reflected on how Joseph’s feelings changed before and after the Angel’s visit.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 explored the Feast of Christ the King, learning that it marks the end of the Church’s liturgical year and celebrates Christ’s loving kingship over all creation. We looked at the liturgical calendar and reflected on what it means to call Jesus our King, thinking about words that describe His reign such as loving, peaceful, and servant king. The children also listened to the Nicene Creed and reflected on the promise that Christ will come again in glory. Later in the week, we focused on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Jesus. After reading both Matthew’s and Mark’s accounts, the children highlighted key details, comparing how each Gospel describes him. Using a Venn diagram, they identified similarities and differences and developed a clearer picture of who John the Baptist was and why his message was so important.</p>	<p>This week in Religious Education, Year 5 students reflected on gratitude and leadership through hands-on activities. In Lesson 1, they wrote personal prayers of thanksgiving inspired by Psalm 21, celebrating their own or other Christians’ strengths and accomplishments. In Lesson 2, the class explored the qualities of King David by sculpting symbols of kingship—such as crowns, staffs, and shields—using clay or play dough. Each student crafted a short description of how their symbol represented David’s qualities as a servant king, drawing on scripture from recent lessons. Imagining themselves as King David, they considered how he might use these symbols to unite his people.</p>
Year 6	
<p>This week in our RE lessons we continued exploring significant women in the Old Testament. We focused on Ruth, Esther and Miriam and considered how their choices, courage and faith connect with our school values. The children reflected on how these women lived in challenging circumstances yet showed loyalty, boldness and service – and then considered how we might follow their example today. We linked each woman to one of our values, and invited pupils to think about practical actions: whether that’s supporting others, speaking up for what’s right, or sharing hope and kindness in our community.</p>	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>....</p> <p>Trust</p> <p>How can you build up TRUST with someone?</p>

