



The Friday Message

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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



Reception	Year 1
This week, we discovered the Bible in our RE areas and began exploring the very first story: the Creation Story from Genesis 1–2. We talked about how God created the whole world and all the wonderful things in it, from the light and sky to the plants, animals and people. We learnt that as God looked at His creation, He saw that “it was good”. The children have since been busy retelling the Creation Story, talking about the different things God created and matching cards to props to label and explore God’s wonderful creation.	This week, we have recapped the creation story by listening to a song. We then listened to the opening of the Nicene Creed ‘I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.’ We completed an activity where we had to draw things that are visible and invisible in our world. Lots of us included the sun, trees, friends and birds as visible things and for invisible things we drew wind, love and happiness. In our second lesson we drew pictures to show our understanding of the first 4 lines of the Nicene Creed.
In our first session of RE this week, we watched Laudato Si, the letter from Pope Francis. We looked at the words he used about taking care of our world and we looked at images that show the gift of creation. We created our own images and wrote about why they are special. In our second session, we talked about how being unkind can hurt others. We role-played some scenarios in small groups and talked about what we could do to ask for forgiveness and how we could do better if we were in those scenarios ourselves.	This week in RE, we continued our Creation and Covenant learning by exploring Psalm 8. We discovered how this beautiful prayer-poem expresses wonder at the sky, moon and stars and praises God as Creator. We also reflected on human dignity, recognising that every person is special and that God gives us a responsibility to care for Creation. We then connected this to the Offertory at Mass, exploring how the Church gives thanks to God for the gifts of Creation and the “work of human hands”. The children used their learning to compose their own prayers of praise and thanksgiving. In our class reflection, we returned to Jesus’ teaching about mercy and forgiveness. We thought about what it means to forgive rather than “keep score” and how we can choose peaceful and merciful responses when things go wrong. The children folded away an unhelpful response on their scorecards and placed their alternative, merciful response near the cross. Together, we prayed, “Merciful Jesus, teach us to forgive,” and considered one word or action we could choose to open a door to peace.
In RE this week, Year 4 learned about Abraham’s test with Isaac. We explored the scripture together and considered how Abraham’s actions demonstrated faith, trust, hope, love and obedience to God. The children identified examples of these virtues within the story and explained what they reveal about Abraham’s relationship with God. In the second lesson, we learned about the Abrahamic religions and explored why Abraham is such an important figure in both Christianity and Judaism. The children looked at Abraham’s genealogy and made links between the two faiths, comparing some of their shared beliefs, traditions and sacred stories. This helped us to understand how both religions have their roots in Abraham and God’s covenant with him.	The focus this week was on understanding sin and virtues. The children explored how sin can harm our friendship with God and others, while virtues help us grow in goodness. They sorted actions into ‘sin’ and ‘virtue’ categories and reflected on how virtues like prudence and justice help us make the right choices. They created role-plays to illustrate the four cardinal virtues—prudence, temperance, justice and fortitude—and acted these out for each other. Your ability to connect these concepts to your own lives was brilliant, Year 5!

Year 6

This week we studied Pope Francis' letter – *Laudato Si* where he reminded everyone that we do not own the world but we share it together. He also reminded us that we are called to be stewards of the Earth. Using this as a resource, we debated whether this was a priority in the world today, or whether we should be focused on other issues around the world. We also discussed Original Sin and created a leaflet which explained how it happened, how the Church responds to it and what this means for us in today's society. Year 6 showed such maturity and ingenuity in their discussions and work this week!

Monthly Gospel Value
Our Gospel Value we are exploring is
Friendship

How can you be a good FRIEND?