

St John's C.E. Primary School  
 Our Chosen Christian Values  
 'Love thy Neighbour'



## Our Termly Organisation of Christian Values

Curriculum Year	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Year A	 Perseverance	 Trust	 Generosity	 Service and Sacrifice	 Courage	 Thankfulness
Year B	 Equality	 Friendship	 Love	 Forgiveness	 Peace	 Respect

# Perseverance

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Rationale for choosing this Value	Jesus frequently encouraged his disciples to "endure patiently" the difficulties and obstacles they encountered and to persevere in the face of adversity. He himself trusted in God even when his enemies tried to stop his work and plotted his death.
Key Scripture	For nothing will be impossible with God. <a href="#">(Luke 1:37)</a>
A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	A Time to Build <a href="#">(Nehemiah 2:17-18)</a> – Nehemiah perseveres to build a new city. The Lost Sheep <a href="#">(Matthew 18: 12-14)</a> -

A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	Give me Oil in my Lamp – Come and Praise Give It All You've Got – Out of the Ark
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polishing pens used to edit and improve our work</li> <li>• Our learning behaviour story about Pablo teaches children to never give up, even when it gets difficult</li> <li>• Theme days around our learning behaviours allow children to practise persevering</li> <li>• Assembly awards recognise children who have persevered in lessons</li> </ul>

<h1>Trust</h1> <p><i>'Love thy Neighbour'</i></p>		
Rationale for choosing this Value	Trust is the basis of all stable relationships, including a person's relationship with God. It is rooted in truth, and will grow through consistent experiences of reliability and integrity. God's commitment to humanity is seen in his willingness to trust ordinary people with the carrying out of his purposes through history.	
Key Scripture	When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. <a href="#">Psalms Chapter 56 Verse 3</a>	
A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	The Burning Bush <a href="#">Exodus 3:1-14</a> . A bush was on fire, but it did not burn up. Moses went over to the burning bush to investigate, and the voice of God called to him and gave him a set of instructions which required Moses to trust in God.	
A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	Praise Him – Come and Praise Everywhere Around Me -Out of the Ark	
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our working relationship between school and parents/carers</li> <li>• Our buddy system relies on younger children trusting older children and that the staff trust the older children to take care of the younger children</li> <li>• We trust each other when sharing ideas in class, circle times, staff meetings</li> <li>• We trust the leadership of the school and Governing Board to make decisions in the best interests of the school</li> <li>• Roles are given to the children such as the live family assembly, and we trust them in their abilities</li> <li>• The relationship between the class teacher, teaching assistants, all other adults in school and the children is firmly built on trust.</li> </ul>	

# Generosity

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Rationale for choosing this Value	God's generosity is best described as 'grace', love given freely without limit or conditions. This generosity, once experienced and acknowledged by an individual, can in turn release a generous spirit towards others.
Key Scripture	<a href="#">2 Corinthians Chapter 9 verses 6-8</a> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <a href="#">2 Corinthians Chapter 9 verse 7</a>
A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	The story of Jesus healing a man with leprosy. <a href="#">Luke Chapter 5 verses 12-16</a> The story of the lost sheep <a href="#">Luke Chapter 15</a> The story of 'The Big Party' <a href="#">Matthew Chapter 22</a>
A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	Cross Over the Road – Come and Praise Lord of all Hopefulness – Come and Praise
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children providing service to the school without expecting anything in return e.g. litter picking, being a monitor</li> <li>• Children and families consistently support the school fundraising efforts such as for external charities, specific school opportunities, general school fund raising</li> <li>• Many of our parents provide their time freely to support readers, help on trips, resourcing costumes for theme days and performances</li> <li>• Our staff give up many additional hours to provide extra support and opportunities for the children such as extra-curricular clubs, additional tuition</li> <li>• Our 'Cool to be Kind Week' encourages children to look for ways to be supportive and kind to others</li> </ul>

# Service and Sacrifice

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Rationale for choosing this Value	We believe that one of the key characteristics of living a Christian life is emulating Jesus' dedication to serving others. There are many examples throughout the Bible of key characters looking to serve their communities often involving personal sacrifice. Doing things for other people is a proven effective strategy in supporting our own well-being and looking after our mental health.
Key Scripture	"There is more happiness in giving than receiving" The words of Jesus recorded in <a href="#">Acts Chapter 20 Verse 35</a> "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." <a href="#">Mark Chapter 10 Verse 45</a>

A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	The feeding of the 5,000 – In <a href="#">Matthew Chapter 14 Verses 13-21</a> , Jesus feeds a large crowd of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. This miracle demonstrates Jesus’ compassion for the hungry and willingness to serve them.
A hymn that can be used to celebrate the value	When I Needed a Neighbour – Come and Praise He’ll Be there – Out of the Ark
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buddy Systems</li> <li>• Year 6 Monitors</li> <li>• School council</li> <li>• Recognising our unsung heroes in the school newspaper</li> <li>• The school choir, musicians performing in the local community</li> <li>• Our active PTA and Governors voluntarily giving up time to support schools events and development</li> <li>• Our parents and children who support our fundraising efforts</li> <li>• The number of charity events we raise money for across the year</li> </ul>

# Courage

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Rationale for choosing this Value	Basic to Christian faith is the claim that God is always present in every situation. This belief has led to great acts of courage that have included facing danger and opposition, overcoming fear, making a stand for what is right and encouraging others to persevere. Through prayer people have found the strength to help them to be courageous.
Key Scripture	Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” <a href="#">Joshua Chapter 1 Verse 9</a>
A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	The Fall of Jericho – <a href="#">Joshua Chapter 6</a> Acting on instructions from the Lord, the Israelites march around Jericho for seven days and conquer the city when its walls miraculously fall down. Israel destroys the city and everything in it.
A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	One More Step – Come and Praise Give it all you’ve got - Out of the Ark Jericho - Young Voices
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging others</li> <li>• Standing up for we believe – e.g. campaigning for a better world</li> <li>• Facing our fears and challenging ourselves on residential, assessments, taking part in performances</li> <li>• Standing up to bullies or people or treat others unfairly</li> </ul>

# Thankfulness

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Rationale for choosing this Value	Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in aspects of their life. They know that their response to this provision should be one of thankfulness and praise.
Key Scripture	<a href="#">Psalm Chapter 107 Verse 21</a> 'Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.'
A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	A Special Promise (Noah's Ark) <a href="#">Genesis Chapter 6-9</a> . On exiting the ark the first thing Noah does is to offer thanks for the new clean World created and for saving them.
A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	Thank you, Lord (for this fine day) - Come and Praise Wake Up! - Out of the Ark
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family assembly thanks children and adults for all their hard work</li> <li>• All children are encouraged to use manners</li> <li>• Staff well-being/recognition board</li> <li>• Our rewards systems offer scope to demonstrate thanks to the children</li> <li>• Prayer in assemblies offers thanks for what we have</li> <li>• Assemblies and other reflection times provide children the chance to be thankful for what they have and reflect on the position of others</li> <li>• Children make thanks you cards, write letters and send messages to those members of the school community who support us</li> <li>• Our unsung hero section of the school newspaper aims to identify those who have been noticed positively contributing to our school</li> <li>• The headteacher's newsletter thanks the various stakeholders for their contributions to school life</li> <li>• The school twitter feed recognises and praises the efforts and work of children, staff and the wider community</li> </ul>

# Equality

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Rationale for choosing this Value	The Bible teaches that all human beings are created alike in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28) and that God and Jesus treated everyone equally, regardless of race, gender, social standing or religious views. It includes the call to take responsibility for one another, especially the poor and oppressed and to see that no-one is excluded from the essentials of life.
Key Scripture	Love your neighbour as yourself. ( <a href="#">Mark 12:31</a> )

	For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ( <a href="#">Deuteronomy 10:17</a> )
A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	The Good Samaritan Peter and Cornelius ( <a href="#">Acts 10:1-22</a> ) Peter explains that Jews and Gentiles are all equal before God as
A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	God Knows Me – Come and Praise Sometimes I wonder (The Suffering Song) – Out of the Ark Just the Same – Out of the Ark
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSHE lessons teach about the importance of diversity and treating people fairly</li> <li>• Black history month celebrates the role of black people in different walks of life throughout history</li> <li>• Books are used across the curriculum to represent diversity and protected characteristics</li> <li>• Inspirational, diverse role models are referenced in art, history, music, science etc to promote equality of opportunity</li> <li>• World food stalls are run at PTA events celebrating different cultures and customs</li> <li>• RE theme days are held to learn about alternative religious beliefs</li> </ul>

# Friendship

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Rationale for choosing this Value	Christians believe they can call God their friend because of his relationship made possible through Jesus.
Key Scripture	"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." <a href="#">John Chapter 15 Verses 12-13</a>
A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	The story of Jonathan and David. In <a href="#">Samuel Chapter 18</a> , the story of Jonathan and David, we learn how the friends protect each other in dangerous situations, even when it involved a family member.
A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	When I Needed a Neighbour – Come and Praise Together – Out of the Ark
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buddy system encouraging new Reception children to settle into school</li> <li>• Buddy bus stop so that all children have someone to play with at playtimes</li> <li>• Golden time allows for children to interact with the whole school community</li> <li>• School newspaper 'Unsung Hero' section has identified children being a good friend</li> <li>• Linking school helps to establish friendships across different schools</li> <li>• Working together as talk partners</li> </ul>

# Love

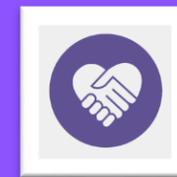
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Rationale for choosing this Value	Love is a core Christian value for our school, because in the Bible we learn that God is Love and that God showed how much he loves us and how to love others, when he sent his son Jesus to live on earth. Our school vision is to 'Love Thy Neighbour' and in our community, love forms the basis of all that we do.
Key Scripture	Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ( <a href="#">Romans 12:10</a> ) Love others as I have loved you. ( <a href="#">John 15:12</a> ) Love your neighbour as yourself. ( <a href="#">Luke 10:27</a> )
A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	Zacchaeus <a href="#">Luke 19:1-10</a> Jesus gives a wonderful example in this story of reaching out to someone who is unloved by many. He goes out of His way to reach out and Zacchaeus' heart is changed by His love. The Good Samaritan <a href="#">Luke 10:26-37</a> The Good Samaritan is a foundational example of what it means to be a Christian. Our children need to be encouraged to notice those in need around them. Through this teaching, we can help foster a heart of compassion and teach them to see and then act when others are in need. In doing so, we are encouraging a love that puts others first.
A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	Light up the Fire – Come and Praise He'll Be There – Out of the Ark Love The Lord your God – Out of the Ark
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Buddy Bus Stop is used to ensure everyone has someone to play with</li> <li>• Eco club and Forest School teach children to show love for the wider world and how to look after it</li> <li>• Fundraising for different charities shows our love for everyone and how we can support people in need</li> <li>• At Christmas we learn about god showing his love through Jesus and how we show love to our families and friends</li> <li>• At Easter, we learn about the sacrifice Jesus made to show his love for us</li> <li>• PSHE work teaches around [protected characteristics and loving all of our neighbours and to appreciate diversity</li> </ul>

# Forgiveness

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Rationale for choosing this Value	Forgiveness is the means by which damaged relationships are restored. It is an act of the will, motivated by love. For Christians, Jesus' death on a cross is the ultimate revelation of God's all forgiving love, and his sacrifice stands as a source of inspiration to forgive others, no matter what the cost.
Key Scripture	"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." <a href="#">Ephesians Chapter 4 Verse 32</a>

A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	The Parable of the Lost Son – In <a href="#">Luke 15</a> , a son who wastes his inheritance on a frivolous lifestyle is welcomed back into his family, much to his amazement. Jesus used this story to explain to the Pharisees why people should be given the chance to start anew.
A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	Go tell it on the Mountain – Come and Praise Have you Heard? – Out of the Ark
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restorative approach to resolving conflict</li> <li>• Golden Time reward system allows for children to earn forgiveness for breaking golden rules</li> <li>• Assemblies teach children about the importance of forgiving to be able to move on</li> <li>• PSHE lessons teach about forgiveness in relation to mental health.</li> </ul>

<h1>Peace</h1> <p><i>'Love thy Neighbour'</i></p>		
Rationale for choosing this Value	Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9). Peace-making actions can range from helping to resolve conflict to creating space for stillness. Peace, in the sense of total well-being, is God's intention for the whole of creation, and is a promise that awaits ultimate fulfilment.	
Key Scripture	<a href="#">Matthew Chapter 5 Verse 9</a> – 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.'	
A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	Jacob and Esau <a href="#">Genesis Chapter 25 Verse 33</a> . This story demonstrates that peace comes through forgiveness and repentance.	
A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	Peace, Perfect Peace – Come and Praise Song of Blessing – Out of the Ark	
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In resolving incidents/issues in a restorative manner</li> <li>• Through the way in which we are all accepted despite our backgrounds, faiths, beliefs or way of life.</li> <li>• The calm atmosphere around school</li> <li>• Discussions in class regarding world conflict both past and present</li> <li>• Opportunities for children to learn to reflect and appreciate quietness and their surroundings</li> </ul>	

# Respect

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Rationale for choosing this Value	The nature of God, as revealed in the Bible, presents all people with a choice. Those whose response is one of respect are acknowledging God's greatness, authority and involvement in the world. This will extend to respect for the created order, including humanity made in the image of God. Reverence takes this response a step further and will include aspects of worship such as awe and wonder, surrender and sacrifice.
Key Scripture	So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. ( <a href="#">Matthew 7:12</a> )
A Bible story that highlights the importance of the value	Daniel in the Lions Pit ( <a href="#">Daniel Chapter 6 verses 1-28</a> ) The story looks at the respect that Darius and Daniel have for one another and how Daniel's respect for God teaches Darius to also believe.
A hymn/song that can be used to celebrate the value	He's Got the Whole World – Come and Praise Green Song – Out of the Ark
How we may demonstrate the value in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our PSHE and RE lessons teach about different beliefs, backgrounds, family set ups and choices in other people live their lives</li><li>• Circle time encourages children to respect the views of everyone even if they differ from your own</li><li>• National and global events are used to teach children about respect e.g. Remembrance Day when we show respect to those who lost their lives to protect our future</li></ul>