



# Monks Risborough Church of England Primary School

A learning community- encouraging success, celebrating achievement, strengthened by God.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over time we are continually looking to develop our approach to our School Values, so that children can link the stories they learn in their Daily Worship to how they behave and learn in school and life.

To help children remember specific examples of where these values are represented, we have identified key events and stories in the Bible that children will learn over their time. Below you will see the core value, event, Biblical reference and brief summary. Over the Spring Term we have been focusing on each of these stories.

- o Community: An important meal (Matthew 26) Jesus shares a simple meal of bread and wine with his 12 special friends as a sign of being a Christian community.
- o Thankfulness: The escape from Egypt (Exodus 13-15) After their miraculous escape from Egypt through the Red Sea the people of Israel thank God for keeping them safe.
- o Respect: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) Jesus tells the story of the good Samaritan to remind us that we should respect everyone regardless of their race, colour or creed.
- o Generosity: The widow's two coins (Mark 12: 41-44) Jesus redefines generosity so that the little amount the widow gave meant a lot in God's eyes.
- o Perseverance: Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4: 1-11) Despite being tired and hungry Jesus perseveres for 40 days and doesn't give in to the devil **or** Despite being tired and hungry Jesus perseveres for 40 days and doesn't give up in the desert.
- Responsibility: Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:1-13) God asks Adam and Eve to behave responsibly towards the garden (world) he has created.
- o Love: The story of the 'Loving Father' (Luke 15:11-32) Jesus tells the story of a younger son and his father to show that even when we do bad things God never stops loving us.
- o Friendship: Jesus' special friends (Luke 5:1-11) Jesus relies on 12 special friends to help him in his work

In School, next to the hall, a display is being updated weekly by the children that helps to reinforce these stories and values. If you would like to attend one of our Monday or Thursday Worship at 10.00am, or have a look at the display that is being developed, do ask in the Office and we will gladly arrange this for you.

Kind regards,

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