

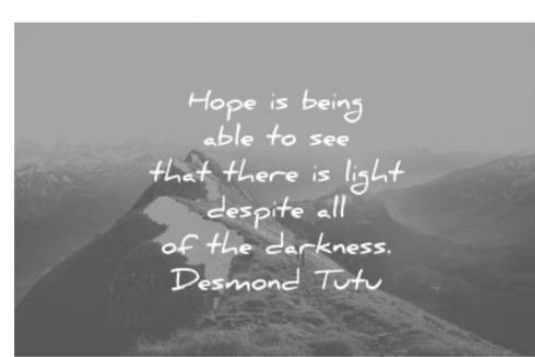


Collective Worship - Term 5

Worship Wherever You Are

Live the Rainbow

w/b: 4th May 2020



Seek Joy

What do you think the word joy means? One dictionary definition is - Joy: great happiness or someone or something that brings you great happiness. **I wonder what brings you joy?** Do you ever feel like leaping with joy like the children in the picture? I wonder if you ever have leapt with joy? Think about a time when you have been really joyful and happy. What made it such a joyful time? Some families are making lists of things that bring them joy, things that they want to do when lockdown is over. What things would you put in your 'Joyful Jar'? (A bit like the Gratitude Jar of week 2) Or maybe you could begin a cheering poster full of drawings and photos of the things that bring you joy. Why don't you start one with your family?



Many people in the Bible leapt with joy after meeting and being healed by Jesus. Christians find their strength in God, and it is this strength that brings them joy, or great happiness. Knowing they can trust and lean on God for help, guidance, love and support brings them joy. **I wonder who brings you joy? I wonder how you bring joy to others?**

Nehemiah 8:10 - 'For the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

I wonder how you can be joyful today and share joy with others? Perhaps you could have a little party at home, play some party games or dance to some music? Or maybe see how high you can 'leap for joy'!

Psalms 95 1-2 Come, let us praise the Lord! Let us sing for joy to God, who protects us!

² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise.

Find your Kindness

Ruth 2 There is a story in the Old Testament about a lady called Ruth. When she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother in law, Naomi, they didn't have any money or food to eat. Boaz took pity on Ruth and allowed her to gather up the corn that was left after the field had been harvested. He also gave her food and drink during the day. This changed Ruth's life and enabled her to feed herself and her mother in law. Boaz didn't need to do this, but he was a kind man and knew he could help and make a difference in the lives of those who didn't have any food. He knew it was right to be kind and help others.



I wonder if you are always kind? I wonder what you could do to follow the example of Boaz?

Nehemiah 8:10 - "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and share and send some to those who have nothing prepared."

What does this Bible passage tell Christians to do? Is this an example of being kind?

I wonder what you think it means to find your kindness? Do you think our kindness disappears sometimes? I wonder if sometimes we choose to not be kind? It might be that we are embarrassed or don't want to get involved in a situation. Why do you think it is important to choose kindness?

I wonder how our world would change if everyone chose kindness? Whenever you feel like not being kind, remember to find your kindness deep inside. What could you do today to be kind to others? Ask God to help you to be kind even when it is difficult.

You might like to use the prayers below or make up a prayer of your own about kindness.

Dear God, I want to be kind. Help me to be kind even when I don't feel like it or when I don't think the other person deserves it. Amen.

Dear God, please help me to notice if one of my family members (or friends) need me to be extra kind to them today. Thank you. Amen.



Celebrate VE Day - Celebrating 75 years since Victory in Europe was proclaimed.

To celebrate the end of the war, communities came together and had parties in the street. They made bunting to decorate the street. Could you create some prayer bunting? Invite others in your family to join you in writing prayers or reflections and hang the bunting round your house to remind you of all those who served in the war, who found times difficult, who lost loved ones, and of the peace and victory that the end of the war bought. Think of the peace you have known and give thanks for it. The websites below will explain what is happening this year, to 'celebrate at home'. The British Legion has also created a free, online, KS2 resource pack. Have fun celebrating in whichever way you and your family decide!



<https://www.veday75.org/>

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/ve-day-75>

Please forward photographs of your VE Day Prayer bunting to the school office, and we will endeavour to put some on the school website.