

Tuesday 22nd September 2020

LO: Understand our unique God given qualities
and gifts and appreciation of difference.

FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

(based on Colossians 3:10-11)

You are created by God to be like God.

You are God's people, his saints. He loves you.

You are all different.

You come from different places,
speak in different ways, have different customs.

But the important thing is that you are God's children.

So love one another, help one another,
be at peace with one another.

And let the love of Jesus fill your hearts and minds.

YOU ARE A HOLY PEOPLE

(based on Colossians 3:12-17)

God loves you and has chosen you.
You are a holy people.
You must be full of thoughtfulness for others,
generous, gentle and patient.
Put up with one another;
be ready to forgive each other if something goes wrong.
The Lord has forgiven you.
You must do the same.
And, most important of all, love each other.
And may the peace of Christ fill your hearts.
This is why you belong to the Christian family.
Always be thankful.
Remember the wonderful words of Jesus.
Be ready to teach and help each other, sharing what you know.
Be happy and enjoy singing hymns to God.
And in everything you say or do, do it as Jesus would want you to,
giving thanks to God the Father.

Spreading the Good News



- *What links do you notice between this reading and the reading from Genesis in the last lesson?*
- *You are God's children - how does that make you feel?*
- *In what way are you like God?*
- *What does Paul say about difference?*
- *How could we appreciate the richness of difference in our school and homes?*

UNIQUE

*Each person is unique.
Unique in his or her family.
Unique in the world today.
Unique in history.*

Christians believe that this uniqueness is evidence of the love of the Creator God. Christians believe that one Person in all of human history is the most complete and unique revelation of God. This Person is Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God, sent by his Father so that we would know God and how much God loves us.

God became human in the person of Jesus. We call this the Incarnation



- *What is uniqueness evidence of?*
- *How could you use your unique qualities to help others?*
- *What is unique about you?*



Your iris and your fingerprints are unique. Modern technology is making use of this uniqueness. Soon you will be able to be identified by machines that recognise your unique iris.

Jesus would have prayed the psalms. The Church uses these prayers to help people remember God's love is for always. God is always there for me: Always ready to help me when I am in trouble. Even when there are earthquakes, storms and floods I need not be afraid. God is always with me, sheltering me from harm. God is with me all day. (Based on Psalm 46:1, 2, 9, 11, 14, 15, 19, 22-24. (See God's Story 3 p.46)



Activity:

Write a short letter to Paul explaining how you value your personal uniqueness and how it helps you to live as a child of God.

Introduction: Why you are writing this letter

Paragraph 1: What qualities you have that make you unique and why.

Paragraph 2: How your uniqueness allows you to express your talents to the world. How being a child of God means your part of one big family.

Conclusion: What you are going to do to show your uniqueness to the world.

