

Open the Book Themes for the Autumn Term of 2022

15th September: The Helper Arrives... In this story we will hear how the Holy Spirit helped Jesus's friends by giving them the **COURAGE** and ability they needed to share the message of Jesus with people who were visiting Jerusalem, so that they could all hear and understand what was being shared in their own language. Then when they returned home, they took the message of Jesus with them. This is how the news of Jesus spread all over the world!

22nd September: Tabitha Wakes Up... Jesus's friends now filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit begin to do some amazing things just like Jesus did. In this story we hear how Peter brings Tabitha, someone who like Jesus who went about helping others, back to life.

29th September: The Beautiful Gate: Jesus's friends want to help those ignored by others just as Jesus had done... The Power of Jesus worked miracles through them because they cared enough for those who others didn't want to help.

6th October: Praying for Peter: The early Christians believed that whenever they were in trouble they could pray to God, who not only hears but answers prayers too. In today's story we hear how when they prayed for their friend who was in trouble and something amazing happened.

13th October: God has no Favourites... This is the last of our stories about the early Christians for a while. Today we hear that God loves and welcomes everyone and he doesn't like it when people get left out.

20th October: Our next four stories are about People who really **TRUSTED** God and they can be found in the Old Testament, the first part of the Bible - In the time before Jesus. In **Hezekiah Trusts God...** Hezekiah always did what pleased God, always trying his best but at the end of his life he had to **TRUST** God. He had to **TRUST** that God knew what was best for him and so he prayed to him.

27th October: Half Term

3rd November: Elijah and the Ravens: Elijah was famous for being a prophet someone who tells us the messages that God wants them to hear. Sometimes people didn't want to hear what Elijah had to say and, in this story, he had to go into hiding. Luckily Elijah **TRUSTED** God to look after him and in this story, we will hear how He does that.

17th November: A Jar and a Jug: We hear how God is still keeping His promises to those who put their **TRUST** in him and today some even more surprising things happen.

24th November: Walking on Water... Another Story about **TRUST**, which is all together easier to do when we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus! This is the valuable lesson that Peter learns today.

We Thank you God that we can depend, and **TRUST** in you when we are feeling worried. With your strength within us we can stand firm and have the courage to do what needs to be done. **Amen.**

1st December: The Centurion's Servant... Being in charge of 100 men must be quite a headache at times, especially if one of them falls ill and you just don't know how to help...Luckily for our Centurion he knew a Man who could help and that was Jesus...but Jesus was also a very busy man!

8th December: The Shepherd's Story... Some very Ordinary men out on a hill with an extraordinary story to tell... these very ordinary men were the first to be told about the birth of a King!

Now that is something very special!

15th December: The Wise Men's Story... Another story about men but this time they are very wise men, they studied the stars and knew a lot about Kings. They were also wise enough to listen to God and changed their travel plans which was a very wise move!