
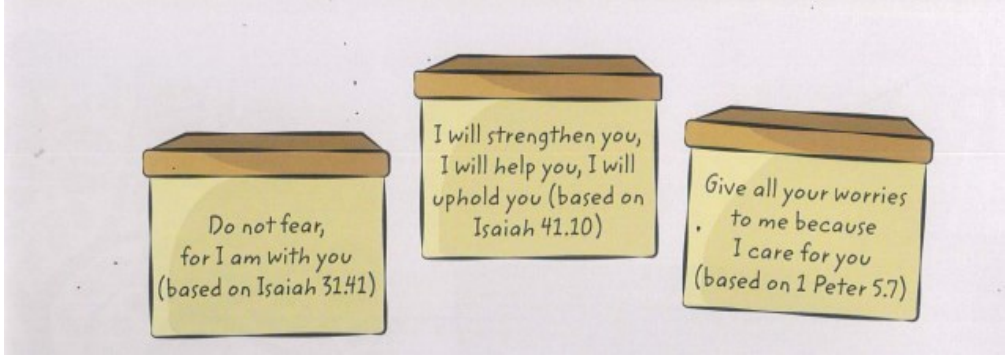


Date: Monday 22nd January 2024	Value: Trust	Leader: JWS
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Key message that the children need to take away
Values: Trust
Theme: Standing on God's promises

Gathering	<p>Music on entry. Children enter quietly</p> <p>Class children to bring up to the worship table and say together: Bible – God the Father Cross – God the Son Candle – God the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Candle is lit on the worship table All: Come to us Father, as we gather here today; Be with us Jesus, in our worship Stay with us Holy Spirit, now and always, Amen.</p>	<p>Image on display as children enter:</p> 
Engaging	<p>Trust is the foundation on which all good friendships are built.</p> <p>But sometimes we can feel disappointed by our friends. Perhaps they haven't done what they promised they would do, or maybe we thought they would stand by us when life was difficult and they didn't.</p> <p>People can occasionally be unreliable, but the Psalmist reminds us that God will never disappoint us.</p> <p>"My God is my strength in whom I trust." Psalm 18.2</p> <p>God promises are true and we can trust them. They are like a strong, sturdy platform that we can stand on.</p> <p>In the Bible, God promises:</p> <p><i>Do not fear, for I am with you</i> (Isiah 31.41)</p> <p><i>I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you</i> (Isiah 41.10)</p> <p><i>Give all your worries to me because I care for you</i> (Peter 5.7)</p> <p>He tells us that when we pray to him, we will be listened to and will receive strength when we are facing hard times. He promises that nothing, absolutely nothing can separate us from his love.</p>	

	<p>Our worries</p> <p>Listen to these children's worries. Which of God's promises do these children need to be reminded of?</p>  <p>The image shows three yellow boxes with brown lids, each containing a child's worry and a corresponding Bible verse. The first box on the left says 'Do not fear, for I am with you (based on Isaiah 31.41)'. The middle box says 'I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you (based on Isaiah 41.10)'. The third box on the right says 'Give all your worries to me because I care for you (based on 1 Peter 5.7)'.</p> <p>Kitty: My best friend has moved house. She was the only one I could really be honest with. I used to tell her all my problems; she was such a good listener. I miss her so much.</p> <p>Carl: I have to go to hospital for an operation. I know it will make me better but I'm still quite nervous.</p> <p>Florence: I'm going on a sponsored walk at the weekend. I just hope I don't let everyone down by getting too tired and giving up!</p>
<p>Responding</p>	<p>Still very still and think about our own worries. Which of God's promises will you remember to help you through?</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>God of love,</p> <p>When we feel let down by others, we know...</p> <p>Your promises can be trusted.</p> <p>When we need courage to face the future, we know ...</p> <p>Your promises can be trusted.</p> <p>When we feel lonely and sad, we know....</p> <p>Your promises can be trusted.</p> <p>Amen</p>
<p>Sending Out</p>	<p>Sending out prayer at the extinguishing of the candle</p> <p>Pupil: Known by Jesus and loved by Jesus, we go on our way,</p> <p>All: Carrying his love inside us through the day. Amen</p>

	<p>SHILL: Pupil/Leader: For the body is not one member but many. All: So today we will grow together and learn together.</p> <p>Music is played</p>
Hymn	<p>Join with us Come and Praise number 30</p>
Class follow-up	<p>Invite the children to write a promise to God that they could make, to help someone they know, who might be worried about something at the moment. Which one of God's promises would you remind the person of and why?</p> <div data-bbox="370 585 1234 875" data-label="Image"> <p>Three yellow boxes with brown lids, each containing a promise from the Bible. The first box on the left says: "Do not fear, for I am with you (based on Isaiah 31.41)". The middle box says: "I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you (based on Isaiah 41.10)". The third box on the right says: "Give all your worries to me because I care for you (based on 1 Peter 5.7)".</p> </div> <div data-bbox="370 982 1421 1589" data-label="Image"> <p>A cartoon illustration of a person's face with a worried expression, featuring furrowed brows and a downturned mouth. To the left of the face is a large, empty blue speech bubble, suggesting a space for the person to express their worries or a promise to God.</p> </div>

