


Date: Monday 8 th January 2024	Value: Trust	Leader: JWS
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Key message that the children need to take away
Values: Trust Theme: Knowing our friends will support us

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> <p>“Two people are better than one If one person falls, the other can reach out to help.” Ecclesiastes 4.9-10</p> 
Engaging	<p>There are wise words from the Book of Ecclesiastes in the bible.</p> <p>“Two people are better than one If one person falls, the other can reach out to help.” Ecclesiastes 4.9-10</p> <p>In our worship today we are thinking about what it means to be someone who is trustworthy, who can be relied on not to let others down.</p>	



In this photo, who has to trust who to ensure no-one is hurt or feels unsafe?

Talk about the trust required to support or be supported by another person in this way. Make the connection with the trust needed to support one another in our friendships.

Look at this poem:

T = Taking someone at their word

R = Relying on someone to support you

U = Unbreakable promises

S = Showing that you can be trustworthy

T = Treasuring good friends

Which line of the poem do you think is the best way of describing trust and why?

Responding

Using your fingers to help you, think of up to 5 people who you trust and feel you could turn to for support in difficult situations.

Christians put their trust in Jesus, knowing he won't ever let them down. In the Bible God is compared to many things that are symbols of strength, reliability and solidness – the rock, the anchor, a strong tower.

Prayer:


Almighty God,

Be to me a solid rock to stand on,

A strong tower to shelter in,

And a firm anchor to hold me safe in the storms of life.

Amen

Sending Out	<p>Sending out prayer at the extinguishing of the candle Pupil: Known by Jesus and loved by Jesus, we go on our way, 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>When I needed a neighbor</p> <p>Come and Praise CD 2 No. 23</p>
Class follow-up	<p>“Two people are better than one If one person falls, the other can reach out to help.” Ecclesiastes 4.9-10</p>  <p>Using your fingers to help you, think of up to 5 people who you trust and feel you could turn to for support in difficult situations. Use the fingers on the hand to name them.</p>



God is like

God is like a solid rock because ...

God is like an anchor because ...

God is like a strong tower because ...

Children discuss. Record some of these in the middle of the hand (palm) if they wish.