

Leader: The Lord be with you

Children: and also with you



Our Christian value this week:



Peace



Peace is freedom from war and violence, especially when people live and work together happily.

In the Bible...



'Turn from evil and do good;

seek peace and pursue it.'

(Psalm 34:14)



St Paul's Cathedral, London





This is St Paul's Cathedral in London. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, with which the bishop is officially associated.

Click on the video link for a video tour of St. Paul's

Who was Saint Paul?

Many Christian churches are named after saints. A 'saint' is someone whose example inspires and helps others. Paul was a church leader who wrote many of the letters in the New Testament. He travelled widely to share the Christian message. He wasn't always known by the name of Paul, though - nor was he always thought of as a saint!

Let's take a look together at the story of Paul.



Click the image to watch the story.

In what ways did Saul (Paul) change?

- · He was an enemy, but became a friend
- · He was cruel, but learned kindness
- He was uncaring, but then he understood that his actions affected others
- He didn't consider the views of others, but grew in understanding
- He learned respect for God and others.

Saul's change of name to Paul reflected his change of character. Christians describe such a change as a 'conversion'.

Time to reflect...



Today, many Christians, Muslims, Jews, Sikhs and other religious groups across the globe continue to face hatred and violence because of their beliefs. The story of Saul demonstrates that we can always change the wrongs that we have done. We should always show love, respect and peace to others, regardless of their race, religion or beliefs.

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Prayer

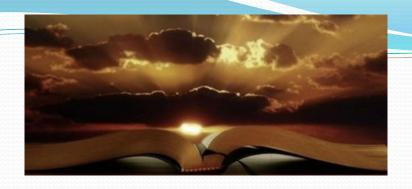
Dear Lord,

We pray for peace and love across all the nations and for all the people in the world who are suffering because of their beliefs, religion or race. We ask you to protect the weak and vulnerable and help to keep them safe throughout their most difficult times.

Amen.

Hymn-Peace like a River Click on the image to watch the video and join in with the words!





We would love to hear your thoughts and reflections so please feel free to email your class teacher with anything that you would like to share and we will put these into our class worship book.

It could be a written prayer, a picture that you have made or a photograph of your worship taking place.

Leader: May you go in love and peace to serve the Lord

Children: In the name of Christ - Amen