

Character Program

Year 2

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Love

Friendliness

Jesus is the best friend we can ever have.

Friendliness is...

- caring about someone
- being willing to help someone
- listening to someone
- spending time with someone
- being interested in the interests of someone
- sticking up for someone when they are going through hard times
- showing kindness
- sharing

Activities

1. Make a list of all the qualities you would like to have in a friend
2. Choose a friend and answer these questions about them.

What do you like most about your friend?

What common interests do you have?

How is your friend different to you?

What things do you share with your friend?

What things does your friend share with you?

What was the best time you have ever had together?

Questions

1. What does this mean: "A friend loves at all times."
2. How to you make friends with someone?
3. What do you have to do to keep your friend?

Which of these things are important in a friend?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• will listen to me | | is liked by everyone | |
| tells the truth | | buys me great presents | |
| helps me | | likes doing the things that I do | |
| looks really nice | | is good at sport | |
| is kind | | will do whatever I want | |
| makes me laugh | | does the things that are right | |

Provision

Trust

Trust is ...

- Knowing that God will provide for me
- Knowing that my family will provide for me
- Not worrying about food or clothes

Trust Game

How well do you trust these? (Give a score between 1 and 5, according to how well you trust each one.) When finished, share your answers.

- a) Dad's cooking
- b) A Jumbo jet
- c) Your chair
- d) A family car
- e) Advertisements
- f) A dentist
- g) A doctor
- h) A chair lift

Discussion

What's the difference between trusting these things/people, and trusting God?

Who can we trust to take care of us?

Who would we not trust?

From the Bible:

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds and flowers. If God provides for them, how much more will He care for you.



Purity

Forgiveness

God wants us to forgive others as He has forgiven us.

Forgiveness is...

- giving a person another chance, even if they have hurt me
- not wanting to pay someone back for the wrong things they have done to me
- being kind to those who have hurt me
- not reminding myself or the other person of the wrong things they have done to me

Activities

1. What does it mean to forgive someone?
2. Sometimes we find it hardest to forgive people in our own family. We might say that they often treat you badly. Sometimes you treat them badly as well. What should you do if a family member has treated you badly?
3. Tell the person next to you about a time when you forgave someone in your family.
4. Do you think you should forgive a person even when they don't say sorry? Why?
5. What good things happen when you forgive someone?
6. What bad things can happen if you don't forgive someone? Think about your feelings and emotions.

From the Bible:

Ephesians 4:32 Forgive one another as God has forgiven you.



Creation

Care for Creation

Take care of the earth, and the people, plants and animals who live on it

Take care to turn lights off.

Take care to turn the tap off.

Take care to put litter in the bin.

Take care of plants.

Take care of animals.

Activity

Draw pictures of ways you can care for the earth and living things.

From the Bible:

Genesis 2:15 God put man in charge of the Garden of Eden.

Psalm 24: 1 The earth is the Lord's.

Psalm 95:1-11 A Psalm about God the creator

Psalm 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.



Wisdom

Co-operation

Co-operation is ...

- Working together happily with others
- Working together on something
- Team work
- Doing your best to get the job done with your team

When do we need co-operation?

Discuss how we show co-operation in these situations:

- Learning at school
- Playing a game
- Doing jobs at home with the family

Who is the team?

- At school
- At home
- In a game

Who are the team leaders in these situations?

How do we show cooperation?

- Listen carefully to others, especially the one giving instructions.
- Share when you have something that someone else needs.
- Do your part the very best that you possibly can.
- Speak kindly to the people you are working with.
- Don't waste time of doing things that are not part of what the team is doing.
- Don't complain if you are asked to do something that you don't like doing.

Why is it wise to co-operate to get a good job done?

What happens when people don't co-operate?

From the Bible:

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 One body, many members

Philippians 2:14-16 Do everything without grumbling or complaining.



Serving

Faithfulness

Being a faithful means that...

- Other people can depend on you to do your best
- You do the job you have been asked to do
- You keep your promise

Activities

1. Make a list of the things other people rely on you for. (That means that if you didn't do these things, it would cause a problem for someone.)
2. List some people in the community that help you.
3. What would happen if these people decided not to do their job one day?
4. What would happen if these people did not do their job well?
5. Who relies on you to do a good job?
6. What problems would it cause if you didn't do these jobs?

From the Bible:

Luke 16: 10 Be faithful in little things.

Psalm 36:5 God's faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Hebrews 2:10 Jesus was faithful.



Protection

Courage

Courage is...

- being brave
- doing things that need to be done, even when we would normally be afraid to do these thing
- trusting in God's protection as we do the things He asks us to do
- When we know that God is protecting us, we can have courage to do the things He wants us to do.

Activities

1. What are some things that you need courage to do?
2. Draw a picture and write a sentence about when you had courage.
3. Draw a picture and write a sentence about someone else who showed great courage.

From the Bible:

Joshua 1:6-7 Be strong and of good courage.

1 Samuel 17 David had courage to fight Goliath.

Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.

Matthew 14:22-32 Peter needed courage to walk on water.



Truth

Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness means that ...

You will do what you say you will do.

You keep your promises

You are honest

You can be trusted

You keep secrets when you are meant to keep secrets

Discussion and activities

Think of a person is trustworthy.

Why would you say that they are trustworthy?

Think of your best friend.

Why is it important to be a trustworthy friend?

Would your friend want to stay being your friend if you shared secrets about them that they didn't want shared?

Would your friend want to stay being your friend if you said you were going to do something, but you didn't?

God is trustworthy

That means He will keep His word. He will do what He says He will do in the Bible.

The Bible calls this "faithfulness".

From the Bible:

Psalm 36:5 Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.



Keep
a
promise