



Advent Pause Day ~ Nativity Role Models: Examples of Living Our Values

We are learning to understand how the people in the Christmas story demonstrated our Values. We are learning to understand how people in the Bible can be role models for us. We are learning to reflect on and respond to Biblical stories, themes and concepts.

9:00 Register and give out coloured name labels

9:05 Assembly to introduce the day, watch dvd of the Nativity story 'He's Here!' (from Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones) and sort children into groups

9:30 1st Session

Every group look at the people in their part of the story and how they demonstrated ways of living out our Values:

Mary + Joseph: **Unity** (responsibility, love), **Perseverance** (long journey, not giving up).

Shepherds: 'The Light of the Whole World.' **Fairness** (a marginalised group in society made welcome and given the opportunity to see Jesus first), **Dignity** (respectful and appreciative of the opportunity to see Jesus).

Wise Men: 'The King of all Kings'. **Wisdom** (always learning, seeking truth), **Hope** (confidence in their abilities and knowledge, hoping to find the truth).

Follow up with a couple of wondering questions:

→ "What do you think is the most important part in the story? Why?"

→ "How do you think ... felt?"

→ "Is there anything we can learn from the story?"

→ "Are you inspired by anyone in the story? Why?"

Discuss what a role model is (someone who shows you how to do the right thing and who you want to be like or someone who gives you ideas for what you want to be like – kind, good at reading, a fast runner, etc) and how the people in the story are role models for our Values.

Activity

10:30 Playtime

10:45 Teachers go to the playground to collect their next group.

2nd Session

12:00 Lunchtime

1:05 Register in normal classes.

1:10 Everyone into the Hall to be sorted back into their groups.

1:20 3rd Session

2:20 Back into the Hall for final assembly, with each group bringing something to show what they've learnt during their last session with a few children to explain it and how it links to our Values.

2:40 Back to own classes for hometime.

Groups named after colours:

Rooms	Beech	Chestnut	Oak	Learning Lab
Adults:				
Theme:	Wise Men: Wisdom, Hope	Shepherds: Fairness, Dignity	Mary + Joseph: Perseverance, Unity	1.5m 3D Joseph figure
Before playtime	Red Group	Yellow Group	Blue Group	Take some children from Oak classroom to work on Joseph figure
After playtime	Blue Group	Red Group	Yellow Group	
Afternoon	Yellow Group	Blue Group	Red Group	

Activity Ideas

Dear St Nics' Family,

At St Nics', we are very good at showing our Values in school. We know what a difference it makes to show Dignity (respect and kindness) to others and we know that we can make a real difference in the world by doing kind, generous and thoughtful things for people.

Advent is a time when we prepare for Christmas and we look forward to the food, presents, parties and fun of the holidays. This year, we want to encourage our whole school community to take part in an Advent Acts of Kindness challenge.

This means doing random acts of kindness for people throughout Advent. We have thought of lots of ideas for you, but there is no limit to the possibilities!

On our Advent Pause Day, we spent time thinking about how God showed Fairness and Dignity to the shepherds (who were generally poor, and probably felt unloved and left out as they were seen as unimportant in first century society), by sending a spectacular choir of angels to invite them to be the first visitors to see Jesus when he was born. We thought about people in our town who may feel like the shepherds did and how we can help them to feel loved and to have a happier Christmas. We made decorations and decorated boxes to become Christmas hampers for local Christians Against Poverty (CAP) clients. We would like to invite and encourage you to donate items to fill these hampers, bringing them to school on the 10th December. The hampers we donated at Harvest were very gratefully received, so it will be wonderful to continue our support of these people over the coming season. This time, the hampers will be filled with items to help people have a happy Christmas, such as: special Christmas food (mince pies, cake, fancy biscuits, chocolates etc.), toiletries, fairy lights or small decorations, crackers, Christmas socks, etc. If you would like to add a Christmas card from your family, I'm sure it would make the gift even more special.

This is a great opportunity to show love to some of the people who are most in need in our community, Thank you in advance for your generosity. I look forward to compiling lots of hampers and hearing all about your Acts of Kindness!

Miss Staniforth



"Have a healthy Christmas!"



"Do a kind thing every day."



Offer to help an adult with a job at home.



"Play with people who look lonely."



Visit or phone someone you haven't seen for a while.



"I will give you respect and love."



Make a thank you card or letter to send to someone who has helped you this year.



"Make something for a friend."

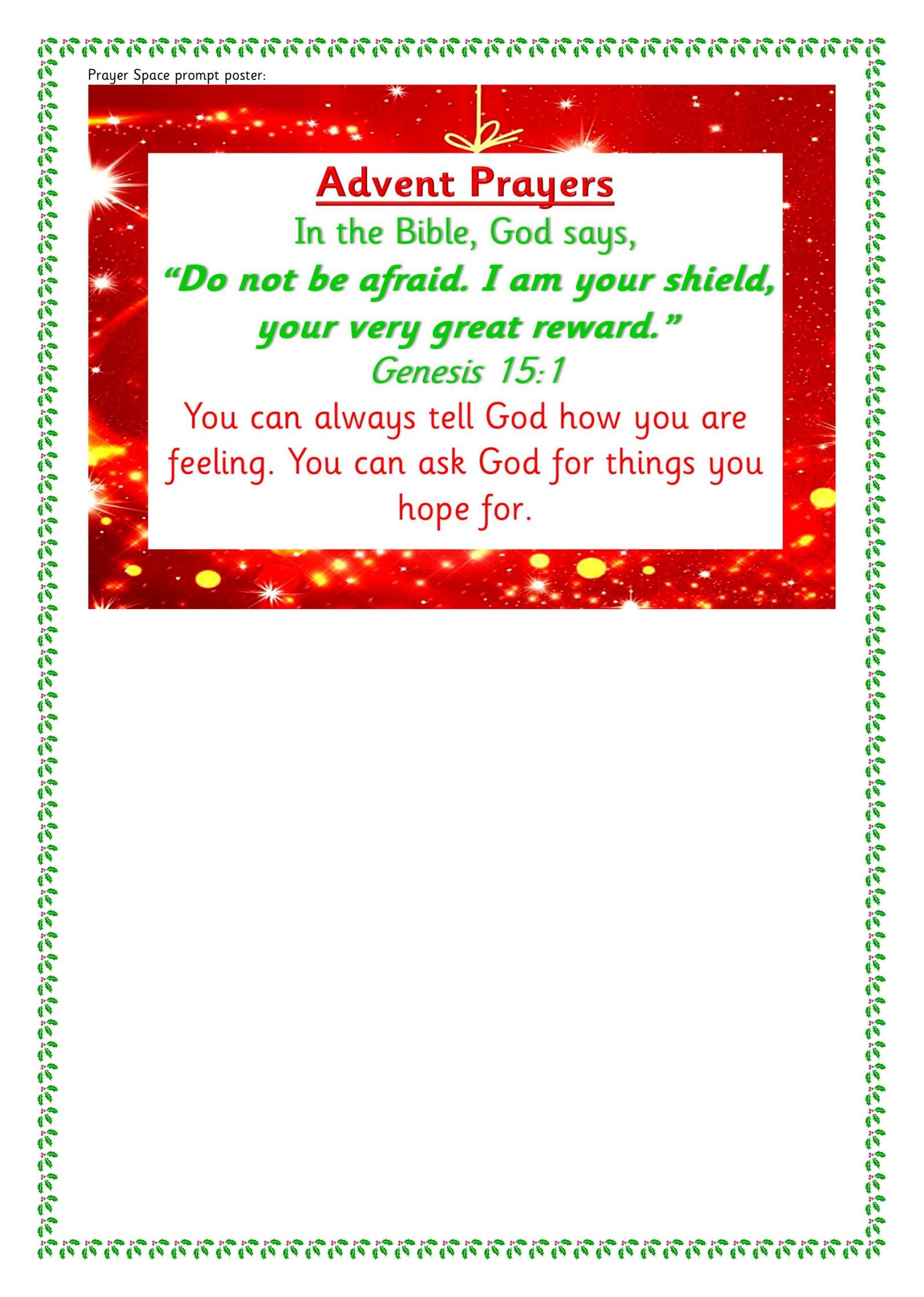


<p>10th December. Bring an item to school to add to a CAP hamper, something that will help someone to have a lovely Christmas (eg, mince pies, chocolates, fancy biscuits, a Christmas pud, crackers, fairy lights, nice toiletries, etc.)</p> 	<p>"Make someone's Christmas special."</p> 	<p>Hold a door open for someone.</p> 	<p>Smile and say hello to someone today.</p> 
<p>"Write a card of love for someone"</p> 	<p>"Make Christmas dinner for someone."</p> 	<p>Feed the birds in a garden or park.</p> 	<p>Make someone laugh by telling them a joke.</p> 
<p>"Buy another present for someone who won't get one otherwise."</p> 	<p>"Listen when people speak to you."</p> 	<p>Donate some food to a foodbank.</p> 	<p>Offer to tidy or do the washing up.</p> 
<p>"Have a healthy Christmas!"</p> 	<p>"Help people if you see that they are sad."</p> 	<p>Make a card or leave a treat for your postal worker or rubbish collectors.</p> 	<p>Make a cake or biscuits and give them to a friend or neighbour.</p> 



Prayers on stars sewn onto Joseph's cloak. Nativity silhouettes.

Prayer Space prompt poster:



Advent Prayers

In the Bible, God says,
***“Do not be afraid. I am your shield,
your very great reward.”***

Genesis 15:1

You can always tell God how you are
feeling. You can ask God for things you
hope for.