



A journey of learning in the light of God's love

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed - Mark 4:30-32

What do Christians believe God is like?

During this half term, the children have been learning about what Christians believe God is like. They have recognised that God forgives and loves everyone even if they have sinned.

They have been focusing on the parable of The Lost Son; by listening to the story and exploring it in different ways. "My son, the father said, 'you are always with me and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is now found.'"

The Lost Son - Luke 15:1-2

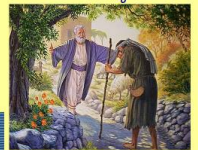
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Year One began thinking about the meaning of the big question to Christians by listening to the bible story of the lost son and also Julia Donaldson's story paper dolls. Together they looked at the hidden meaning and what this meant to Christians.



The parable of the lost son

The children then linked the bible story of the lost son to our school Christian value of forgiveness. The children began to understand what it means to forgive and they used role play to explore this further. They made a box to show the hidden meaning



What does forgiveness mean to us?

Through role play the children acted out different scenarios of when they may need to forgive their friends. Examples were sticking out your tongue and not sharing. They practiced telling someone that it was unkind, saying sorry and I forgive you. Through collective worship they acted this out to Key Stage One and also told the parable of the lost son explaining the connections.



What do most Christians do if they find someone who is crying, hungry or scared?

The children rolled a dice with different scenarios and then they explored what most Christians would do if they found someone in that situation. Through role play they showed what could happen. Year One showed what Christians believe God is like through collage. They think they most Christians believe that God is loving, the King of the world and a peace keeper who shows kindness.

