

**Themes: Getting to know Jesus – Other Faith – Buddhism – Sorrow and Joy**

**Intent**

To know that the Three Wise Men were the last to visit Jesus.  
 To listen to stories about Jesus.  
 To know that Jesus has a great love for each one of us.  
 To think of ways that we can show our love for Jesus.  
 To know that Jesus cured people who were ill.  
 To think of ways that we can show our love for people who are unwell.  
 To know that Jesus showed that he was the Son of God at the Wedding in Cana.  
 To recognise that people have different beliefs and that there are different religions around the world. To learn about Buddhism and to know that Buddhism was started by Prince Siddhartha and that he became known as the Buddha.  
 To understand that we are capable of hurting others with our words and that we should always try to be kind to each other.  
 To know that we can say sorry when we have hurt someone but that we can ask Jesus to help us to do this.  
 To begin to understand what it means to be sorry.  
 To know that Jesus forgave those who hurt him.  
 To know that we can forgive others when they have hurt us.  
 To know that we need to ask Jesus to help us to be kind to others.  
 To begin to know what the time of Lent means to Christians.

**Implement**

Use story bag to tell the story of the Three Wise Men visiting Jesus. Children to make a hanging star mobile as an activity.  
 Share stories about Jesus including Luke 18 v.15-17 – Activity: children to share ideas of how love is shown to us and how we show our love to others. Cut out hearts and T/TA to write down children’s thoughts on love. Decorate ‘Kindness Tree’ with hearts.  
 Share different versions of some of the Miracles of Jesus Christ:  
 The Wedding at Cana, Healing at Capernaum, The Lame Man at Bethesda, Feeding the 5000, Jesus Walks on Water and Healing the Blind Man  
 Children to share their own experiences of ill loved ones or times they have been to the Doctor or to hospital. Discuss ways to show our love and to help people when they are unwell.  
 Other Faith: Buddhism – Read story ‘Under the Bodhi Tree’ by Deborah Hopkinson to introduce the story about the Buddha. Talk to children about the importance of mindfulness and meditation in the Buddhist faith.  
 Activity – Create mini Zen garden with addition of Mandala.  
 Introduce topic of ‘Sorrow and Joy’ by looking at the picture ‘Anne is Sad’. Invite the children to think about why she might be sad. Children to share times when they or members of their families have been sad.  
 Story of Zacchaeus – discussion of what it means to be sorry.  
 Story of Peter’s Denial – being ashamed and forgiveness.  
 Lent – Jesus’s time in the wilderness. Discuss why people choose to give up certain things during the period of Lent.



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**Impact**

Children know that there are special words used in the church to remember certain times eg. Epiphany.  
 The children enjoy using the story bag during independent learning time and retell the story of The Wise Men in their own words.  
 Children understand that God is Love and that he sent Jesus his Son to teach us all about Love.  
 The children enjoy listening to The Miracles of Jesus and this is reflected in the pictures that they draw and in the discussions we have by the Prayer Focus.  
 Children enjoy creating Zen garden as part of Buddhism topic and find playing with garden helps them feel calm.  
 The children are able to think about times when they or members of their family have been ill and how it has made them feel.  
 They are able to come up with ideas to make other’s feel happy and grateful.  
 The children understand that God forgives all our wrong doings just like our parents.  
 The children begin to understand how we can show we are sorry by our actions.  
 Children talk about times they have been sad and begin to show an awareness of other’s sadness.  
 In the story of Zacchaeus children understand that Zacchaeus shows he’s sorry by changing his ways and becoming a reformed character.  
 Children recognise the feeling of being ashamed when they have done something wrong. They begin to understand how Jesus forgives and how we can try and forgive others.  
 Children recognise that the period of Lent comes before Easter.

**Key Vocabulary:**

Epiphany, journey, bless, teach, trust, Lord, cure, heal, server, miracle, Cana, Capernaum, Bethesda, faith, kindness, forgiveness, sorry, wrong, Zacchaeus, ashamed, trespass, sharing, dividing, religion, belief, Catholicism, Buddhism, Catholic, Buddhist, meditation, zen, mandala, Lent, wilderness,

**Skills:**

I can tell some stories about Jesus in my own words.  
 I know how I can show love to others.  
 I can use the word sorry when I have upset someone but also show that I am sorry by my actions.  
 I know ways to help others stop feeling sad.  
 Children begin to recognise symbols of different faiths.  
 I can forgive others if they have upset me.  
 I know that Lent lasts for forty days.

**Differentiation:**

**Support** – provide opportunities for children to revisit stories that we have shared as a class. Try and contextualise any new vocabulary so that it has more meaning.  
**Challenge** – Encourage children to talk about different themes covered such as kindness, sadness, being ashamed, being sorry, forgiveness and to explain these to others in their own words.

