

Today is our **celebration worship**. Think about our School vision and our Christian Values and think about how you have shown the values at school or at home.

Use your hand as a model for your prayers at home

Your fingers can be used to bring to mind different things to pray for.

1. Thumb

This is the strongest digit on your hand. Give thanks for all the strong things in your life, like home and family, relationships that support and encourage you.

2. Index finger

This is the pointing finger. Pray for all those people and things in your life who guide and help you. Friends, teachers, doctors, nurses and emergency

3. Middle finger

This is the tallest finger. Pray for all the important people who have power in the world, like world leaders and their governments who face challenging decisions.

4. Ring finger

This is the weakest finger on your hand. Let it remind you of those who need our love and compassion.

5. Little finger

This is the smallest and the last finger on your hand. Pray for yourself.



Tuesday

Jesus calms the storm

Matthew 8:23–27; Mark 4:35–41; Luke 8:22–25

Jesus Christ brought with him a small group of disciples that he taught separately from the crowds. He often taught them lessons about faith in unexpected ways.

As you read this story, pay attention to the lesson Jesus gives to the disciples in their moment of fear.

After Jesus had taught large crowds of people one day, he said to his disciples, “Let us get into this boat and travel to the other side of the lake.”

The disciples got into the boat and set out into the water. Jesus lay down in the front of the boat and fell asleep.

Suddenly, a storm came upon them. The wind blew harder and harder until the boat was filling up with water.

Jesus continued to sleep through the storm. The disciples tried to wake him. They were very afraid. “Lord, save us! We are going to drown!”

Jesus woke up and stood before the blowing wind and crashing waves. He raised a hand toward the sea and said, “Peace! Be still!”

The wind died down, and the waters became calm again. Jesus turned toward his disciples.

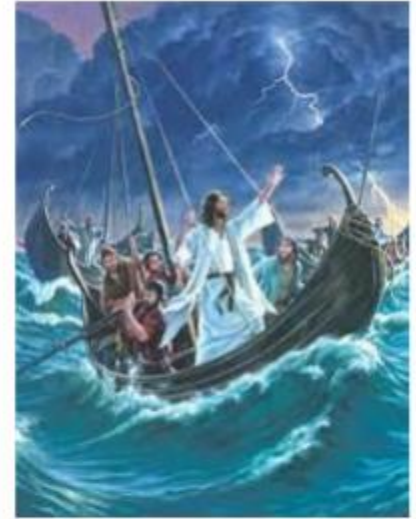
“Why are you afraid? Where is your faith?” he asked them.

The disciples were amazed and said to each other, “What sort of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”



Reflection Questions

- *Why did Jesus question the disciples for being afraid? What did he expect from them instead?*
- *When times feel chaotic and out of control, how can you practice faith that Jesus will calm the storm?*
- *Who do you know that needs comfort and peace right now? How can you help calm their storm?*
- *Imagine Jesus saying the words “peace” and “be still” to you. How would this make you feel?*



Wednesday

JESUS HEALS THE LEPER

Matthew 8:1–4; Mark 1:40–45; Luke 5:12–15

There were many diseases in the ancient world without cures yet. Leprosy was a disease that caused someone's skin to break out in large bumps. It was very contagious, so anyone with leprosy was sent away from the communities to live in isolation.

As you read this story, pay attention to what Jesus says and does when he heals the man with leprosy.

Jesus came down from a mountain after teaching the crowds of people that followed him. Then a man with leprosy came forward. Jesus' disciples and those around him were anxious. They were afraid of getting sick, too.

The leper said, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean."

Jesus felt pity for the leper. He reached out his hand to touch him and said, "I do choose. Be made clean!"

Immediately, the man's skin changed and he was healed. The leprosy was gone!

Jesus told the man to go and show himself to a priest for inspection so that he would be allowed back into the community.

He also warned him not to say anything to anyone, but the man couldn't keep the story of this miracle to himself. He told everyone about the miracle. People started to come from all over to seek out Jesus to be healed, as well.



Thursday worship

"Indeed there is hope for a tree. If it's cut down and still sprouting and its shoots don't fail, if its roots age in the ground and its stump dies in the dust, at the scent of water, it will bud and produce sprouts like a plant."

JOB 14:7-9



*Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach
me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day
long.*

PSALM 25:4-5

Friday's reflection worship

Today, let us reflex on our week.

What has gone well for you?

What has not gone well but you have learnt from it?

What are you hopeful for in the coming week?



Let your hopes,
not your
hurts, shape
your future.

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