

Autumn 1

Christian value: Peace



Learning behaviour link:



Creativity

Codnor stars:



Aspire

Wider World



Judiasm

Theme and ideas

Our Christian Value for this half term is Peace. Christians believe that God sent Jesus, The Prince of Peace, to give us Peace and harmony and for us to share Peace with one another.

The Hebrew term for peace, 'shalom', has a deep and complex meaning, encompassing much more than simply the absence of hostility or war. Shalom includes ideas of healing and health, wholeness and well-being. It means harmony, stability and security within a community. It refers to relationships based on truth and righteousness, where people flourish because they are nurtured.

We will be looking at the need for peace and quiet, the need for inner peace, conflict and resolution and the qualities of a peacemaker.

Questions to think about:

- What are the symbols of peace?
- Why is peace so important?
- How can I help build a world of peace?
- Whose responsibility is peace?

Bible Verses

- **Philippians 4:7 (NIV):** "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
- **Matthew 5:9 (NIV):** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
- **Isaiah 26:3 (NIV):** "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."
- **Colossians 3:15 (NIV):** "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."
- **John 14:27 (NIV):** "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Bible Stories	• Noah's Ark (Genesis 6-9): Share the story of how Noah built the ark and gathered animals to save them from the flood. Emphasize how peace was restored after the rain stopped and the dove brought an olive branch. • David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17): Focus on how David's courage and trust in God brought peace to his people by defeating the giant Goliath and stopping the threat. • Jonah and the Whale (Jonah 1-4): Teach about Jonah's journey to Nineveh and how his message of repentance led to the city's peace and salvation. • The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37): Share the parable of the Good Samaritan to illustrate the importance of helping and showing kindness to those in need, promoting a peaceful and caring community. • The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6): Discuss the prophecy of Jesus as the Prince of Peace, emphasizing his teachings about love, forgiveness, and reconciliation. • Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41): Describe how Jesus calmed a storm on the sea, showing his power to bring peace even in challenging situations. • The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12): Explain the Beatitudes, highlighting the blessedness of peacemakers and those who seek righteousness. • The Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-30): Talk about Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples and encouraging them to remember him by promoting love and unity. • The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32): Discuss how the father forgave and welcomed his wayward son back home, promoting the idea of forgiveness and reconciliation within families. • Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37-50): Share the story of Joseph's forgiveness towards his brothers, even after they treated him poorly, to teach the importance of reconciliation and peace among family members.	
Our place in the World and enrichment focuses	• 13th September – Roldal Dahl Day • 13th September – World First Aid Day • 21st September – International day of peace • 22nd September onwards – Navaratri • 22nd – 24th September – Rosh Hashana • 1st October – Black History Month • 1st and 2nd October - Yom Kippur • 4th October onwards – Harvest • 6th – 13th October – Sukkot • 10th October – World Mental Health Day • 14th October – Recycle week	
Weekly class assemblies/ collective worship focuses	Week	Focus
	Monday 8 th September	Headteacher Assembly: welcome back to school & introduction to the key themes
	Tuesday 9 th September	Headteacher Assembly: Christian Value: Introduction to the theme of peace. Show children a selection of images to do with peace [e.g. a dove, a rainbow, a peace symbol, an olive branch.] Ask children what these images represent and come to the theme of peace. Show children some examples of people who are related

		to peace [e.g. Martin Luther King, Jesus, Mr Blake!] and ask children how we could link these people to our theme.
Wednesday 10 th September		Visitor assembly: Christian Value
Thursday 11 th September		Classroom collective worship: Christian Value: discuss the key themes for Autumn Term 1. A peaceful classroom.
Friday 12 th September		Headteacher Assembly: celebration assembly. Learning behaviour
Monday 15 th September		Teacher assembly: Wider World: Termly religion: Judaism Shalom – The Jewish Word for Peace. • Teach the meaning of “Shalom” as both peace and hello/goodbye. • Show the Hebrew letters of Shalom. • Explain its use in daily life and greetings. • Display images of children in Israel greeting each other. • Link to promoting peace in school and community
Tuesday 16 th September		Headteacher Assembly: Bible Story: David and Goliath Focus on how David's courage and trust in God brought peace to his people by defeating the giant Goliath and stopping the threat. End on the Lord's Prayer
Wednesday 17 th September		Visitor assembly: Christian Value
Thursday 18 th September		Classroom collective worship: David and Goliath. Can anybody think of any real life situations which is a little bit like David and Goliath? [children might think of football matches etc...]
Friday 19 th September		Headteacher Assembly: Learning behaviour - creativity
Monday 22 nd September		Teacher assembly: Wider World: Termly religion: Judaism Rosh Hashana Festivals of Peace – Rosh Hashanah Focus: Festivals focused on reflection, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Elements: • Explain shofar blowing and its meaning. • Discuss how people ask for forgiveness and make peace with others. • Show symbols like apples and honey for a sweet new year. • Encourage pupils to think about resolving conflicts and saying sorry.
Tuesday 23 rd September		Headteacher Assembly: Bible Story: The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6): Discuss the prophecy of Jesus as the Prince of Peace, emphasizing his teachings about love, forgiveness, and reconciliation End on the Lord's Prayer
Wednesday 24 th September		Visitor assembly: Christian Value
Thursday 25 th September		Classroom collective worship: Wider World: Jewish Clothing and Cultural Identity Focus: Explore traditional clothing and how it connects to values of respect and peace. Elements: • Show images of kippah, tallit (prayer shawl), and modest attire.

		- Discuss how clothing can express identity, respect, and mindfulness. - Invite pupils to reflect on how showing respect can promote peace in school.
	Friday 26 th September	Headteacher Assembly: Learning behaviour - creativity
	Monday 29 th September	Teacher assembly: Wider World: Termly religion: Judaism Synagogues – Houses of Peace and Worship Focus: Introduce the synagogue as a religious building. - Show images of synagogue interiors and exteriors. - Explain features: ark (where Torah is kept), bimah (reading platform), and eternal light. - Discuss how people come together to pray for peace. - Include a short story or video clip of a Shabbat service.
	Tuesday 30 th September	Headteacher Assembly: Bible Story Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41): Describe how Jesus calmed a storm on the sea, showing his power to bring peace even in challenging situations. End on the Lord's Prayer
	Wednesday 1 st October	Visitor assembly
	Thursday 2 nd October	Classroom collective worship: Bible Story Paul's Shipwreck (Acts 27:13-44): God protects Paul and his companions during a shipwreck, demonstrating his ability to bring peace and safety in times of trouble.
	Friday 3 rd October	Headteacher Assembly: Codnor Star – Aspiration linked to the celebration assembly
	Monday 6 th October	Teacher assembly: Wider World: Termly religion: Judaism Shabbat – A Weekly Peaceful Time Focus: How Shabbat brings rest and peace into Jewish life. - Explain lighting candles, blessings, and sharing meals. - Show traditional Shabbat clothing (e.g., kippah, tallit) and table items (candlesticks, challah). - Discuss the value of pausing to reflect and foster peace at home. - Include a short reflective moment for pupils to think about peace in their own lives.
	Tuesday 7 th October	Headteacher Assembly: Bible Story The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32): Discuss how the father forgave and welcomed his wayward son back home, promoting the idea of forgiveness and reconciliation within families. End on the Lord's Prayer
	Wednesday 8 th October	Visitor assembly
	Thursday 9 th October	Classroom collective worship: Wider World: Black History Month: choose a person of interest of your choice to explore with your class.
	Friday 10 th October	Headteacher Assembly: Wider World: Termly religion: Judaism – Story from the Torah Jacob and Esau – Reconciliation (Genesis 32-33)

		Background: Jacob and Esau were brothers who had been in conflict for many years. Jacob had taken Esau's birthright and blessing, which caused deep anger. Conflict: Esau prepared to confront Jacob with a large group, and Jacob feared for his life. Act of Peace: Jacob sent gifts ahead to Esau and bowed respectfully when they met. Resolution: Esau forgave Jacob, and they embraced. The story ends with reconciliation rather than revenge.
	Monday 13 th October	Teacher assembly: Wider World: Termly religion: Judaism Peace in the Torah Focus: Teach stories or quotes from the Torah that promote peace. • Read age-appropriate stories of reconciliation or kindness (e.g., Abraham's hospitality). • Show Torah scrolls or images. • Discuss how Jewish teachings encourage harmony in families and communities. • Invite pupils to share examples of peaceful actions they can take.
	Tuesday 14 th October	Headteacher Assembly: Christian Value Balaam's Donkey (Numbers 22:21-35) End on the Lord's Prayer
	Wednesday 15 th October	Visitor assembly End on the Lord's Prayer
	Thursday 16 th October	Classroom collective worship: Wider World: Black History Month: choose a person of interest of your choice to explore with your class.
	Friday 17 th October	Headteacher Assembly: Codnor Star – Aspiration linked to the celebration assembly
	Monday 20 th October	Teacher assembly: Wider World: Termly religion: Judaism Symbols of Judaism and Peace. Focus: Explore symbols like the Star of David, menorah, Torah scroll, and kippah. • Explain what each symbol represents. • Discuss how symbols remind Jewish people of values like peace, justice, and kindness. • Show children wearing kippot (head coverings) respectfully. • Activity: Invite pupils to suggest modern symbols of peace in school.
	Tuesday 22 nd October	Headteacher Assembly: Bible Story Daniel in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6): Daniel's faith leads to his safety in the lions' den, teaching us that trust in God can bring us peace even when facing challenges. End on the Lord's Prayer
	Wednesday 23 rd October	Visitor assembly
	Thursday 24 th October	Classroom collective worship: Wider World: Black History Month: Choose a person of interest of your choice to explore with your class.

	Friday 25 th October	Headteacher Assembly: Codnor Star – Aspiration linked to the celebration assembly