

Autumn 1

Christian value: Friendship



Learning behaviour link:	Collaboration 	Codnor stars:	Reminding pupils of all 5 stars: introductions
Theme and ideas	FRIENDSHIP is a very important Christian Value and one that children can relate to through their everyday experiences. The bible tells us that Jesus was a friend to all, regardless of who they were. He taught them that God is our friend and wants us to be like Him in our friendships with others. Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus.		
Questions to think about:	• How do older pupils support and encourage younger pupils in the school? • How does the school help all visitors/new members to feel welcomed and included? • How does the school encourage dialogue between families with different ethnic/religious/ socioeconomic backgrounds? • How, as a school, do you deal with the statement "My Dad/Mum says I have to hit him back"? • How does the school foster friendship and partnership with the church community? • What are the characteristics of a good friend? • Who would you go to for help if a friendship has been broken or damaged? • Do you think it is important to be always loyal to your friends? • How could you help someone in your class who is feeling lonely? • How can you encourage your friends when they are going through a difficult time? • Is it always necessary to agree with all the opinions of someone to stay friends with them? • Can you think of a time that you disagreed with a friend? What happened? • Why do some people say that God is their friend?		
Bible Verse	• I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15 • 'A friend loves at all times.' (Proverbs 17:17) • Friends are not afraid to tell each other the truth and a friend's loving criticism is worth more than the empty compliments of someone who does not really care for you.		

	• 'Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.' (Proverbs 27:6) • The writer of Ecclesiastes puts it very simply: 'if one falls down, a friend can lift him up'. (Ecclesiastes 4:10) • The friendship of David and Jonathan is very strongly emphasised in the Bible, Abraham is described as the friend of God (James 2:23) and Jesus explicitly calls his disciples not servants but friends (John 15:14 - 15).	
Bible Stories	• Jacob reconciled with Esau Genesis 33 • The Chariot of Fire 2 Kings 2 • Twelve Special Friends Matthew 10, Mark 3, Luke 6 • Martha, Mary and Lazarus Luke 10 • Secret Disciples John 19 • Breakfast by Galilee John 21 • Being Friends with God 2 Corinthians 5 • God's Friends Genesis 12, 17, 18, 21 • Jesus' Special Friends Luke 5 • An Important Meal Matthew 26	
Our place in the World and enrichment focuses	• World Mental Health Day • October - Black History Month	
Weekly class assemblies/ collective worship focuses	Week	Focus
	Wednesday 4 th September	Headteacher assembly: – welcome back! Introduction to Christian value and collaboration
	Thursday 5 th September	Classroom based - Learning behaviour - collaboration
	Friday 6 th September	Headteacher assembly: Christian values: Introduction to 'Let your light shine'
	Monday 9 th September	Teacher assembly: Christian values: The Best Friend Ever - Jesus • Bible Verse: John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." • Activity: Discuss how Jesus is the ultimate friend who sacrificed Himself for us. Ask the children to think of ways they can show love to their friends. • Message: Jesus is our best friend, and He teaches us how to be good friends to others.
	Tuesday 10 th September	Headteacher assembly: Christian values: Let your light shine *End on the Lord's Prayer
	Wednesday 11 th September	Visitor Assembly - Christian values
	Thursday 12 th September	Classroom based - Learning behaviour - collaboration
	Friday 13 th September	Headteacher assembly: Christian values: Let your light shine & celebration

Monday 16 th September	Teacher assembly: Christian values: David and Jonathan - A True Friendship - Bible Verse: 1 Samuel 18:3 "And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself." - Story: Tell the story of David and Jonathan's friendship, focusing on their loyalty and support for each other. - Message: True friendship is about loyalty and helping each other, even in difficult times.
Tuesday 17 th September	Headteacher assembly: Codnor Stars
Wednesday 18 th September	Visitor Assembly - Christian values
Thursday 19 th September	Classroom based - Learning behaviour - collaboration
Friday 20 th September	Headteacher assembly: Wider World The theme of friendship in Islam. Story: Share a story about the friendship between the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his companions, such as Abu Bakr (RA). Emphasize how they supported and trusted each other, and how the Prophet treated everyone with kindness and respect.
Monday 23 rd September	Teacher assembly: Christian values: Helping a Friend in Need - The Good Samaritan - Bible Verse: Luke 10:27 "Love your neighbour as yourself." - Story: Share the parable of the Good Samaritan. Discuss how the Samaritan showed friendship by helping someone in need. - Message: Being a friend means helping others, even when it's not easy or convenient.
Tuesday 24 th September	Headteacher assembly: Wider World The theme of friendship in Hinduism. Share the story of Lord Krishna and Sudama, highlighting their deep friendship. Focus on how Krishna, a prince, and Sudama, a poor Brahmin, were childhood friends. When Sudama visited Krishna in need, Krishna welcomed him warmly and helped him without expecting anything in return.
Wednesday 25 th September	Visitor Assembly - Christian values
Thursday 26 th September	Classroom based - Learning behaviour - collaboration
Friday 27 th September	Headteacher assembly: Christian values: Bible story focus: Ruth stays with Naomi: https://www.brf.org.uk/product/friendship-ruth-stays-with-naomi/
Monday 30 th September	Teacher assembly: Christian values: Forgiveness in Friendship

		• Bible Verse: Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." • Activity: Role-play scenarios where friends might need to forgive each other. Discuss how forgiveness helps friendships grow. • Message: Friends sometimes make mistakes, but forgiving each other is important to keep friendships strong.
	Tuesday 1 st October	Headteacher assembly: Christian values Including Others - Jesus Welcomes Everyone • Bible Verse: Matthew 19:14 "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" • Activity: Discuss the importance of including others, especially those who might feel left out. Encourage the children to befriend someone new. • Message: Just like Jesus welcomed everyone, we should include others and make new friends.
	Wednesday 2 nd October	Visitor Assembly - Christian values
	Thursday 3 rd October	Classroom based - Learning behaviour - collaboration
	Friday 4 th October	Headteacher assembly - Wider World Rosh Hashana
	Monday 7 th October	Teacher assembly Wider World Black History Month – introduction
	Tuesday 8 th October	Headteacher assembly: Christian values Building Each Other Up • Bible Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." • Activity: Have children write or share positive, encouraging words they can say to a friend. • Message: Good friends encourage and build each other up with kind words.
	Wednesday 9 th October	Visitor Assembly - Christian values
	Thursday 10 th October	Classroom collective worship Wider World World mental health day
	Friday 11 th October	Headteacher assembly: Wider World The theme of friendship within Judaism. Main Story: David and Jonathan Story: Share the story of David and Jonathan, focusing on their deep friendship. Jonathan, the son of King Saul, became close friends with David and helped protect him even when Saul was angry with David.

		Key Points: Emphasize how Jonathan's loyalty and bravery showed his true friendship, even when it was difficult. Jonathan and David made promises to always care for each other and their families.
	Monday 14th October	Black History month- Wider World
	Tuesday 15 th October	Headteacher assembly: Christian values The Power of Words in Friendship - Bible Verse: Proverbs 16:24 "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." - Activity: Discuss the impact of words on friendships. Children can write down nice things to say to their friends. - Message: Words have power. Use them to be kind and strengthen your friendships.
	Wednesday 16 th October	Visitor Assembly - Christian values
	Thursday 17 th October	Classroom based - Learning behaviour - collaboration
	Friday 18 th October	Headteacher assembly: Wider World The theme of friendship within Sikhism. Story: Share the story of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, and his close friend Bhai Mardana. Emphasize how they travelled together, spreading the message of peace, equality, and friendship. Despite coming from different backgrounds, they respected and cared for each other deeply. Key Points: Highlight how their friendship was based on mutual respect, shared values, and a commitment to helping others. Guru Nanak treated everyone equally, and his friendship with Bhai Mardana is an example of this.
	Monday 21 st October	Teacher Assembly - Christian values Friendship and song Introduction to the Song: Introduce the chosen song, explaining that it's all about friendship and what it means to be a good friend. Example song: "You've Got a Friend in Me" from Toy Story. Play the Song: Play the song for the children, encouraging them to listen carefully to the lyrics. Option: If time allows, you could teach the children the chorus and have them sing along. Reflection on the Song: After listening, ask the children what the song says about friendship. Write key words on the board (e.g., support, trust, helping, being there for each other).
	Tuesday 22 nd October	Headteacher Assembly - Christian values Jesus' Friends - The Disciples - Bible Verse: John 15:15 "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends." - Story: Share stories about how Jesus called His disciples friends and how they supported each other. - Message: Jesus calls us His friends, and we can learn how to be good friends by following His example.

	Wednesday 23 rd October	Visitor Assembly - Christian values
	Thursday 24 th October	Classroom based - Learning behaviour - collaboration
	Friday 25 th October	Summary

