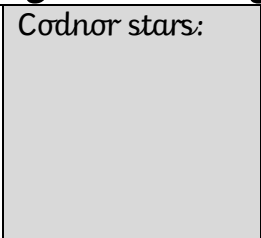


Spring 2

Christian value: Thankfulness



God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say thank you?

Learning behaviour link:	Reflection 	Codnor stars: 	Aspire 
Theme and ideas	Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their life. Christians know that their response to this provision should be one of thankfulness and praise. Thankfulness has always been at the centre of the life and worship of God's people. Under the Law of Moses, there were 'thanks offerings'. Thankfulness is directed towards God who gives and sustains life. Seeing the world as God's creation underpins the way we approach everything in life, seeing it as a gift and not as a right. Thankfulness is important. Luke tells the story of the ten lepers who were healed and is probably challenging his readers to examine themselves when he tells of the amazement of Jesus that only one, a Samaritan, came back to thank him. (Luke 17:11-19) Jesus gave thanks to God (Matthew 11:25) and although the word 'thankfulness' is not common in the Gospels, recognition of his dependence on the Father infuses the whole life of Jesus. Thankfulness is a wholehearted response. It stems from a consciousness of God's gifts and blessings. It is a joyfulness that erupts into praise. Paul frequently encourages us to 'be thankful' (Colossians 3:15), to 'give thanks in all circumstances' (1 Thessalonians 5:18) and says that our lives should 'overflow with thankfulness' (Colossians 2:7). For Christians the greatest of all acts of worship is simply called 'thanksgiving' - eucharistia in Greek - thanksgiving for the death and resurrection of God's Son and the way of forgiveness that is opened up.		
Questions to think about:	• What do Christians believe they should thank God for? • Does everybody have something to be thankful for? • How do people show thankfulness to others?		
Bible Verse	• I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1 • Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he		

	who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:1-5 • Oh give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 107:1 • Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 • Psalms 136:1 "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."	
Bible Stories	• Luke 17:11-17 – Jesus heals the 10 lepers • Luke 7:36-50 – Jesus and the sinful woman	
Our place in the World and enrichment focuses	• 3rd March – World Wildlife day • 4th March – Shrove Tuesday • 5th March – Lent • 7th March – British Science Week • 8th March – Women's day • 14th March – Holi • 17th March – British sign language week • 21st March – Red Nose Day • 22nd March – Earth Hour • 30th March – Eid	
Weekly class assemblies/ collective worship focuses	Week	Focus
	Tuesday 25 th	Christian Value: Headteacher Welcome Assembly – introduce the Christian value. Share some quotes and lay out the theme for the term
	Wednesday 26 th	Christian Value: Visitor Assembly – Rev Christopher Holden
	Thursday 27 th	Christian Value: Class assembly. Thankfulness Song: Have the children create and perform a simple thankfulness song. They can include lyrics about things they are grateful for, like family, friends, nature, and pets.
	Friday 28 th	Learning behaviour: reflection. What are you thankful for this week?
	Monday 3 rd	Christian Value: The Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19) Ten men with leprosy were healed by Jesus, but only one returned to thank Him. Jesus praised the thankful man and asked, "Where are the other nine?" This story teaches the importance of showing gratitude.
	Tuesday 4 th	Christian Value: Thankful for God's wonderful world. Read or show the creation story – why do Christians believe that we should be so thankful for God? Show Youtube clip. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auSo1MyWf8g&t=29s] Children identify the things God has created that we should be thankful for.
	Wednesday 5 th	Christian Value: Visitor Assembly – Valley CIDS
	Thursday 6 th	Christian Value: Class assembly. Thankful Tree: Decorate a large tree on the wall or use a bulletin board. Each child can write or draw

		something they're thankful for on a leaf and stick it to the tree. As the assembly progresses, the tree fills up with blessings!
	Friday 7 th	Christian Value: the story from Luke 17:12-19 ESV Jesus cleanses the 10 lepers. Christian Value: Thankfulness Show children how easy it can be to be thankful when some people don't have anything. E.g. I am thankful for school, when some children can't go. I am thankful for my friends, when some people don't have any.
	Monday 10 th	Christian Value: The Boy with Five Loaves and Two Fish (John 6:1-14) A young boy offered his lunch of five loaves of bread and two fish to Jesus, who used it to feed over 5,000 people. Jesus gave thanks to God for the food, showing us the importance of being thankful for what we have.
	Tuesday 11 th	Codnor Stars - Aspiration - "Aspiration Quotes" Collect and share inspirational quotes from famous people
	Wednesday 12 th	Christian Value: Visitor Assembly - Assembly Team
	Thursday 13 th	Christian Value: Class assembly. Thank You, Teachers! Prepare a short skit where students express thanks to their teachers and school staff through heartfelt notes, a special poem, or by sharing what they've learned and appreciated.
	Friday 14 th	Learning behaviour: reflection. What are you thankful for this week?
	Monday 17 th	Wider World: World Sign Language week
	Tuesday 18 th	Christian Value: Thankfulness Hannah's Prayer of Thanks (1 Samuel 1:9-20, 2:1-10) Hannah prayed to God for a child, and when God answered her prayer, she thanked Him with a beautiful prayer. She was thankful for God's answer and promised to dedicate her son, Samuel, to God's service.
	Wednesday 19 th	Christian Value: Visitor Assembly - KS2 CW team
	Thursday 20 th	Christian Value: Thankfulness Gratitude Charades: Have a game of "Gratitude Charades" where students act out things they are thankful for (like family dinners, pets, or holidays), and others guess what it is. This encourages fun while showing what we are grateful for!
	Friday 21 st	Learning behaviour: reflection. What are you thankful for this week?
	Monday 24 th	Wider World: Earth Hour. On the 22 nd , it was Earth hour. What is it? What does it mean to us?
	Tuesday 25 th	Christian Value: Thankfulness https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2196/thankfulness
	Wednesday 26 th	Christian Value: Visitor Assembly - Louise Cross
	Thursday 27 th	Christian Value: Thankfulness Thankfulness Circle: Create a gratitude circle where each child stands up and shares something they are thankful for. The assembly could end with a class-wide

		thank-you cheer, or everyone could hold hands and say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!"
	Friday 28 th	Learning behaviour: reflection. What are you thankful for this week?
	Monday 31 st	Christian Value: Thankfulness Listen to and explore the song "Give Thanks" by Henry Smith
	Tuesday 1 st	Codnor Stars - Aspiration Read 'The little seed that could' [staff area → Assemblies and Collective Worship → Collective Worship 2024-2025 → Resources]
	Wednesday 2 nd	Christian Value: Visitor Assembly – Rev Christopher Easter Celebration!
	Thursday 3 rd	Christian Value: Thankfulness Thankful Art Display: Each student creates a piece of art representing something they're thankful for (such as a drawing of their family, a favourite hobby, or nature). The art can be displayed around the assembly area, and each child can briefly explain their artwork.
	Friday 4 th	Christian Value: summary of termly value