



# Netherhall St James CoE (VC) Infant and Nursery School Christian Newsletter



## Home learning challenge

Can you complete the following sheet (which will be given out by your teacher) with the help of your family and bring it back into school for a Dojo reward point.



RESPECT	
	
I can show respect to my family by...	
I can show respect to my teacher by...	
I can show respect to my classmates by...	
I can show respect to my friends by...	
I can show respect to myself by...	

## This term our Christian values is Respect

We are learning at school about the importance of respect, which includes:

- Respect for other human beings
- Self-respect (appreciating yourself and valuing your own worth)
- Respect for laws, rules, decisions, institutions
- Respect for non-human beings (e.g., animals, nature)

This reciprocity concept of the Golden Rule is present in major religions and ethical traditions. The Golden Rule asserts that we should treat others as we would like to be treated.

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

This rule is vital to teaching children the value of respect.

## Learning Together in God’s Love

Our Core Values are  
Love, Compassion, Trust  
and Respect  
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## FASCINATING FACTS

Religious communities often treat their holy books with great reverence and **respect**. They believe the holy book contains God’s teaching.

- Christians believe that the Bible is God’s word to his people. They show **respect** and reverence by treating the Bible carefully. In some churches the Bible has a special stand called a lectern, from which it is read during worship.
- Orthodox Jewish men wear a kippah to cover their heads, as a sign of humility and **respect** towards God. The Torah scrolls are kept in a closed cabinet called an Ark and when reading them a pointer, yad, is used to follow the script so that the scrolls are not touched by hands.
- Muslims keep their holy book, the Qu’ran, covered and in a clean place, not on the floor nor with anything placed on top. To show **respect** and reverence they only handle the book with clean or gloved hands.
- Sikhs cover their heads and remove their shoes before going into a room housing their holy book, the Guru Granth Sahib. To show **respect** and reverence nobody sits higher than the Guru Granth Sahib and no alcohol is ever taken into the room.



## A story to share....

**Moses and the Burning Bush.** Moses led the sheep across the dry and dusty desert to Sinai, God's holy mountain. But in the stillness of the wilderness, while the sheep were grazing, Moses' thoughts were never far from the plight of his people the Israelites, who were suffering at the hand of the cruel Egyptian king. Moses had left Egypt years ago. He felt guilty and wished he could help his people, but what could he do? He was not brave; he was not a respected leader. Who would listen to him? And then in the distance Moses noticed something very strange. A desert bush was on fire. The flames licked hungrily around the branches and yet, strangely, the bush did not burn up. He drew closer and as he did so, he clearly heard a voice call to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" "Yes, here I am" stammered Moses. "Take off your shoes", said the voice, "for you are standing on holy ground." Reverently, Moses untied his sandals and fell to his knees. "I am the Lord God of your ancestors and I have seen how my people suffer under Pharaoh. I have heard them call out to me to rescue them and now Moses, I am sending you to lead them to freedom." "But I am nobody, I am nothing. How can I go to the king and expect him to respect a simple shepherd? How can I ask him to let the people go?" But God replied, "Do not be frightened, I will be with you." "But what if the people will not listen to me?" said Moses. "What do you have in your hand?" "A stick." Moses replied. "Throw it on the ground." Moses did as he was asked. To his astonishment the stick turned into a writhing, angry snake. "Now bend down and pick it up by the tail." Nervously, Moses did as he was asked. Immediately, the snake once more became a stick. "When you perform this miracle," said God, "the people will believe that I have sent you. Take the stick with you for with it you will perform great miracles. Now go and do as I have commanded." And so it was that on that ordinary day an extraordinary adventure began for Moses and for the people of Israel. It was a story that the world would never forget.

