

Bibury C of E Primary School

Our Christian Vision

A caring Christian community where every child develops a love of life and of learning, to engage courageously with the wider world. (Psalm 8)

### **COURAGE**

Daniel in the lions' den Daniel 6, 10 - 23

Daniel continued to pray despite a decree by the King not to. He was caught and thrown into the lions' den. However, because of his trust in God, he was unharmed. Daniel had the courage to pray to God and face the lions, even when his life was in danger.

*So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trust in his God Daniel 6, 23*

We need courage to confront our fears, to move out of our comfort zone, to reach out to others, and to stand up for what we believe in. We also need the courage to make mistakes, and when challenged by others, the courage to be brave and stand up for what is right.

### **RESPECT**

Jesus meets Zaccheus Luke 19, 1 - 10

In Jericho, to the horror of the crowd around him, Jesus singles out the despised and hated tax collector, Zaccheus, asking if he can visit him. Jesus respected everyone, even Zaccheus.

*For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost Luke 19, 10*

We should show respect for each other and for all people, whatever their differences. We should also respect our world and all God's wonderful gifts, looking after the environment by respecting God's creatures and creation.

### **CURIOSITY**

The Sermon on the Mount Matthew Chapters 5 - 7

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is a blueprint for living. Verse 3 encouraged those who felt they needed to know more, promising them a great reward.

Many crowds came to listen, curious about his teaching

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven Mt 5, 3*

*Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you Mt 7, 7*

We should be endlessly curious about life and about people, striving to learn more each day. Jesus tells us to be curious all the time, to explore new learning, to question things we not sure about and to pursue our dreams which will bring its reward.

## **PERSEVERANCE**

The Lost Sheep

Luke 15, 1 - 7

This story about the shepherd leaving his 99 sheep and pursuing the lost one tells us that God cares about everyone. Each one of us is special to God, and even if we go our own way, he still wants to find us and take care of us, however difficult that seems.

*Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost*

*Luke 15, 6*

We should persevere in our lives and strive for our goals, even if we feel small and unimportant and even if the task ahead seems very hard. Never forget that we are important to God, and that he loves us.