

Term- Autumn Term 1 2021				
Theme: Journey through the Bible				
Colours of the cross: Green				
Aims: to journey, discover and celebrate a year of the bible.				
Week	Week beginning	Weekly Theme	Interfaith links	Music Theme
2	Monday 5 th September	<p>Theme: Introduction to Journey through the bible</p> <p>Message: that although the Bible is a collection of books, Christians believe it is one story – God’s Story connecting everything together</p>		
3	Monday 12 th September	<p>Theme: In the Beginning</p> <p>Message: Every story has to have a beginning and the Bible starts with an account of how our earth was formed. Genesis literally means beginning and in its early chapters this book presents a poetic progression of creation that begins with light. It moves on to describe the origin of sky, land and sea and how they are populated with plants, sea creatures and animals. In a final act humans are given responsibility for this world; a planet that is repeatedly described as good. God chose to plant a garden called Eden for his people, Eve and Adam; a place for them to tend and enjoy. It was a perfect place to live, but sadly, they broke the rules that God had laid down, and not only was creation spoilt, but the family relationship between the creator and his people was permanently damaged.</p>		
4	Monday 19 th September	<p>Theme: Creation and Covenant -The tower of Babel</p> <p>Message: In the United Kingdom there are many regional accents or we may speak a different language; this can make communication between people difficult. This story recalls a time when everybody spoke the same language. People came together and started to build cities, places where traders and merchants bought and sold. These city dwellers became increasingly proud of their achievements and boasted that they could achieve whatever they wanted, including a tower that would surpass God. While there is nothing wrong with mutual support and cooperation, God could see that these people were at risk of becoming arrogant and planning mischief and wrongdoing. He therefore chose to confuse the languages that people spoke, making it much more difficult to plot together. Gradually different groups of people spread out each with their own distinct</p>		

		language, and so new nations were formed.		
5	Monday 26 th September	<p>Theme: Creation and Covenant- Abraham and family</p> <p>Message: Abraham is the founding father of the Hebrew nation, the Israelites, and his story starts with a journey that God asked him to undertake. A journey which began in the city of Ur. Abraham and his family first travelled around seven hundred miles north-west to Haran and then moved on another seven hundred miles or so southwards to Canaan where they eventually settled in the hill country. Although God had promised a son to Abraham and Sarah, they both became impatient and tried to organise events for themselves. This did not turn out well; but eventually, when they were both extremely old, their son Isaac was born. The promise that Abraham would have more ancestors than there are stars, contained the seed of another great promise, that through him the whole earth would be blessed.</p>		
6	Monday 3rd October	<p>Theme: Creation and Covenant-Jacob and Esau</p> <p>Abraham and Sarah's son, Isaac, married Rebekah had twin boys, Esau and Jacob. Though they were twins they were very different, Esau was the outdoor type who enjoyed hunting, but Jacob was happier staying close to home. As the eldest son, Esau was to receive the family inheritance, but he cared little for it, preferring to swap the future promise for a tasty bean stew. When father Isaac was very old and his eyesight failing Jacob and his mum conspired to trick him into blessing him instead of Esau. The deceit worked and Esau was extremely angry to have been cheated by his brother. Jacob had to flee. As he rested on his journey he had a dream in which God promised that he would be with him wherever he went. Even though Jacob had messed up God was working out his big plan.</p>		
7	Monday 10 th October	<p>Theme: Creation and Covenant-Harvest</p> <p>Harvest is part of our journey through the church year.</p> <p>Parable of the sower.</p>		
8	Monday 17 th October	<p>Theme: Creation and Covenant-Jacob runs away and wrestles with God</p> <p>Message: Jacob fled his family home and went to live with an uncle. There he married and settled to breeding goats. Eventually he decided that the time had come to return to the family, even though he knew Esau had threatened to kill him. He sent his large family and valuable herds ahead of him with gifts for his brother. As he rested the night before he</p>		

		was to meet Esau, he realised that he was not alone. All through the night Jacob wrestled with this unknown visitor. Neither could gain any advantage until Jacob's hip was dislocated, but even so he clung on to his opponent, demanding that he receive God's blessing. It was an altogether strange experience, but Jacob knew that he had met God face to face. He now had a new name, Israel, a name that reflected his struggle with God		
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